



## Jennifer Davis

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KNOX, IN – Eternal rest was granted unto Jennifer Marie Davis on Wednesday morning, in the comfort of her home, with family and dedicated caregivers after becoming physically bound by the devastating effects of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) following a diagnosis on September 23rd of last year. She never lost her endearing sense of humor or the passionate commitment to her family, friends and community. She and her beautiful smile will be missed for years to come.

Life began for Jennifer in Logansport, IN on February 2, 1952, the first of nine children born to William G. and Alma Jean (Ash) Davis. She was baptized in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Winamac. She and her siblings were raised in North Judson where her father and Uncle Homer operated Davis Plumbing & Heating and later, B&H Supply in Knox.

Jennifer graduated with the Class of 1970 from North Judson-San Pierre high school where she was involved in many activities. Jennifer then attended St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer where she received her BS in Marketing and served as secretary of the Athletic Department all four years. Upon graduation, she took an immediate position at the request of then Ft. Wayne Mayor Ivan Lebamoff to serve as the coordinator for the Allen County Democratic Party.

At a family Christmas party on December 23, 1974 she was introduced to Charles W. Weaver of Knox. The couple took their vow of Holy Matrimony at SS Cyril & Methodius the following year on November 28, 1975. Together they made Starke County their home.

They became the proud parents of two sons, Nicholas Charles Davis Weaver & Kelly of St. Louis, MO and grandson Jack Michael Davis Weaver and Benjamin Joseph Davis Weaver & Anne-Marie of Brooklyn, NY and grandson Charles Francis Weaver. Throughout their lives they knew she simply believed in the best of them. She was their biggest supporter and someone they could turn to for guidance and answers.

The family worshiped for over 30 years at Ancilla Domini in Donaldson, where they always felt at home. Jennifer's fondest memories there were at Easter vigil and Christmas when the family was involved in the Liturgy with Nicholas and Benjamin serving as torchbearers, Charlie in the choir and she playing handbells with Sr. Nora.

Beyond her Savior, she loved her entire family first and foremost. Her siblings include William G. & Cheryl Davis of Knox, Susan Davis (deceased), Carolyn Davis (deceased), John R. "Jack" Davis of North Judson, Laura Sharkozy & Mike of North Judson, Margaret & Gerald Christoff of Mt. Airy, MD, and twin sisters Stephanie Hochstedler of Indianapolis and Barbara Davis of Columbus, OH. Numerous dear nieces and nephews also survive.

Jennifer was at her best when surrounded by her many and diverse friends. She truly cherished the opportunity to celebrate others with a simple gesture, grand surprise or thoroughly planned party. She was as well known for her creativity when it came to theme parties - from Olympic tests of skill and strength, to the night she rented an entire train for a costume mystery dinner - as she was for her ability to throw together appetizers and drinks for unexpected visitors. She was always seeking to create new friendships and more often trying to connect others to form life long bonds. In Jennifer's life there was no such thing as a casual friend as she loved all as if they were her best friend. She very simply cherished spending time with the people she

loved most in her life.

Jennifer was a respected career woman who was trustworthy, compassionate and one who stayed true to her principles that always were considerate of others. She had the ability to seek out what was important and not point to the existence of flaws. She initially held a position as a grant writer for KIRPC, Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission, then onto public relations and marketing mostly in the health care industry with Starke Memorial Hospital in Knox, Lindenwood Retreat Center at Donaldson and Doctor's Hospital in Mishawaka. She served as Secretary and on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Physicians Hospital Association and member of the Indiana Hospital Association Government Relations Council. In 2007 she was recipient of The Mercy Award, LifePoint Healthcare Award in Recognition for Community Service.

Always civic minded, Jennifer helped develop a program for expectant mothers which became the first W.I.C. Program in Starke County. She has served on the Board of Directors for: Starke County Community Foundation, Starke County Legacy of Women, The Broadway Theater League and the Marshall/Starke Development Center, Past President. She was a Starke County Commissioner and two-term County Council Woman. In 2012 she was the winner of Oprah Winfrey's national essay competition; "100 Women, 100 Pair of Shoes" in which 100 women in Starke County received shoes.

Words cannot express the gratitude Jennifer's family has for those who assisted along this journey including Curt Bejes MD, Peggy O'Connor, care coordinator for the ALS Association - Greater Chicago Chapter, her 24-hour caregivers Angela Courtney, Teresa Davis, Madrina Barnes, Tyrie Owens and Angela Schwenk along with many other individuals who provided numerous acts of support and kindness.

