



Jennifer Sue Olson

February 27, 1968 - April 3, 2020

Jennifer Sue Olson, 52, of Rockford was Promoted to Glory on April 3, 2020. Born on February 27, 1968; daughter of Dr. David and Marcia (Palmer) Olson. Graduate of East High School and Rockford College. Jennifer was employed as Activities Director at the Arc of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties. Member of the Salvation Army Temple Corps and Leader of the Girl Guard Troop for more than 20 years. She was a talented artist. Survived by her mother, Marcia; siblings, Julie (Chris) Balliet, Tim (Liz) Olson, Jill (Bernt) Carlson; nieces and nephews, Nick, Caitlin and Allison Balliet, Nathan Olson, Martin, Christian and Garrett Carlson. Over the past years she has had 3 wonderful Canine Companion Dogs Ricki, Larson and Lando. Memorials to Jen's family will be distributed to Canine Companions for Independence. Preceded in death by her father. Private graveside service will be held. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jennifer Sue Olson*



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - September 11, 2020 at 01:47 PM

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“ *I have good memories of Jenny from Rockford Christian. She always had a smile! My condolences her family! - Beth Yock*

elizabeth yock - April 21, 2020 at 04:03 PM

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“ Jenny was a special spirit, a firecracker of pure love and joy amidst her pain. She never ceased to amaze me with how she would always focus on her abilities rather than her disabilities. Her art was amazing. Her gift for mastering Spanish was amazing. Her determination to be as independent as possible was amazing. However, the love and support of her family was amazing as well! God truly placed her in the perfect family. I will miss Jen for the human being she was and the friend she was to me and so many others. She would probably blush at all the kudos, but I hope she now realizes how many lives she inspired along her journey here on Earth. She truly was one of the most awesome people I have ever come to know in my life. Ah, to be so honored to be considered her friend is something I will always cherish. Wind to your wings, my sweet friend. You can fly as high as your heart wants to now. Peace in Jesus! I am keeping your family in my prayers. My heart is so sad, but I am so happy for you!



Tina Miller - April 07, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ Ruthann Rogers sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer Sue Olson



Ruthann Rogers - April 06, 2020 at 10:15 PM



Jennifer, you are Heaven's gain but our loss. Give your Dad a hug from me. Love you.

Ruthann Rogers - April 06, 2020 at 10:17 PM

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“ I had the blessing to get to know Jenny at Valley view salon. I was her hair stylist. We often talked about her art work or her job . the best memory I have is how funny she was while watching Garrett for Jill. She would laugh with him and they would make plans for after her hair appointment. I loved her Christmas cards I bought every year for my sisters. She was kind, funny and had a spirit of tenacity. She never complained to me about pain and I know she hurt so bad. She would smile in her quiet, understanding way. Social events were her joy. I will miss her forever but I will always think of her, every Christmas and whenever I remember my time at Valley View. I am so sorry for the loss your family has to endure. Mrs. Olson. God bless your broken heart. God will collect your tears but He has wiped all of Jennys away. Blessings and love to you all

Sara Whitlock - April 06, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ I have such sweet memories of Jenny. She was a great Girl Guard leader and I have been privileged to lead 3 troops of my own so far with her always in my mind. See you soon Jenny!

Rachel White - April 06, 2020 at 09:17 PM

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“ Jenny was like a sister as I was growing up. Her brother Tim was my best friend and they lived around the corner from me. So when I say sister - I mean she treated me like she treated her brother. While we all knew Jenny was in pain, she never acted like it and we never treated her like she was. We teased, played with, and pranked her like we did her other two sisters. She wasn't 'always' cheerful to us, especially when we weren't doing what she told us to (as if we would), I don't ever remember her complaining, or asking for special consideration. While I never noticed then, I have been amazed and inspired as I have grown older of her example of perseverance, endurance, independence and Christian living. Jenny was an example we can all strive to emulate as we are faced with trying times. Like now. So when you are tempted to complain and rail against restrictions about movement and isolation - remember Jenny, put a smile on your face, and roll on.

-Jeff Sjogren

Jeff Sjogren - April 06, 2020 at 07:02 PM