Franziska "Fran" Pelikan

May 8, 1951 - December 31, 2021

Fran Pelikan, age 70, passed away peacefully at her home after a long battle with cancer on Friday, December 31, 2021, surrounded by her family. To honor Fran, a celebration of her life will be held at Frosty's/The Brickyard, 214 Main Street, Pierz, 56364 from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday, January 22, 2022. All friends and family are welcome to attend. Caring for Fran and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls, MN.

Fran was born May 8, 1951 in Linz, Austria to Otto Pelikan and the late Rosina Pelikan. She immigrated to Pierz, MN in 1959 with her mother, father, and sisters. She graduated from Pierz Healy High School in 1969. Fran graduated from St. Cloud State University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. She worked and lived in Minnesota as an auditor for the State of Illinois until she retired to Pierz in 2016. Fran had many successful careers which showcased her incredible diversity of talents. She was a mail carrier, real estate agent, financial worker and sales associate, to mention a few. She treasured her life-long friendships with her colleagues at KLTF radio, and many other places she worked. Fran cared deeply for her family and friends. Her greatest joy came from her children and grandchildren. Her home was always the gathering place that never changed, even if her address did (or her furniture!). Fran maintained close ties to her family in the Czech Republic and Germany, and traveled to see them many times. Planned and spontaneous adventures with dear friends created cherished memories. She loved to

garden, sew and never shied away from a DIY home project - no matter how daunting. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2007. When she was informed the treatment would be very difficult and how sick it would make her, she said to her daughter-in-law, “They don’t know how tough I am!” That grit and determination was applied to all aspects of her life, whether tackling a life-changing diagnosis or a college degree as a single mom.

Fran will be lovingly remembered by her father Otto Pelikan; son, Kyle (Becky) Przybilla; daughter, Kara (Chris) Carlson; grandchildren, Addison Przybilla, Kate Przybilla, Jonathan Przybilla, Rosie Carlson, and Wesley Carlson; siblings, Terry (Perry) Butler, Erika (Steve) Englund, Tony (Bonnie) Pelikan, Andrea (Darnelle) Pelikan, Debbie (Don) Hayes, Joey Pelikan; step-siblings, Dennis (Cindy) Kazeck, Doug (Cindy) Kazeck, Sue (Bob) Langerud; step-sister-in-law, Karen, to the late Dave Kazeck; as well as many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Fran was preceded in death by her mother, Rosina Pelikan, step-mother, Margaret Pelikan, and step-brother, Dave Kazeck.

"In place of gifts or flowers, the family requests donations be made to cancer research."

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Pierz, MN

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **22**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Frosty's/The Brickyard
214 Main St South
Pierz, MN 56364

Tribute Wall

Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Franziska "Fran" Pelikan

Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 18, 2022 at 03:06 PM

Franziska "Fran" Pelikan

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

62 files added to the album LifeTributes

Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 18, 2022 at 03:04 PM

CL

Charlie And Dianne (Reinhart) Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Franziska "Fran" Pelikan

charlie and dianne (reinhart) ledbetter - January 17, 2022 at 02:20 PM

FRAN WAS ONE OF THE BEST AUDITORS WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPT OF REVENUE. MORE IMPORTANTLY SHE WAS A VERY NICE LADY AND MY LIFE WAS ENRICHED BY KNOWING HER! ❤️

Dale Blanchard - January 15, 2022 at 02:11 PM

Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franziska "Fran" Pelikan.

January 15, 2022 at 02:02 PM

SW

Shannon Wisneski lit a candle in memory of Franziska "Fran" Pelikan

Shannon Wisneski - January 05, 2022 at 10:59 AM

KT

Sending prayers to all of her family

Kelly Voltin Thomsen - January 04, 2022 at 12:33 PM

EG

Ed Gruber lit a candle in memory of Franziska "Fran" Pelikan

Ed Gruber - January 04, 2022 at 12:28 PM

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Franziska "Fran" Pelikan.

January 04, 2022 at 09:13 AM

SS

Fran and I started 3rd grade together on the same day. Then my Grandpa kind of "adopted" the Pelikan family to help them get oriented. Fran's mother (Rosie) often picked up me & my sisters to take us swimming at Fish Lake. I remember lots of overnights at Fran's house -- using feather beds to stay warm in unheated upstairs bedroom. I'm sure this special lady will be missed by her family.

Sheri Streasick - January 03, 2022 at 08:23 PM

RF

Fran and I worked together. I can still see her smiling face. She was a bright light in my life. Fran was an extraordinary woman; bright capable and always positive.
She will be greatly missed my friends and family.

Rebecca Crowder Fulford - January 13, 2022 at 01:08 PM

SK

So sorry for your loss! Sending love and prayers.

Susan and James Kasper - January 03, 2022 at 04:32 PM

LJ

Lorraine Janski lit a candle in memory of Franziska "Fran" Pelikan

Lorraine Janski - January 03, 2022 at 10:45 AM

LJ

Fran was a dear friend. I will always remember her sweet smile and kindness she shared. RIP Fran.

Lorraine Janski - January 03, 2022 at 10:44 AM

MP

Maggie (Otremba) Plante lit a candle in memory of Franziska "Fran" Pelikan

Maggie (Otremba) Plante - January 03, 2022 at 09:55 AM

MP

My deepest sympathy to Terri and Fran's family.

Maggie (Otremba) Plante - January 03, 2022 at 09:56 AM

SP

Steph Przybilla lit a candle in memory of Franziska "Fran" Pelikan

Steph Przybilla - January 02, 2022 at 10:57 PM

NH

So many childhood memories with Fran and siblings. Rest in peace, my friend.

Nita Block Hayes - January 03, 2022 at 06:26 PM