A celebration of Jennifer Marie Davis' life will be held on Tuesday November 1st from 4-8 p.m. CT at the O'Donnell Funeral Home, 302 Lane St., North Judson, IN. A Rosary will be held at 4 p.m. in the funeral home led by the

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. A Memorial Mass will take place at 10 a.m. CT in SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, 303 Keller Ave., North Judson, IN with Fr. John Zemelko as celebrant. Burial will follow in the St. Jacob Cemetery, North Judson.

Following the burial, all are invited to a luncheon and time of continued sharing in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church, 210 Central Ave., North Judson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the ALS Association – Greater Chicago Chapter, 220 W. Huron St.,

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Suite 4003, Chicago, IL 60654 or the Carolyn – Susan – William Davis

Foundation c/o the Starke Co. Community Foundation, 310 Lane St., North Judson, IN 46366.

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# Tribute Wall

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Cory merlon - May 19, 2025 at 10:34 AM

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“ To the family of Jennifer Davis, May you find comfort and peace during this difficult time. With Deepest Sympathy, Dalarie Ford & Abbey (Ford) Ambrose

Abbey Ambrose (Ford) - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

RR

“ So very sorry for you loss. May God give you peace and comfort. What a wonderful woman Jennifer was.

Rochella Ransom - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

RS

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of one of Starke Counties finest ladies. Jennifer always smiling no matter her busy schedule. Sending prayers of comfort for her family and friends. RIP Jennifer until we all meet again.

Ruth Sims - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

SM

“ I'm so sorry to the family of Jennifer passing. I became friends a long time ago. God indeed took a wonderful Angel.

Staci McMahon - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ Charlie and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Jennifer's passing. She was a wonderful woman and I know she'll be missed by many. Please know you're in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

FT

“ So sorry to see you go so early in life. You have given so much to so many. Peace be with you.

Flora Tibbetts - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

JW

“ This is a shock to me! I always had the greatest respect for Jennifer. She was a great asset to our community. She will be greatly missed!

Judith Weitgenant - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

SC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Starke County community and the Davis family at this sad time. Jennifer's light will shine through all her projects and in those whose lives she touched.

Susan Campbell Fournier (Mrs. Gordon Hugh Campbell) - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

NS

“ I am so saddened to learn that the world has lost Jennifer. We became acquainted many years ago, and I have always held her in the highest regard. Her hand has guided so many projects and inspired so many people. Peace to her family and friends.

Nancy Schmelter - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

DS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time. Jennifer was a great lady and loved by many. She will be missed.

Debbie Smith - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

SB

“ Charlie and family, my thoughts and prayer are with you at this time of loss. Jennifer was such a wonderful woman, always so joyful and loving LIFE! We had such fun learning Spanish. A special prayer and candle will be lit at Blessed Katherine Kasper's shrine here in Dernbach. May your hearts be consoled.

Sr. Shirley Bell - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

DW

“ *This is truly a great loss of a wonderful young lady. We will surely miss her wisdom, friendship and great spirit. The pain and suffering is now gone and she rests in the best place possible. My condolences to Charlie, Nick, Ben and the rest of the family.*

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**Dale and Julie Watson** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

RC

“ *Our prayers and condolences are sent to Jennifer's family. We have so many special memories of our friend in the NJSP class of 1970. Rest in peace Jennifer*

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**ruth coldiron-toosley** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

NP

“ *Jennifer you always maintained such a bright and cheerful attitude. It was a joy working with you. I am grateful I got to know you and will miss you greatly.*

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**Nina Piwtorak** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

PH

“ *RIP Jennifer*

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**Pam Heim** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

TH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of all of you at this time. Hang in there and if you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to call. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. You guys were such a strong and supportive family for Jennifer and she was such a sweetheart. Sincerely, Tiffany Catherine Kasper Life Center*

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**Tiffany Hardy** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

ML

“ *The time I knew Jennifer was much to short. Such a kind and compassionate person. I guess it is true that the good die young. To the Weaver and Davis families I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Mike Lintner** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

RK

“ *Nick and Weaver family, Keisha and I are so sorry for your loss! Please accept our donation to the ALS foundation. Roger*

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**Roger Kuns** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

KP

“ *Dear Alma Jean & Family: It's Kathi Pugh from No. Judson, Janie Vessely's friend. I was so sorry to see the passing of Jennifer. I remember seeing everybody in your back yard playing. My deepest sympathy, Kathi Pugh Robinson*

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**Kathi Pugh-Robinson** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

BS

“ *A big sorry for your loss Davis family we pray for jennifer*

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**Bob Solmos** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

RG

“ *Mrs. Weaver will be dearly missed. I have so many fond memories of playing at her house and camping growing up. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Ryanne Hazen Gilliland** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

FM

“ I will offer mass this Sunday for the special intention of the repose of the soul of Jennifer and for strength for the family. Fr Jeff Hamblin, MD

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**Fr Jeffrey Hamblin, MD** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

VR

“ I will always remember the years at Lindenwood Retreat Center at the convent. Many laughs and always a reverence for the work being done. Jennifer had a s special gift of valuing others and will live on through the many lives she touched.

