



Jene Hillyer Angel

November 15, 2012

Jene Kathryn Hillyer Angel passed beyond the veil Nov. 10, 2012 after a 1-year battle with cancer. Daughter of Kenneth N. Hillyer and Carole Ferguson Hillyer, she was born in Warren, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1952. She is survived by her mother, sister, Holly Grayling, and brother, David Hillyer. Jene leaves her husband, Stephen Angel; children, Troy, R. Pattrik, Ashlei, Arislyn, Anna, Aubrie; and 16 grandchildren. Jene was gregarious, outgoing, and known for her acerbic wit, organization, and love of crowds. She loved animals and traveling, and enjoyed bass fishing, NASCAR, water skiing, singing, and sewing. She met her introverted, quiet, husband in college. A graduate of Warren Western Reserve H.S., Jene went on to earn her B.A at California U., and her Masters at U. of Colorado. She taught Special Education for 20 years and Teacher Education at Washburn University. She served as the first Director of Kansas Families for KIDS, and the Executive Director of Kansas Adoptive and Foster Families, and was the Safety Manager at Goodyear and Amazon. Ultimately, Jene was devoted to family, friends, and her faith. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Topeka Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2401 SW Kingsrow, where a viewing will be held prior to services from 5 to 5:40 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to LDS Humanitarian Fund sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jene Hillyer Angel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *A long time ago Jene and I dated at Western Reserve. Back then it was called "going steady". She was beautiful and fun and we had 2 great years. Then we went off to continue our lives. I thought of her often. Wondering how her life turned out. I just found out she passed and I hope and pray that her family finds healing. She was an amazing person. Prayers to all of you. May GOD bless you Jene.*

Mike Lee class of 1969.

Mike Lee - June 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM



“ *IAM SO SAD TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF JENE,SHE WAS MY REPRESENTIVE THRU BANKERS LIFE. WHEN I MET HER I FELL IN LOVE WITH HER IMMEDIATELY. SHE HAD SUCH SWEET SPIRIT AND YOU COULD FEEL THE PRESCENCE OF THE LORD ALL AROUND US.ALL I CAN SAY TO THE FAMILY IS WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU AND REMEMBER TO LOOK TO GOD WHO IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN COMFORT AND ENCOURAGE US NOW.*

ILONA SMITH - November 27, 2012 at 08:59 PM



“ *My condolences to Jene's family. I have many happy memories of knowing her in my youth and was glad to have reconnected as a Facebook friend in recent years.*

Robert A. Raines - November 21, 2012 at 07:10 PM

BA

“ I was sorry to hear of your loss. I am acquainted with Anna through work and currently serving on the board of Association of Governmental Accountants. I can tell by reading about Jene that she was special to her family and that Anna and her family celebrated her life.

Boyd Jantzen, Topeka Chapter AGA - November 21, 2012 at 01:02 PM

DG

“ I was saddened to hear of your loss. I offer my condolences to the family. I will be in prayer for you all.

Don Gifford - November 18, 2012 at 09:39 AM

AF

“ I have never known someone so full of life and the love of it as Jene. I know Jene from working (and playing) with her when we co-taught at Topeka Collegiate. Peace to you as a family and peace to Jene. A life and soul like Jene's cannot die. Know that you are all in our thoughts.
Anne and Kevin

Anne Russell and Kevin Freed - November 14, 2012 at 09:33 PM

JB

“ Just a note of condolence with your loss. It is very tough to lose someone that you have shared your life with. Remember that you have family and friends for support during these times. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Jerry Bollig - November 14, 2012 at 09:35 AM

AT

“ Our Kansas adoption family sends heartfelt condolences to you. Our thoughts and prayers with your family.

Adoption Concerns Triangle - November 13, 2012 at 01:54 PM

JM

“ Steve, so very sorry to hear that Jene passed away on Saturday. I am very glad that I was able to visit with her last Monday. She battled to the end, which was her personality that will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with you during this time.

John & Melanie Mullican - November 13, 2012 at 11:09 AM

CW

“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. We were acquainted with Jene through our children (Candace, Daniel & Darren) and thru band at WRHS. We are also neighbors. We would like to send our thoughts and prayers to Stephen and the children. God Bless!

Craig & Connie Weltman - November 13, 2012 at 11:04 AM

KG

“ I was so so sorry to read of Jene's passing. We meet thru our band kids at WRHS...we made several trips to work at the speedway(she watched more than worked sometimes) she was a crazy nut...I wish now I would have kept in touch..My thoughts & Prayers go out to her family...RIP Jene...

Kristel Guyle - November 13, 2012 at 10:33 AM

GF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We got to know Jene through Bankers Life and appreciated her dedication. What she didn't know, she always called on someone else for help. I connected with her because we were both former teachers too. She will be missed by the many lives she touched.

George and Virginia Ford - November 13, 2012 at 10:19 AM

JB

“ I was a friend from high school. just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. I am sure she will be missed by many people including ones from back here in Warren. May she rest in Peace.

John Bettiker - November 13, 2012 at 08:56 AM