

Jennifer Jost, 57, of Gettysburg, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2021 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls following her battle with liver and kidney failure.

Jennifer Lynn Simon was born November 25, 1963 in Gettysburg, SD to Joseph and Lucille (Voorhes) Simon of Lebanon, SD. She grew up in Lebanon where she attended school through the eighth grade. She later went to Gettysburg High School, where she was a cheerleader and class president for the class of 1982. While growing up in Lebanon, she spent her summers at The Plunge, South Dakota's first outdoor swimming pool, and taught swimming lessons for nine years.

Jennifer continued her schooling at Northern State University, earning her associate degree in office administration in 1984. She returned to Gettysburg and married Brooke Bieber of Onida on May 25, 1985. They were blessed with their daughter, Kelsey Janine.

On Valentine's Day, February 14, 1997, Jennifer married Tyler Jost of Agar. They made their home in Gettysburg.

Over the years, Jennifer has worked for Community First Bank, Super 8 Motel, Vision Care Associates, the American Legion, and Vilas Superstore before starting her own cleaning business. Her business was spurred by her desire to help people, as many of her clients lived alone. She not only helped them by cleaning their homes, but also got to know them better by keeping them company and visiting, where her natural "gift for gab" brought joy and entertainment to those around her. Her boundless energy allowed her to complete tasks while laughing all the way.

She served as president of the Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce and enjoyed working on community improvement projects and tourism

promotions. She also helped with committees for the all-school reunions. She loved camping, entertaining, and organizing parties. Her creative side brought fun to events, whether it was whipping up a costume for Halloween or creating posters to celebrate a birthday bash. Her infectious energy made it easy to get on board with her plans, and her thoughtful nature was known by many as she was the first to remember her friends with birthday greetings and well-wishes.

In May of 2020, while the Covid-19 pandemic was at its height, Jennifer embraced sobriety. During the following months, she learned about life without alcohol and shared her stories to help others as they strived to achieve an alcohol-free lifestyle. On December 20, 2020 she had the distinction as the first patient to use the emergency unit at the new hospital in Gettysburg as she started her battle with liver disease. She spent the next five months fighting her illness, while she waited on an organ transplant list.

Jennifer's life will be cherished always by her husband Tyler, Gettysburg; daughter, Kelsey, Olathe, KS; her siblings: Patti Arbach, Rapid City, Peg (Jerry) Hageman, Hoven, Janet Simon (Tim Job), Aberdeen, John (Cindy) Simon, Lebanon, and Jim (Becky) Simon, Lebanon; mother-in-law: Sola Jost, Agar; brothers and sisters-in-law: Tim Jost, Onida, Tamie Brandt, Onida, Mick Jost, Onida, and Marti (Kurt) Arbach, Hoven; her incredible circle of friends: Jackie Hansen, Brandy Cole, Kristi Hansen, and Dawn Hinckley; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, coworkers, classmates and friends.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her parents; niece, Janine Van Well; and father-in-law, Dennis Jost.



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Jennifer Lynn Jost

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Oh mama, how can I find the words to say? I never thought this is something I'd have to deal with at 30 years old, but here we are. My mama was the most kind-hearted, hilarious, giving, beautiful soul I've ever met. She would give anyone the shirt off her back and be there to answer your call anytime you needed her. I'm so going to miss calling her on my way to work and hearing her pick up the phone with the happiest "hellooooo?" No matter what she was doing. She was my biggest cheerleader and best friend. Even though we drove each other crazy a lot of the time, we'd always find a way to stay close. She always had the best advice whenever anyone needed someone to talk to. She threw the best parties any chance she could get. Any excuse to celebrate someone, she was all in. She loved her friends and family so much and loved getting together with people. 

I feel so sad for all the pain she has been through in the last 6 months. No matter how many shots or times she got poked, she almost never complained and was still smiling through it all. That's how I want to remember her, with the biggest smile. I'll always remember her favorite saying that she lived by "Everything happens for a reason." I'm not seeing the reason yet, but I know she believed God had a greater plan for her. We all have the best guardian angel watching over us.

Written by Jen's daughter, Kelsey

In Loving Memory Of

Jennifer Lynn Jost

November 25, 1963

Gettysburg, SD

May 23, 2021

Sioux Falls, SD

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Gettysburg, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 27, 2021

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor David Otten

HONORARY BEARERS:

Brandy Cole, Dawn Hinckley,
Jackie Hanson, and Kristi Hansen

USHERS:

Don Hinckley and Bill Hansen

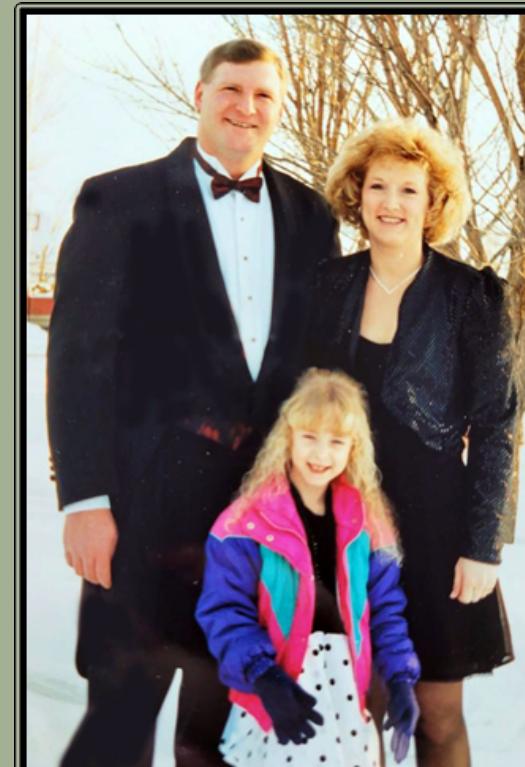
MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

"A Thousand Years"

"If Jesus Comes Tomorrow"

"Amazing Grace"

Arrangements entrusted to Luce Funeral Home
Gettysburg, South Dakota (www.familyfuneralhome.net)



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