



## Janet R. Miller

January 23, 2025

Janet Renee Miller (Andersen) was born on October 12, 1963 in Spearfish, South Dakota, the youngest of three children to Dr. Roger and Charlotte Andersen. She grew up in Lead, South Dakota alongside her older siblings, Stephen (born 1957) and Diane (born 1960). Janet graduated from Lead High School in 1982 as the class valedictorian. She was active in band and choir, and was elected Homecoming Queen by her classmates. She went on to attend college at the University of Wyoming and then Arizona State University, where she earned a B.S. in Personnel Management.

Janet married and had two children, Christopher Steven, June 9th, 1985 and Stacy Lei, January 16th, 1988. In 1991, she reunited with her high school best friend and soulmate, David Paul Miller. They wed in a beautiful ceremony in Poudre Canyon, Colorado on April 24th, 1993. Their family grew with the birth of Lauren Ann on July 16th, 1996. They became mother and father-in-law to Andrew Robert Friedrich (Stacy) on June 15th, 2017, and Jedeo Manirikumwenatwe (Lauren) on May 31st, 2020.

Janet and David made their home with their family in Fort Collins, Colorado where she worked in Human Resources for several companies until joining the City of Fort Collins in 2003. She advanced with the City, eventually becoming the Director of Human Resources in 2006. Janet was compelled to join the Poudre Fire Authority in 2019 after the family home burned down in

2011. Janet believed strongly in the PFA mission and wanted to work with the people who had made such a difference in her life. She was passionate about her new role with PFA and believed in helping others. After the fire in 2011, Janet and David found their dream home in Wellington, Colorado where they built a life full of love, hard work, and hospitality, welcoming many friends and family into their home. The new home gave Janet the chance to pursue one of her great passions, horses. Janet loved animals of all kinds, and was regarded by her family as having a special gift for connecting with animals, especially those with troubled backgrounds.

Janet and Dave became proud grandparents, affectionately known as “Gaga” (Janet) and “Bapa” (Dave), to Lauren and Jedeo’s first child, Adaline (Manirikumwenatwe), born March 27th 2022. Janet was joyfully anticipating the arrival of her second grandchild, expected March 7th, 2025, and she made Dave promise to teach both grandchildren how to ski.

Throughout her life, Janet excelled at everything on which she put her talents to bear, but she will be remembered most for her vibrant spirit and the way she lit up every room she entered. Her radiant smile, contagious positivity, kindness, resilience, sense of humor, and most of all her hugs, left lasting impressions on all who knew her. Janet was known for building strong bonds with the people she cared about, and for touching the lives of so many.

Janet was an adventurer at heart: a black diamond skier, scuba diver, traveler, animal lover and rescuer. She was a woman of faith, fearless and full of life, always making friends wherever she went.

Janet passed away peacefully at her home on January 23, 2025. She was surrounded by family and pets. Her final words were, “I love you.”

Survivors include her husband, David, Wellington, Colorado; two daughters,

Stacy (Andrew) Miller, Seattle, Washington, and Lauren (Jedeo) Miller, Wellington, Colorado; granddaughter, Adaline (Lauren and Jedeo) Manirikumwenatwe, Wellington Colorado; her son, Christopher Wilcox, Arvada, Colorado; her sister, Diane Kalsow, Denver, Colorado; two nephews, Tyler Kalsow, Craig, Colorado; and Derek Kalsow, Denver, Colorado; her mother-in-law, Doris Ward, Rapid City, South Dakota, and a brother-in-law, Michael Miller, Olympia, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her brother Stephen Andersen, her parents, Roger and Charlotte Andersen, her grandparents, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and her father-in-law, Jack Ward.

Janet's life was a testament of love, strength, and the joy of adventure. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who were lucky enough to know her

Janet's Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., January 31, 2025 at City Light Church, 833 S Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (MT)

City Light Church  
833 S Taft Hill Road  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ Dear Janet’s family,

*I met Janet when I arrived in Fort Collins in 2015 as a new executive with the City and an expecting mom. Like many, it was love at first experience with Janet. She carried the light of God in her so clearly. Her smile, her warmth, her wisdom, her humility, her genuine compassion. She was so easy to adore. Her kindness and support carried me through a time of transition, and she remained special to me even as we didn’t get to work together. I am so very sorry for your loss. I am heartbroken with and for you, and I know you must miss her terribly. I can imagine that she was a dream grandmother. May you feel her presence in all she gave to you. With love and sorrow, Jackie Kozak Thiel*

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**Jacqueline Kozak Thiel** - March 12, 2025 at 09:19 AM

KE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Janet’s passing. We grew up together in Lead SD. Our families spent time together skiing. My parents and her parents were very dear friends. We send our deepest sympathies.

*Karen (Harvey) Eidsness*

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**Karen Eidsness** - February 02, 2025 at 10:33 PM

SF

“ Steve Fox lit a candle in memory of Janet Miller



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**Steve Fox** - February 02, 2025 at 05:58 PM

EL

“ David,

*We are very sorry to hear about Janet's passing. We remember her as being such a sweet, fun and generous person when we were neighbors on Saulsbury Ct. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Elizabeth and Keith Lobdell*

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**Elizabeth Lobdell** - January 31, 2025 at 02:12 PM

ST

“ *David and family: My heart is just broken over the loss of Janet. She was such an amazing woman, a very good friend. Please know my deepest thought, love and prayers are with you all now and in the times ahead! She is in the arms of her angels and will be with you always. Janet will be greatly missed.*

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**Shannon Laughlin, Denton TX** - January 30, 2025 at 10:20 AM

TM

“ *My heart breaks for the sorrow and loss of such a beautiful Wife, Mother, and Grandmother. May the Lord hold you near and grace you with comfort.*

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**Tina Muntifering** - January 30, 2025 at 10:18 AM

JS

“ *I knew Janet at the City of Fort Collins and she was my favorite person there. Always asking how you are..caring more about you than herself. Her smile and hugs were the best!. Condolences to her family and she will be missed by everyone.*

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**John Stephen** - January 29, 2025 at 07:18 PM

RM

“ I was so sad to hear of Janet's passing. Janet was so kind; and also generous with her knowledge and experience. My thoughts are with her family and friends.

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**Rena Martinez** - January 29, 2025 at 04:46 PM

JF

“ Dear David, I am so sorry for your loss. Janet was a lovely woman and such a joy to her parents and those who knew her. She is gone much too soon. My prayers are with you and your family. Jacque Fuller

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**jacqualyn fuller** - January 29, 2025 at 03:12 PM

NH

“ David - I am so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Nancy Hoffman** - January 29, 2025 at 11:23 AM

PM

“ I'm so sad to hear of Janet's passing! I knew Janet for many years through Human Resources circles; she was always quick to share a smile & a supportive word. She was a truly resilient & caring person. My deepest condolences to Janet's family & friends.

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**Patsi Maroney** - January 29, 2025 at 09:14 AM

JP

“ David and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Jeannie M. Pavich

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**Jeannie Pavich** - January 29, 2025 at 09:01 AM