



Jennifer "Jenni" L. Sadewater

July 19, 1965 - June 2, 2025

Jennifer "Jenni" Louise Sadewater, 59, of Rockford, passed away on June 2, 2025, in Madison, Wisconsin. Born July 19, 1965, in Beloit, Wisconsin, Jenni was the beloved daughter of Everett and Merre L. (Robertson) Bennett.

A 1983 graduate of Hononegah High School, Jenni went on to earn her Associate of Arts degree from Rock Valley College and completed training at Altamore Cosmetology School. She found joy in caring for others-whether in the classroom during her time at Montessori Learning Care and Keith Country Day School, or later as a dedicated Home Care Aide with Addus Healthcare. Her compassion, humor, and sunny outlook brightened the lives of her clients and coworkers alike.

Jenni had an artist's soul and a caregiver's heart. She expressed herself beautifully through painting and crafting, often giving her artwork as heartfelt gifts. Her creativity extended into the kitchen, where she was known for her delicious homemade meals. She loved nothing more than gathering people around her table to share good food, laughter, and connection.

A lifelong animal lover, Jenni had a special gift for nurturing and rescuing animals in need. She never hesitated to open her heart-and often her home-to any creature that crossed her path. Her beloved dog, Everett, Amos and Sophie were her constant companion and source of comfort.

Jenni was also a loyal and loving friend. She cherished long conversations, whether in person or on the phone, and her warmth and empathy made others feel seen and loved. Her circle of lifelong friends was a testament to her generous spirit and unwavering loyalty. She was a proud friend of Bill W., and her journey inspired many.

Some of her happiest memories were made alongside her dad at the family cabin in Black River Falls. They loved driving the winding country roads together, spotting elk, deer, and Sandhill cranes, and savoring the peaceful rhythm of nature. Some of her happiest times

were spending time and cooking meals with her dad at the Beloit Rifle Club.

Jenni's giving spirit continued even after her passing-through the generous gift of organ donation, she gave the precious gift of life to others. It was a final, beautiful reflection of how she lived: with compassion, selflessness, and love.

Jenni is survived by her loving parents, Everett and Merre Bennett; her sister, Audra (Mike) Freeze; nephew, Bennett (Natalia Paolini-Medina) Freeze; niece, Margaret (Timothy) Slabaugh; great-nephew, Roman Slaubaugh; uncle, Donald (Joan) Robertson; cousins, Mae Robertson, Kelli Robertson; dear friends, Lindsay (Tyler) Noel and Michelle Lyons; and her faithful fur baby, Everett.

Jenni approached life with curiosity and courage. She was always learning, always creating, and always caring. Her legacy is one of love, creativity, and connection-and she will be deeply missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

Memorial visitation on Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services; 4301 N. Main St. Rockford; followed by a Celebration of Jenni's life at 2:00 p.m. Cory Williams will officiate. Please wear bright colors in celebration of Jenni's life; and bring a story to share as we honor her together. Jenni's family has requested that memorials in her memory be made to Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **28.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
4301 N. Main St.
Rockford, IL 61103

Celebration of Life

JUN **28.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Open House

JUN **28.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Christy Ray (Skirvin) purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jennifer "Jenni" L. Sadewater.



Christy Ray (Skirvin) - June 26, 2025 at 03:16 PM

JF

“ Jim, Dawn, Dee, and families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jennifer "Jenni" L. Sadewater.



Jim, Dawn, Dee, and families - June 25, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JF

“ Jim, Dawn, Dee, and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jennifer "Jenni" L. Sadewater.

Jim, Dawn, Dee, and families - June 25, 2025 at 02:09 PM

DC

“ Deb & Chuck lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Sadewater



Deb & Chuck - June 23, 2025 at 04:09 PM

LD

“ Jenni was a bright light and compassionate advocate in the lives of so many, with a ready smile and helping hand. RIP

Lynn Dieterman - June 12, 2025 at 08:11 PM

DH

“ Jenni was a loving friend, a roommate, a seeker of truth, a beacon of light. I was blessed to have been her friend and confidant. She's now free of these earthly bonds and soaring high another angel in the sky. I miss her today, I'll miss her tomorrow, she'll always reside in my heart and I'll think of her fondly when performing random acts of kindness, which was one of her many special talents

Douglas Hall - June 12, 2025 at 06:50 AM

AS

“ I worked with Jenni at Montessori learning path. I always loved her loving and fun personality! She loved working with the children and making so much art with them! We used to fill the walls in after care with art work! I will always remember our talks, her home cooked popcorn she would bring to work everyday and our trips so IKEA!! Jenni you were an amazing friend and will be missed dearly!

Amber Senn - June 05, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jennifer "Jenni" L. Sadewater.



June 05, 2025 at 02:49 PM



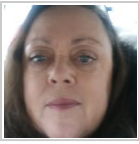
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June 05, 2025 at 02:49 PM

KA

“ Jenni was my rock! Road therapy was the best. Every time I would call her she would say, Hello Love! I am going to miss her so much. Just like her to save lives on her way out. Such an inspiration!! Love you always Jenni! Thank you for always being you! Love Kay

Kay Asbury - June 05, 2025 at 04:36 AM



“ I work for Addus, but never met Jenni, God bless the family.
Rip Jennt



Patricia Vermillion Boley - June 04, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ I met Jenni back in 2001/2002. I was instantly taken by her light hearted loving outlook at humanity and life. Over the years we shared ideas about spirituality, aliens, and what made a good cup of coffee. One day we were discussing how certain names get shortened and why Jennifer always became Jeni. We decided "Fer" was a much better option and from that point on that was how we referred to one another. I hadn't seen her in many years, but I will always remember her kindness and friendship. Rest peacefully Fer, you deserve it 🌸



Jennifer Bartholomew - June 04, 2025 at 12:24 AM