



# Jeanette Gies

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## **Jeanette Gies**

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**J**eanette was born on June 14, 1929, to Herman E. and Martha M. Schmaltz nee Fichtner in Benton Harbor, Michigan. She was baptized at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on July 7, 1929. She was confirmed at St. Matthew's on April 25, 1943, after attending St. Matthew's Lutheran Parochial School during the seventh and eighth grades.

She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1947 receiving the National Honor Society award in her Junior year. She then graduated from Evanston Hospital School of Nursing in Evanston, Illinois and was married to Robert Vernon Dewart at St. Matthew's. The ceremony was based on the words from Joshua 24:15-"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord" and closed with the beautiful words from Ruth - "Whither thou goest ----". Bob, Sergeant in the Army Air Force during WWII graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College. He was a member of Blue Key and Phi Delta Theta. They were members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne, IN. Their marriage was a particularly happy union of 29 1/2 years and was blessed with a daughter, Martha Jane.

Martha Jane brought pleasure to them just by being a loving child of God. She was the shining star that reflected God's glory and gift to them. Bob entered God's kingdom on May 4, 1981, and waits for the resurrection in the church cemetery.

At a time when females were not the usual in Police Depts, and after working in the nursing field for many years, she joined the Allen County Police Department in Ft. Wayne, IN. to start and maintain a medical program for the inmates. She also formed the beginning of an inmate work release program. She loved this work and received many awards, certificates, commendations and a specially prized Life Savers Award. She graduated first scholastically in the 32nd class of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN and held an instructor's certificate. She was the first female officer in the department to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. She received a commendation when she wrote the Standard Operating Procedures used for the new jail when the transfer was made from the old jail in March 1981.



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God truly blessed Jeanette with two honorable and God-fearing husbands both of whom treated her with loyalty, love, honor and devotion. She and James Joseph Gies were married in 1982. He was born and reared in Charleston, W. Va and had served in the Army Air Force in WWII. The Dewart and Gies families had been close friends since the early 1900's and had lived as neighbors in Alexandria, IN and Charleston W. Va Jeanette and Joe had not met until the marriage of Martha Jane to Terry E. Powell. Joe and Jeanette enjoyed a 16-year marriage despite Joe's chronic illness. They moved from Ft. Wayne to Naples in 1988 and Jeanette became a member of Grace Lutheran Church to Joe went to his eternal glory on Feb. 23, 1998.

Jeanette's family has entrusted Fort Myers Memorial Garden with the care of her final arrangements. There will be a memorial service held on Monday, July 3, 2023, at Grace Lutheran Church 860 Banyan Blvd, Naples, FL 34102. Visitation hours will be 9:30AM-11AM and a service to 11AM with a lunch to follow.

There will be a live stream available on YouTube of her service. You will be able to find it by searching Grace Lutheran Church Live or searching Jeanette Gies Funeral Service.

On behalf of Jeanette's family please make donations to Grace Lutheran Church Preschool 800 Banyon Blvd. Naples, FL 34102.



# Events


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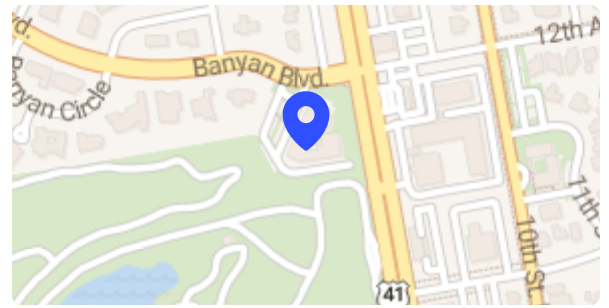
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## Visitation

 **Monday**, July 3, 2023

 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Grace Lutheran Church and Preschool**  
860 Banyan Blvd, Naples FL 34102





# Tribute Wall

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**Daniel Diana** posted:

Meeting Mom (Jeanette) has been a true blessing for me. She has a marvelous sense of humor and so quick to respond with a pleasant smile. Keeping Martha out of trouble will probably be a challenge now but you will keep your eyes upon her. Blessings to you.....

July 2 at 8:00 AM



**Martha Powell** July 10 at 5:38 AM

Thank you Diana....



**Luann Fuller** posted:

Jeanette was a woman who loved life itself, she loved her church. She loved God and she loved her friends and family. She loved telling stories. I often enjoyed all of her stories she told sitting around eating dinner and especially eating chocolate cake with chocolate icing. She loved a good party she was also a great listener you will be dearly missed my beautiful friend. Much Love ❤️.psst.... We will keep Martha out of trouble as much as possible with lots of love

June 30 at 11:07 AM



**Lisa Morganstern** July 2 at 2:45 AM

Dearest Martha, Your mother was a truly strong and amazing woman. So it's no surprise to me that she raised a truly strong and amazing woman. My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this challenging time. May God bless you each and every day with happy memories of your mom. She's with you in your heart, every moment and will stay there forever. With love and sincerest condolences. Lisa Morganstern



**Martha Powell** June 30 at 12:27 PM

LuAnn thank you for always being you. Mom truly loved you.



**Martha Powell** June 30 at 12:15 PM

Thank you for being you!



**Martha Powell** June 30 at 12:09 PM

Thank you for being you!



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TR

**Trish Routte** posted:

I'm sending my love and sympathy to Martha. Your Mom's strong faith and beautiful soul lives on through you. Cherish all the amazing memories that you have with your Mom and take comfort in knowing that she is finally re-joined with your Dad and so many others who held a special place in her heart. I love you, my friend.

June 30 at 6:19 AM



**Martha Powell** June 30 at 12:26 PM

Thank you my friend!

DD

**Dennis Dalton** posted:

Jeanette was always so sweet, calm with a good sense of humor when in our office. She was a "model patient". We shall miss her endearing manner and kind smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her wonderful devoted daughter, Martha. Dr. Dalton and staff, Sun, Dana, Taylor, Anet and Michelle.

June 30 at 4:35 AM



**Martha Powell** June 30 at 12:26 PM

She really and truly liked you, she enjoyed your stories of hunting and traveling and West Virginia. She will be missed.



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MR

**Marybeth Rymer** posted:

My deepest condolences and sympathies go out to Martha. Jeanette was such a special woman. A devoted church woman that lived her faith. She will be missed by many, but she has been welcomed to heaven and is with family and friends that have gone before her. Marybeth Rymer

June 29 at 9:35 AM

MP

**Martha Powell** July 2 at 4:28 AM

Thank you Nancy.

NC

**Nancy Collins** July 1 at 7:33 AM

I'm thinking about you Martha. I asked about you today and Helene told me about your mom. Another beautiful soul watching out for us. Nancy Collins Neighborhood

MP

**Martha Powell** June 30 at 12:24 PM

Thank you Marybeth, she is in heaven with all of her family and friends. She is watching over us.

PB

**Phyllis Burns** posted:

My husband Art worked with Jeanette in the Allen County jail. She was a wonderful supervisor and friend to him. After she moved to Naples and Art retired we met yearly while we were in Naples for the winter. She was a beautiful soul and gracious lady. Art is gone now also and I'm sure they have lots to talk about in their heavenly home. .

June 29 at 3:10 AM

MP

**Martha Powell** June 30 at 12:23 PM

Thank you Phyllis, yes I am sure mom and Art are chatting away.....



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jeanette by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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