



Jane 'Jantje' Riedstra

July 10, 2021

It saddens our hearts to announce that our dear Sister and Aunt Jane (Jantje) Riedstra went to her well-deserved rest on Saturday July 10, 2021 at the age of 77.

Daughter of the late Andrew (Anne) and Fenny (Feikje) Riedstra, She is the dearest sister of the late Eva and Henk Hofstede, the late Teena (Homer) VanderVecht, the late Tom and Anne Riedstra (Christine), Diane (Harry) Roffel, Gary (Chila) Riedstra, Jackie (Jenne) Looper, Annette (Ken) Jordan and Francine (Les) Badder. Jane may not have had any children of her own but was like a second mother to so many, especially her dozens of nieces and nephews. She will be remembered by her friends and extended family here in Canada and the Netherlands.

Jane was born in Leeuwarden, Friesland, the Netherlands in 1943, and emigrated to Canada with her parents and family in 1952. She qualified as a Certified Nurse's Aid at the Cedar Springs Ontario Hospital School in 1966, after which she worked at CPRI in London. She then graduated from Reformed Bible College (Michigan) with a Bachelor of Religious Education in 1981, spending some time ministering as a missionary in Mexico and United States. She finished her working career at the YMCA daycare in Chatham.

Always the caring and warm person, Jane became a foster parent to many

children. She always remembered the family birthdays and special events, and was always there to call on when help was needed. Jane was a long-time member of First Christian Reformed Church and was heavily involved in the youth program.

A heartfelt thank you to all the staff at Riverview Gardens for your caring and exceptional care of our sister. Your kindness will always be remembered.

A bright and shining star has dimmed. Rest now, dear sister; your light shines on in our memories.

Family and friends are invited for visitation at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 from 5-8pm. Funeral Services will be held at the First Christian Reformed Church 25 Tweedsmuir Avenue East in Chatham on Friday, July 16, 2021 at 11am, inurnment will follow at Maple Leaf Cemetery. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, reservations are required for visitation and may be made by clicking here > <https://signup.com/go/EZuTZXZ> < or by calling the funeral home. 519.627.3231. Masks and social distancing are mandatory. If you desire, donations in Jane's memory to the Resonate Global Mission may be left at the funeral home. Memories and stories of Jane can be shared with her family on her tribute page at www.cavanaghfuneralhome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jane 'Jantje' Riedstra



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - July 12, 2021 at 02:22 PM

JJ

Very Nice! My sympathie fore the family whow will mis here do much.
Jikkestyn den Hartogh-Hoogsteen

Jikkestyn - July 13, 2021 at 10:14 AM

LI

A beautiful heartfelt tribute.

Linda - July 13, 2021 at 08:07 PM

TR

It's not easy to day goodbye 🙏

Trijnle - July 14, 2021 at 03:39 AM



“ Jane 'Jantje' Riedstra

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM

KF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Condolences to Gary and the entire Riedstra Family

Karin Fraser - July 15, 2021 at 12:57 PM

LI

“ Each time Jane and I would have a phone conversation she would talk about coming to Nova Scotia to visit Pier 21, The Museum of Immigration. A beautiful spirit who treasured her Family, we will meet again, my friend.

Linda - July 13, 2021 at 08:13 PM

DB

“ Francine and families, We are sorry to hear about Jane. May the support of family, friends and cherished memories help to give you peace. Deepest sympathy.



Dennis and Karen Badder - July 13, 2021 at 07:41 AM

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“ 133 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - July 12, 2021 at 01:13 PM

IH

“ Aunt Jane was a wonderful lady who loved many people and contributed to her community. She enjoyed social gatherings and being with family. She presented many books over the years to nieces, nephews and other children. She was well educated and knew that reading could take you places and teach many things in life. I was once presented with one about children all around the world, our similarities and differences. It was my first introduction to different cultures!! I was around 6-7 when I received it. I kept that book and read it to my own daughter when she was young. I remember the Dutch Christmas parties our family had, she was definitely a good sport! She enjoyed great conversations and travelled to many places over her life. She enjoyed yellow roses...that I remember because I had asked her. They symbolize friendship and happiness...the way she was to this niece.

We love you, we miss you, we will remember you fondly!

Irene and Catherine

Irene Hofstede - July 12, 2021 at 09:04 AM

YH

“ We are sorry to hear about Jane our condolences to the whole Riedstra family.

*Harry and Yvonne
Hoekstra*

Yvonne Hoekstra - July 12, 2021 at 08:09 AM

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“ I have many fond memories of time spent with Jane both inside and outside of church functions. She was a valued member of every group she joined. She will be missed by us all. Our deepest condolences to all her family and extensive lists of friends.
Teresa Hoekstra

Teresa Hoekstra - July 12, 2021 at 07:38 AM

SJ

“ MY Deepest Condolences to Jane's Family. She was such a dear, loving & welcoming person to all. Always had a smile for everyone, I know you will miss her dearly.
LOVE & PRAYERS to YOU ALL.

SHARON JOHNSON - July 11, 2021 at 09:18 PM

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“ Glad to remember precious moments!



Trijnie Hoogsteen - July 11, 2021 at 05:04 PM