



Janet Katheryne Maher Kmetz

June 28, 1947 - November 26, 2020

Janet Katheryne Maher Kmetz, 73, of Summerville, wife of Captain Stephen G. Kmetz USN (Ret.) passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at her residence.

Family and friends are invited to attend her visitation on Monday, November 30, 2020 from 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 10 o'clock in the morning at St. Paul's Summerville, 316 Carolina Ave., Summerville. A private burial will be held at Beaufort National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lungevity Foundation <https://lungevity.org> or St. Paul's Summerville <https://www.stpaulssummerville.org>.

Janet was born on June 28, 1947 in New London, CT, daughter of the late David Balfour Ashe and Lois Katheryne McCann Maher. Growing up, she resided all over the United States with her parents and three siblings as her father's career with the United States Navy moved the family often. Janet graduated from James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia in 1965, attended George Washington University and graduated from Long Beach State University with a degree in Education in 1969. Janet began her teaching career in Guam, where she met and fell in love with Stephen Kmetz, her beloved husband of 46 years. Steve's Naval career settled the young couple

in Summerville, SC where Janet dedicated 30 years to teaching Social Studies to middle school students at Oakbrook and Alston, as well as raising her 3 boys. She never hesitated to coach the boys YMCA basketball or soccer and spent many years traveling with Summerville Soccer Club. In addition to Janet's dedication to her family and her students, she truly enjoyed spending time with her fellow teachers. Many times, her conversations would involve stories from the teacher's lounge and she always looked forward to her monthly teacher luncheons, which lasted well beyond her retirement in 2004. Janet was blessed with six grandchildren and she spent countless hours reading books aloud to each and every one of them. In her retirement, she and Steve traveled the world on cruise ships, oftentimes with extended family and always made friends along the way. Janet's capacity for history, whether educating herself or others, was tremendous and she made the most of learning about every place that she visited.

The Kmetz family would like to express gratitude to The Reverend John F. Scott and St. Paul's Summerville for graciously honoring Janet's wishes and providing spiritual guidance. We are also most appreciative of the outpouring of support from Janet's friends and neighbors, including her esteemed teaching community.

Survivors including her husband are: three children: Michael M. Kmetz (Emily) of Summerville, Stephen D. Kmetz (Megan) of Fort Worth, TX, and James J. Kmetz (Lynsey) of Charlotte, NC; six grandchildren: Amelia, Jack, Lucile, James, Madeleine and Carter; two siblings: Carol S. Weaver of Camarillo, CA and David B. Maher (Judy) of Oakland, CA. She was predeceased by one sister: Edie L. Sims.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com. ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYALFUNERAL

HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Service

DEC **1**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Summerville
316 West Carolina Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Katheryne Maher Kmetz



James A Dyal Funeral Home - November 29, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Janet Katheryne Maher Kmetz

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ My condolences to the Kmetz family. I have fond memories of teaching with Janet at Oakbrook Middle. My prayers for you all.

Carole Bruno - December 17, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ Beautiful tribute and wonderful memories to hold onto for your lovely wife and Mother. My heartfelt condolences go out to your family.

Sheila Dawson - December 01, 2020 at 10:21 AM

CD

“ Mike, Jimmy, Steve, and Steve, I shared many years of teaching with Janet both at Alston and Oakbrook Middle. They were filled with laughter, jokes and lots of memories. Loved our teacher dinners, both before and after retirement. Janet was a wonderful teacher and gave inspiration to many. We will miss her!

Carolyn Daniels

Carolyn Daniels - November 30, 2020 at 04:42 PM

JJ

“ I first want to start by giving my condolences to the family. Janet was so full of life and loved to travel. This is where we all bonded with the Kmetz family. My wife Claudia and I, really enjoyed traveling with Janet and family. We created life long terms such as the Cosmo girls (the martini) and “showtime” when at the Craps table. Janet was always smiling and was a fighter. Janet went in peace and I know she is enjoying everyone sharing her great memories. Rest in peace Janet, as you will be missed greatly. You raised a wonderful family and your legacy will go on until eternity.

john jerbich - November 30, 2020 at 10:28 AM

CL

“ Michael, I am so sorry for your loss. It seems like she had a wonderful life full of love, family, and adventures. It's never easy to lose a parent. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve.

clara Lugo-Emondi - November 30, 2020 at 09:26 AM

RK

“ Michael, I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your family. Sincerely, Rob Keller

Rob Keller - November 30, 2020 at 08:58 AM

VG

“ *Michael - So sorry for your loss. I pray God will comfort you and your family during this time. Your memories are your greatest treasures. from Vanessa German*

Vanessa German - November 30, 2020 at 07:32 AM



“ *176 files added to the album LifeTributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - November 29, 2020 at 02:54 PM

VF

“ *One of my most treasured memories are the years spent teaching at OMS with some really special people. Janet is, indeed, at the top of the list with our cohort Elaine. We shared so many good times, happy times, sad times. and cockamamie times of our own creation. Those close to her also knew of her incredible love for her husband, sons and their wonderful wives, and those awesome grandchildren. You were so blessed to have her within your Kmetz family unit.*

Virginia Fralick - November 29, 2020 at 01:42 PM