



## Janelle S. Bruning

August 15, 1954 - October 4, 2020

Janelle Sue Houck was born in York, Nebraska on August 15, 1954 to Patricia (Ohnesorge) and Earl Houck, and she passed away October 4, 2020 in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 66 years, 1 month, and 20 days.

Janelle was a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning. She attended Strang School through 8th grade and graduated from Bruning High School. Janelle married Douglas Bruning in 1974, and to them two daughters were born.

She graduated from Bryan School of Nursing in 1975 and worked at family practice clinics in Geneva and Hebron for most of her nursing career. Janelle took a break from nursing in the late 1990s to run a catering business, Kate & Nellie Sue's, with her friend, Kathleen Philippi. They were known for comfort food and a wide variety of cookies and sweet treats. She ended her career caring for patients at Blue Valley Lutheran Nursing Home.

After her nursing career, she devoted time to helping Doug farm at harvest time, even driving the combine. Janelle served on many boards and was very involved in her community. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and lent her sewing talents to Quilts of Valor. She took great pride in presenting quilts to veterans who had served their country. Janelle also taught piano lessons for many years and treasured her time in 4-H as a member,

leader and judge.

Janelle loved sports, especially watching Husker football, volleyball and baseball. She and Doug had adventures traveling to away football games with friends and family. She instilled resilience in her daughters, telling them to “brush your teeth and go to school, you’ll be fine.” Michelle and Maggie joked with her over the years that they knew they had to really be sick to get out of school.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earl, and brother, Scott Houck.

Survived by husband, Doug, daughters Michelle (Jason) Paulk and Maggie (Justin) Jiskra, granddaughters Emma Jiskra, Catie Paulk, Skylar Paulk and Ruby Jiskra, mother Pat (Houck Hobbs) Headrick (aka Pat Triple-H) and husband Allan, sister and brother-in-law Sondra and Delwin Myers, sister-in-law Jody Houck, and nieces and nephew Alicia Chavez, Andrea Seggerman, Ross Houck and Taylor Lauenstein.

A private family Memorial Service for Janelle was held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska with Pastor Stuart Sell officiating. Janice Fintel accompanied the congregation in the singing of “Jesus, I Come” and “Amazing Grace.” The recorded selections “The Old Rugged Cross” and “End Of The Line” were also played during the service.

Inurnment was held in the Harmony Cemetery following the Memorial Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

In lieu of flowers, memorials are directed to the Bruning Community

Foundation for the Public Library, or the University of Nebraska Foundation for the Hope Fund for Lymphoma and Leukemia Research.

# Tribute Wall



“ 86 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 08, 2020 at 02:33 PM

PC

“ Sending prayers of love, comfort, and strength to all of you. I am so glad I had the privilege to work with Janelle at Dr. Ashby's--we worked hard, took good care of our patients, and had fun. May God hold you near today and give you peace,

Peggy Casey - October 08, 2020 at 09:03 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Janelle S. Bruning



Rhonda Schlick - October 06, 2020 at 11:51 AM

LE

“ *Doug and family, Pat, Sondra and families,*

*So sorry to hear of Janelle's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult. time. We will miss seeing her at Betty's on Sundays.*

*Larry and Barbara Eichelberger*

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**Larry Eichelberger** - October 06, 2020 at 10:53 AM

RS

“ *My most favorite memories of Janelle are on the Strang softball field. I have a terrible memory, but I will always remember her coaching and teaching me the game. A game I still love to this day. Thank you for sharing her with so many people over the years. She was truly a gem.*

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**Rebekah Swartzendruber** - October 06, 2020 at 09:22 AM

AC

*Those are some of my favorite memories, too. I still remember getting my first 'strawberry' under her guidance as I learned to slide. Great memories. ❤️*

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**Alicia Chavez** - October 06, 2020 at 06:22 PM

MH

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Please know we are keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers.*



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**Mike & Lynne Houser** - October 05, 2020 at 09:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janelle S. Bruning.*



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October 05, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *Bill Molthan lit a candle in memory of Janelle S. Bruning*



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**Bill Molthan** - October 05, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear about Janelle passing. My prayers to Doug, Michelle, Maggie and family. My immediate memory was of the 4-H music contest and how good she was at picking a song that worked for everybody in the group. She was a wonderful volunteer and community enthusiast.*

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**Nancy Baden** - October 05, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ *Very Sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers to the family. Janelle was a wonderful lady and will be greatly missed.*

*Jerry and Tess Lentfer*

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**Jerry Lentfer** - October 05, 2020 at 01:53 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Janelle S. Bruning*



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**Bonnie Rippe** - October 05, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MG

“ *Mark Glad & Rebecca Reinsch Glad purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janelle S. Bruning.*



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**Mark Glad & Rebecca Reinsch Glad** - October 05, 2020 at 11:58 AM

MM

“ *Janelle and I were Strang grade school students. I started at Strang in first grade and she took me under her wing that first day. We were involved in 4-H and played softball together from elementary through high school. Always a caring, kind person. My prayers are with all of you.*  
*Marcella [Hintz] Meyer*

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**Marcella [Marcy] Meyer** - October 05, 2020 at 11:53 AM

SB

“ *Janelle was my 5th grade student when I taught my first year in Strang. She was an excellent student and a caring, thoughtful individual.*

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**Shirley Ann Brunkow** - October 05, 2020 at 09:38 AM

TC

“ We were sorry to hear about Janelle's passing. Our prayers are with you Doug, Michelle, Maggie, Pat and families.

*Tom and Cheryl*

Tom and Cheryl - October 05, 2020 at 09:25 AM

LP

“ LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Janelle S. Bruning



LaDonna Pendleton - October 04, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ My memory of Janelle was her cookies she made for us softball girls, they were the best! She also taught me to keep my Snickers in the freezer and to this day I still do. ❤️

Monica MIsna - October 04, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janelle S. Bruning.



October 04, 2020 at 07:57 PM

LO

“ I'm very sorry to hear about Janelle's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your families.

Larry Olson - October 04, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janelle S. Bruning.



October 04, 2020 at 06:59 PM

MK

“ Doug and family sending my deepest sympathy to all of you I am so sorry for your loss and wish I could take away your pain only God can do that.please know that you are all loved and in my thoughts and prayers

Marjorie Kremer - October 04, 2020 at 06:04 PM

MK

“ Marjorie Kremer lit a candle in memory of Janelle S. Bruning



Marjorie Kremer - October 04, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janelle S. Bruning.*



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October 04, 2020 at 05:26 PM