



Ms. Jennifer Dianne Jackson

October 4, 1970 - February 23, 2021

Jennifer Dianne Jackson, 50, of Columbia, died on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Jennifer was the daughter of Dianne Ryan Light and the late John William Jackson, Jr. (Jack).

As a young child, Jennifer, along with her ever-present sidekick sister Suzanne Jackson Nagy, loved riding horses, playing tennis, painting, hosting pool parties, and running around the neighborhood with her friends on Ivy Hall Drive. On the weekends, Jennifer and her friends were often found at the family's two restaurants, LaBrasca's Pizza and Jesudi's, playing Pac Man with a stack of quarters, selecting favorite tunes from the jukebox, eating pizza, tugging on the stuffed lion's tail, and helping to wait on the customers.

Jennifer attended Heathwood Hall Episcopal School and was a proud member of the Class of 1989. While at Heathwood, Jennifer found her love of world languages, Spanish, and French, participated on the cheer and tennis teams, and spent time with those who would become her lifelong friends. Her years at Heathwood were a very happy time in her life.

Jennifer went on to attend the College of Charleston, completing her degree with a double major in French and Spanish in 1993. Jennifer had a wonderful time those years in Charleston, living on Wentworth Street, working in all the lively restaurants, traveling the world, and going to the beach as often as possible in search of the perfect tan to complement her blond hair and blue eyes.

Although Jennifer struggled mightily for most of her life with issues of addiction, she was such a positive person. She battled. Jen had a witty sense of humor, a sharp memory, an optimistic outlook on life, and an incredible laugh. She had a kind heart and was concerned with others. Jen was the first to make prank calls, ride a roller coaster, eat junk food, drink Coke, or to watch movies and stay up late.

Jennifer loved and was loved. And although we are devastated by her loss, we find

comfort in the certainty that she is with God and her soul can rest peacefully.

To continue to share her gifts, we are kindly asking that in lieu of flowers, friends make contributions in her honor to the Heathwood Hall Episcopal School Annual Fund, Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, 3000 South Beltline Boulevard, Columbia, SC 29201, or to <https://www.heathwood.org/giving/annual-fund>

The immediate family will have a private mass and burial at a later date. We are so grateful for the prayers and the love shown to us now and for all the years that people prayed for Jennifer and were generous with kind gestures.

Comments



“ Dianne, Suzanne, I just found out about this today. My most heart felt condolences. Jennifer was a remarkable person. Bid hugs to the family.

Megan McKenzie - March 23 at 07:03 PM



“ Bonny Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jennifer Dianne Jackson



Bonny Jackson - March 22 at 11:51 PM



“ To Diane and Suzanne I send my sincerest condolences for their loss. They both showed so much love for Jennifer and provided so much help over the years and Jennifer so appreciated it. I spent alot of time with Jennifer over the years and had some of the best times of my life with her. Her sense of humor was one of her best traits! We would laugh at some of the most ridiculous things. There was never a dull moment around her. She loved animals and she went with me on many an animal rescue. She also helped with food and medicine for alot of my animals I helped. She was very quick to make phone calls to alert authorities about animal cruelty situations. She was a huge help to me with my animal rescue efforts and I so appreciate it and will always remember her for it. She also accompanied me to help unfortunate people who needed items. We delivered food and clothing to the homeless on many occasions. Jennifer was such a giving person! If you ever made a remark around her that you liked something she would insist you take it. She literally would give you the shirt off her back! She was so educated and smart but yet she was so down to earth. Everyone loved her! She was blessed with so many gifts. I was so lucky to have her in my life and will cherish the memories for the rest of my life. I hope she is resting in peace but knowing Jennifer she has caused quite a stir in heaven! Bless her soul!

Rene' Ford - March 11 at 09:58 PM



“ I was blessed with spending five and a half years of my life with Jennifer. I'm absolutely in disbelief. My deepest condolences to Ms Diane Light, and also the entire family. Ms Light, Jennifer was a wonderful person and a great friend and my heart is completely broken. My prayers are with you Ms Light. I'm so sorry for your loss. I just learned of this today. Once again I'm so sorry for your loss Ms Light. Sincerely,
Charles A. Goffll

Charles Goff - March 11 at 12:33 AM



“ Rest in peace dear friend. I will hold so many memories close to my heart.

Heather Kelly Spragg - March 09 at 03:42 PM



“ One of my favorite memories is holding up the girls so they could make their own pizza!
Prayers...

Mike Dilley - March 04 at 10:31 AM



“ Susie and I were saddened to hear of Jennifer's passing. To Diane and her family, we offer our sincere condolences. You are in our prayers.

Bobby & Susie Bennett - March 04 at 10:12 AM



“ With a heavy heart, I received the news of the passing of my dear friend Jennifer. Always a faithful friend, she was fearless and funny – a bright light throughout my years at Heathwood and after graduation.

I always marveled at Jennifer’s freedom and detachment from being concerned about what others thought - a remarkable trait for a young girl to have. She was never weighed down by the opinions of others. Jennifer would wear whatever she wanted (athletic shorts paired with her signature yellow flats was a favorite pairing) and she was often the most confident person in the room. Truly gifted in languages, I remember her convincing some patrons in a restaurant that she was a French spy!

Jennifer, my wild and fearless friend with a heart of gold, I will always be thankful for the gift of your friendship. I don’t know if you realized how much you were loved.

Dianne and Suzanne, be assured of my ongoing prayers for the repose of her soul and for each of you. Eyes on Heaven!

Gina LeVeque

Gina LeVeque - March 03 at 12:15 PM



“ Sending love and prayers...Miss you and love you Dianne

Diane McIntosh - March 02 at 10:58 PM



“ Sending prayers, hugs and love to the family. It is reassuring to know that Jennifer is with our Lord and her Dad. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Kathie Marsh - March 02 at 01:58 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jennifer's passing! She was a bright light whose battles were long and I am sure heart wrenching. I am sorry that her addiction had that strong of a hold on her! That is a disease that effects the whole family!

I have many memories of traveling to tennis tournaments in the station wagon, getting in trouble at the beach, a car wreck and more importantly all of the laughter and joy...and good food! These memories are not only of the time with Jennifer but with the family. I am here for you and we are sending love and prayers!
Missy McGill and Family

Missy McGill - March 02 at 12:53 PM



“ Sending lots of love and prayers!!!!
Much Love, Latan Cox

Latan Cox - March 01 at 07:22 PM



“ Peace and comfort



Laurie Canter - February 28 at 08:46 PM



“ Dianne and family, accept my sincere and deepest sympathies on the passing of your beloved daughter Jennifer. You are in my prayers every day. Much love, Susan Hart Harding

susan harding - February 28 at 05:33 PM



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susan harding - February 28 at 05:32 PM



“ Marty Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jennifer Dianne Jackson



Marty Mitchell - February 26 at 05:04 PM



“ Eileen L. Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jennifer Dianne Jackson



Eileen L. Sullivan - February 25 at 09:30 AM



“ Julie Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jennifer Dianne Jackson



julie jones - February 25 at 06:25 AM



“ I miss your wonderful smile your laughter, you always lit up a room with your presence and your light will always shine . I love you Jen Jen <3

julie jones - February 25 at 06:33 AM



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Nancy Moody - February 25 at 07:31 PM