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**Valerie Relos** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

LW

“ I was fortunate to play with Jennifer as a toddler, then as a school mate at SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic School. I always found Jennifer to be an outgoing, loving girl. I was shocked to hear of her passing. She is in my prayers, but needn't be as I know she went straight to Heaven. My thoughts are with family members and close friends as you weather this sadness.

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**Lyle Whybrew** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

PL

“ Jennifer was a dear friend to me, we met through our kids at St. Michael's School in Plymouth, In. Since then we remained good friends, I was very fortunate to have met her, she was always helpful to anyone whether she knew or not it did not matter that's the kind of person she was. May she rest in peace.

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**Pam Lawrence** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

EM

“ Charlie and family, sincere condolences at the passing of Jennifer. She was an inspiration to many with her enthusiasm and infectious smile. We will miss her. May she rest in peace.

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**Eugene and Linda Matzat** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

MH

“ My thoughts are with the Davis /Weaver families. I'm sorry I am out of state and will not be able to see all the kids. ALS has taken my Mom's Sister last year. I know Jennifer had done enormous things for Starke County. The Davis family has always been one of my favorite families since I moved to Starke. I'll never forget going to your house on Halloween and Alma Jean stealing my treats from my bag. You have a lot of Angels in Heaven watching over your family. Murry

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**Murry Hight** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

SG

“ I am so sorry. Jennifer was a special person to all of those that knew her. I am sorry that I did not know of her illness. I send my thoughts, condolences, and my sincere sympathy to her entire family. I know that her love of God and family had sustained her through her struggle.

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**Shirley Gidley** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM

TY

“ I didn't know Jennifer for years, but I loved her, and help caring for her. She will be missed

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**Tyrie** - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ Dear Charlie and Family, I extend my deepest condolences. Peace. Love. Faith. Lisa Shaffer

June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ My deepest sympathy for the whole Davis family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Therese Cochran (Barker) - June 11, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ My prayers and sympathy to the Davis/ Weaver family. Thinking of you at this sad time. Corinne (Dommer) Flanagan

Corinne Flanagan - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM



“ Dear Weaver and Davis family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. I will forever remember Jennifer and the wonderful times we shared. Jennifer's warm smile was the warmest of any I have ever seen and was a true reflection of her genuine kindness! Jennifer was a gift to so many and treasured by them all! I thank God daily for the gift he gave me when he chose me to be one of Jennifer's caretaker's! The memories she and I built will forever be in my heart! She truly was a blessing!

Angela Courtney - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Jennifer was a lovely lady. I worked with her Doctors Hospital in Bremen about 4 1/2 years ago. She had a sweet smile and sweet spirit.

Cindy Burch - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM

DB

“ Charlie. So sorry to hear about your loss. I lost my good wife of 57 years with colon cancer two years ago. It isn't fun. Time heals as well as a strong faith. Boiler Up. Dick

Dick Belcher - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM

RV

“ Deepest Sympathies and prayers to the Davis family for their loss. May their family and friends comfort them during this difficult time.

Rick Vasil - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM

SM

“ My condolences for your loss and prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Steve Michaels - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM

DH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sending my condolences and prayers to Stephanie and her family.

Debie Hudson - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM

BL

“ Charlie and family, So very sorry for your loss of this beautiful woman. Her infectious smile depicted her compassion for others. May she now rest in the arms of her loving Savior. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Barb Lowry PHJC Associate

Barb Lowry - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM

GD

“ Charlie, kids, I am so sorry for your loss. I just found out and am so surprised, shocked and sad. Heaven gained a beautiful woman and heart - I will miss her and our chats. She was loved by so many. Thank you for sharing her with us. Georgette

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**Georgette Dalton** - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM

EG

“ Jennifer Davis

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**Elden & Mary Gutwein** - April 29, 2018 at 07:53 AM



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November 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother Nick. May God hold you very close at this most difficult time.

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October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM