

In Memory of Janet Sisk
May 12, 1941 - July 19, 2016
Obituary



Janet Yvonne Sisk lost a hard fought battle with cancer on July 19, 2016. She put her faith in God and prayed and knew he would be with her along the journey.

Janet was born May 12, 1941 in the small town of Highmore, South Dakota to John and Eleanor Enger. She was one of 5 children her brothers and sisters were Anne Donlin, Bill, Jack and Don Enger.

She grew up in Miller, South Dakota a quiet rural town in the heart of farmland. During her senior year of High School she became interested in politics and began working for the Democratic Party. Upon graduating high school in 1959 she went to Washington DC to work for State Representative George McGovern. During her time in DC she became very active in politics and was part of the campaign to elect John F Kennedy for president and worked on his Inaugural Committee. After Kennedy's election to president she took a position with the post master general of personnel and appointee of president Kennedy.

In 1962 Janet returned to her home town and married her high school sweetheart Francis Eugene Sisk. They started a family and had two boys John and Jim over the next couple years. Frank worked for the government and returning to South Dakota from working in Arizona he traveled through Colorado and fell in love with it telling Janet "We are moving to Colorado!" They moved the family to Colorado in 1965 and expanded their family with two more boys, Kenneth and Marc and spent the next 14 years raising the boys.

Janet stayed home and did not work during those years but then went back to work as a secretary in the local school district. She enjoyed getting back to work. She had a strong work ethic and excelled at organizing and planning attributes that would take her to various high level executive secretary positions with many big companies.

She moved on to work for Frontier Airlines as a top administrative assistant until their bankruptcy then went to work for Peat Marwick the accounting firm handling the Frontier bankruptcy.

After a few years she moved on to Woodward Clyde, an environmental engineering firm, then to Space Imaging, a satellite imaging firm, for a few years both as top assistant. She followed her boss from Space Imaging to Lockheed Martin. It was during this time their youngest son Marc passed away unexpectedly, a very sad time for her and the family and she retired shortly thereafter. What an amazing career Janet had and she loved every minute of it!

Over those years Janet had her knees replaced and endured some complications with them but she never complained just pushed ahead. She enjoyed spending time with her family and watching her son Jim marry a college sweetheart Julie Franks. Jim and Julie had two daughters and Janet especially enjoyed babysitting her two granddaughters Christine and Gina and watching them grow up and attend their many functions. She also liked to read, play cards and go to Black Hawk to play the slot machines with Frank. She loved honky tonk country music and getting together with her brothers and sister at the Palisade Peach Festival or the National Rodeo Championships in Las Vegas.

Janet touched many people over her amazing lifetime and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Janet may be made to The Marc Allen Sisk DDS Memorial Scholarship Fund at giving.cu.edu.