



Lorraine Annette Banwell

November 13, 1950 - May 18, 2022

ROCKFORD - Lorraine A. Banwell, 71, passed away May 18, 2022 peacefully in her sleep at home. She was born on November 13, 1950 in Rockford, IL, the daughter of Clifford K. Prell and Marie F. (Whisler) Prell. She was a graduate of Auburn High School, 1968, and a member of Heartland Community Church / Forest City Church. She was a retired para professional at West View Elementary School and later Lincoln Middle School for 20 years. Lorraine was a sweet lady with a loving disposition who enjoyed reading, crocheting, knitting, sewing and the solitude of living in the country. She is survived by her best friend, partner, and caregiver, Gene Franseen; her mother; children: Natalie (Eric) Thomas of Rockford and Michael (Andi) Banwell of Darien, WI; grandchildren: Marissa Marin, Mikayla Hudson, Hanna Banwell, and Connor Banwell; 2 great-grand children: Amaya and Aiden; sisters: Marsha Sharp and Nancy (Charles) Agnew; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and nieces. Predeceased by her father, numerous aunts and uncles. Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation starting at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services located at 4301 N Main St, Rockford, IL 61103. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 3:00 with Larry McMahon officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Grace Funeral & Cremation Services. Live stream of the service can be viewed here: <https://my.gather.app/remember/lorriane-annette-banwell>

The family would like to give a very special thank you to Gene's daughter, Bobbi, Sanctuary Hospice staff, and Visiting Angels for their compassionate care. Share online memories and condolences at [graceFH.com](https://www.graceFH.com). Memorials to the American Cancer Society and Alzheimer Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Lorraine Annette Banwell*



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - July 09, 2022 at 02:52 PM

JB

“ *My prayers and condolences to very special lady who well always be in my heart and thoughts.
Love you Forever
Joel Buss*

Joel Buss - August 06, 2022 at 02:49 PM

KJ

“ *Dear Family,
First I just want to let you know I'm very sorry for your loss.
I worked with Lorrain for close to 20 years at Lincoln Middle School. She was an asset to school and most importantly to the classroom. Lorrain was amazing with the students. She was extremely good with the most difficult cases. With her patience and calm demeanor she was able to for the most part get them either under control or able to get them to do work.
I also enjoyed talking family with her. We would exchange stories about our children and then our grandchildren. We shared some funny stories. I'll miss her laugh and her contagious smile.
She definitely will be missed by me and for sure from others.*

Kelly Janssen

kelly janssen - July 07, 2022 at 08:54 AM

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“ *The staff of the American Cancer Association at www.AmericanCancerFund.org is sorry to hear of Lorraine's passing. We have received a memorial donation in her name and our sincere condolences go out to her family.*

American Cancer Association - June 29, 2022 at 03:40 PM