



## Jennifer A. Wilken

November 13, 1969 - October 15, 2015

Jennifer A. Wilken, 45, of Bourbonnais, passed away Thursday (Oct. 15, 2015) at her home.

She was born Nov. 13, 1969, in Kankakee, the daughter of Kenneth and Janice Potzler Nietfeldt. Jennifer married Jeffrey Wilken on July 14, 2000, in Kankakee.

Mrs. Wilken had worked at CSL Behring and the Arthritis Foundation. She currently was working as a librarian at Bourbonnais Public Library and St. Paul's Lutheran School. She loved teaching children the love of reading. Her hobbies included sewing, knitting, reading, shopping, canning, being outdoors and gardening. She became a master gardener through the University of Illinois Extension Service.

Surviving are her husband, of Bourbonnais; son, Jacob Wilken, of Bourbonnais; her parents, of Manteno; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jeffrey (Diane) Nietfeldt, of Manteno, Michael (Holly) Nietfeldt, of Momence, and Andrew (Arlene) Nietfeldt, of Manteno; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents.

Private family services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Karl Koeppen officiating. A celebration of life service will be held on Nov 13, 2015. Details to follow.

Memorials may be made to Jacob's education or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Her light shines within each of us. Missed dearly ! Love you - my friend(s).

Michele Brown - October 15, 2018 at 09:08 PM

JM

“ I never knew anyone like Jen. Her confidence and clarity were an inspiration to me and I will never forget her!

Julia McDonald - October 22, 2015 at 01:37 PM

PA

“ She was a great person at the Arthritis Foundation when it was a locally run organization. Intelligent, creative, hard-working, dependable. It was never the same after the leadership changed. She will be missed. When the local service is held, I certainly want to attend.  
Phil Angelo

phil angelo - October 21, 2015 at 12:47 PM

JF

“ Jeff, we are so saddened to hear of Jen's death. We both recall sharing the happiness and joy of your wedding. She was so much sunshine in your life.

John and Rita Foltz

John and Rita Foltz - October 20, 2015 at 03:52 PM

JG

“ Jeff and Jacob so sorry for your loss. Jen was a great friend who I loved dearly. We shared many great times together and I will miss you dearly.

Judy Gabrisko - October 20, 2015 at 12:21 PM

CC

“ Jeff & Jacob, We send our sincere sympathy. What a beautiful & kind lady Jen was. We know that Jen was through a lot but heaven is welcoming her home & she is alive & well. Amen. Dean & Connie Cappel

Connie Cappel - October 19, 2015 at 11:39 PM

SS

“ Jenny and I were classmates at Manteno. We rode the bus together, had classes together, all the way through school. Jenny was a bright, sweet, lovely girl and I imagine she was the same as a woman. Sending prayers to her family. So sorry for your loss.



Shelly Ouwenga Sparrow - October 19, 2015 at 08:07 PM

SS

“ Shelly Ouwenga Sparrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer A. Wilken



Shelly Ouwenga Sparrow - October 19, 2015 at 08:05 PM

LF

“ I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

*Lana Kay Fowler*

Lana Kay Fowler - October 19, 2015 at 09:11 AM

SK

“ Jeff: We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers. Scott & Kristen Kanoski

Scott Kanoski - October 19, 2015 at 08:24 AM

MM

“ We knew Jennifer many years ago, she was our neighbor while she lived in Kankakee. She was always such a nice and friendly person. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends..



Mary Beth & Bob McGrath - October 18, 2015 at 10:30 AM

SH

“ Our family met Jennifer while my daughter attended at St. Paul's Church and School. I feel blessed that we got to know her and volunteer with her as she is truly a kind and wonderful person. I would like to extend our sincere condolences to all of her family and friends. Sue Hammer and Family

Sue Hammer - October 18, 2015 at 08:01 AM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss Jeff and Jacob. The short time I knew Jen she was a sweet and beautiful person inside and out. My deepest sympathy, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Linda Karraker

Linda Karraker - October 18, 2015 at 01:27 AM



*“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jen was a very special woman. I will never forget her smile that lit up a room or our time at Ravina! God Bless Her & her family.*



**Ann Kemnitz-Marrier (Morris)** - October 17, 2015 at 06:38 PM



*“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.  
Darcy Drummer*



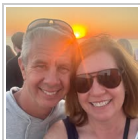
**Darcy Drummer** - October 17, 2015 at 01:58 PM



*“ Jen was such a wonderful loving person. I am so fortunate to have known her. My prayers are with you.*



**Paula Dionne** - October 17, 2015 at 01:44 PM



*“ We are so sorry for you loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.  
Jeff, Chris, Kaitie & Trevor Stutz*



**Chris Habedank Stutz** - October 17, 2015 at 01:16 PM

ST

“ Jeff:  
*I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you  
and your family.*  
Steve Tuffner

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**Steve Tuffner** - October 17, 2015 at 11:47 AM

JL

“ Jeff and Jacob  
*I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Jill Lovell** - October 16, 2015 at 06:31 PM

TW

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Your family is in  
our prayers.*



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**Tiffanie West** - October 16, 2015 at 03:42 PM