



Jane Turk

May 19, 2020

Jane Turk (Née Dorko) age 78, Born August 29, 1941, in Cleveland, Ohio, died at home on May 17, 2020, in Parma, Ohio, from lung cancer. She graduated from West Tech in 1959 and is the daughter of John and Violet (Hardman) Dorko, both deceased. She was a June bride in 1961 when she married Daniel, her husband, of 59 years. Jane is survived by her husband Daniel, her children: Christine of Cleveland, Daniel Jr. of Bay St Louis, Mississippi, David (Dawn) of Findlay, and Jeffrey (Kimberly) of Alma, Michigan; brother John Dorko of Medina; nine grandchildren Danielle, Ryan, Laura, Hunter, Justin, Brittany, Jessica, Lilianna and Graeyden; and nine great-grandchildren Anela, Shogun, Takara, Ronin, Knox, Kane, Michael, Emily, and Oliver. Private visitation and service will be held Thursday, May 28, 2020. Those who wish may make donations in her name to Holy Family Hospice, 6707 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134. Jane was a 1959 graduate of West Tech. She and Dan were involved in gymnastics, and although they came from different high schools on opposite sides of town, they met when Dan joined the Cleveland Swiss Turners gymnastics club on Cleveland's west side, where Jane was a member. In addition to gymnastics, Jane also participated in the club's traditional Swiss dance group that gave performances during festivals and gymnastic competitions from Sugarcreek, Ohio, to Monroe, Wisconsin. After they married, when asked how they met, they would reply, "We met on the parallel bars." Over the years, Jane confronted and withstood several health challenges. During the first eleven

years of marriage, Jane gave birth to her four children while suffering from chronic undiagnosed Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, SLE, which afterward required medications for the rest of her life. A few short years later, she underwent brain surgery to repair a ruptured aneurysm. In the early nineties, she fought and won a year-long battle with colon cancer, which left her with lingering intestinal problems, and then, rheumatoid arthritis which remained a constant companion. In recent years she was diagnosed with COPD, and only very recently, the lung cancer that ultimately claimed her life. Throughout her life, she soldiered on, a fighter, never giving in, bearing all the typical burdens of raising a family and creating a loving home. She took pride in her role as a housewife: from maintaining a meticulously clean home, having homemade pies and cakes ready for when the children returned from school, and always, an on-time family dinner. She was raised in a relatively low-income family and was naturally thrifty throughout her life: She mourned the closing of Kmart and eagerly awaited the opening of a new Meijer store in its place. She was a confidant to friends and others and could listen and respond in ways that often helped them see their problems in a different light. She loved her grandchildren and worried about the kind of people they would become in a rapidly changing world that was increasingly difficult to comprehend. She enjoyed and always looked forward to getting together with her children and grandchildren during holidays and other events and seeing how their families were growing. In later years she enjoyed pictures and videos of them as well as those of other relatives we don't often get to see using Facebook on her iPad. Her family and friends will all miss her, and I, her husband, will miss her most of all.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Dan and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your neighbors,Debbie and Ken

Debbie Dietes and Ken Kissel - May 28, 2020 at 01:48 PM

KB

“ Dan, Your beautiful tribute to your lady is a result of the respect and love you and Jane have shared for 59 years. Your wonderful children will keep Jane's attributes alive and we will continue to remember and feel the love Jane has always given. I will miss Jane beyond words, however, I will always be blessed in having Jane as a friend. God Bless.

Kathy Bricker - May 24, 2020 at 08:16 PM

CW

“ What a wonderful tribute. I wish I could have known her better. It sounds like she was a wonderful lady. I'm glad you were able to have many good years together.

Carl Wysocki - May 23, 2020 at 07:05 PM

MC

“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of your Dear Wife , wishing you and your family strength , peace and happy memories to carry you all through such a sorrowful time

Mr. & Mrs.Gary Christie - May 23, 2020 at 08:52 AM

MC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Reading this obituary is a true testament of the love that you had for each other, as well as the love she had for her family and friends. We continue to pray for you and your family. May she Rest In Peace.

Mat and Brittney Cooper - May 22, 2020 at 02:01 PM

JD

“ Mr. Turk and family,I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. I have many fond memories of the family and Mrs. Turk. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers . God bless.

Jim Dunning - May 22, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ What a beautiful obit! She sure endured a ton of illnesses. God bless her.

Jo misheck - May 21, 2020 at 01:15 PM

RA

“ Dorothy and I are so deeply sorry for your loss. May she Rest In Peace

Roger Antos - May 21, 2020 at 08:16 AM

JB

“ Dan and FamilySo very sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. We have many happy memories of times spent with you, Dan, and Jane! She will always be remembered!With love,Joe and Carolynn

Joe and Carolynn Bortnick - May 20, 2020 at 07:41 PM

MK

“ Jane was such a lovely lady and I will always treasure our talks, laughs and our pride in being "others" in the Kolbe family. Her laughter and very honest and practical self will be missed but always treasured and remembered. God Speed Aunt Jame

Mary Ellen Kolbe - May 20, 2020 at 06:55 PM

DL

“ Although I only knew Jane for a few years, I enjoyed her sense of humor and her positive outlook on life. She never complained! I had a great time having lunch, going to the movies and playing cards with Jane. I missed her coming to Florida. My deepest sympathy to you, Dan, and the rest of your family.

Diane Long - May 20, 2020 at 06:03 PM