



## Janet "Renea" Turner

July 1, 1957 - February 7, 2021

Renea was born in St Louis, Missouri to Bobbie Joe and Wyanette Gay [nee Dawson] Turner.

She died in St Louis on February 7, 2021 surrounded by her family.

She was fond of old movies, a nice cup of tea, the pristine beaches in Florida, Margaritas at sunset, she loved animals of all kinds; but mostly she loved being with her grandchildren and introducing them to nature.

Survivors include four children: Rachel Garry, Cody Thornhill, and twins, Sage and Matthew Thornhill;

four grandchildren: James, Bub, Joey, and Jacob; one sister: Debi [Ron] Lovelace; one niece: Deanna Werner; and her dearest friend Beverly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother: Rodney; and the love of her life Don Ginocchio.

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In lieu of flowers, please read this:

January 6th 2021 Renea devastatingly was diagnosed with advanced Stage 4 Cancer.

Sadly after weeks of going back and fourth from hospitals to home she was diagnosed with Crohn's disease. After many treatments and things not getting better the Doctors decided to do an exploratory surgery, when the cancer was found. After getting the news and the initial shock, Renea just wanted to get home to spend her remaining months with her animals and family. Anyone who new Renea knew she put animals above all. She would pass on a meal for herself to provide one for an animal in need. Renea had the biggest heart for all animals, the smile on her face when she would interact with them is something all of us close to her will never forget. Her joy in life (other then animals 😊) was her grandson, James, their time together and all the activites they did together.

When this devastating news was brought to James about his "Nonnie" he came up with the idea of a Memorial Rock at the Saint Louis Zoo. They use to stop and look at it every time they took a trip to the Zoo. James took his idea to his Nonnie on one of his visits and she was able to "clear as day" say how much she loved that idea.

This week, Renea lost her battle and God gained an angel. She was able to be home for 2 weeks and share that time with her animals, family and friends. We in the family are hoping with everyone's help even if its \$1.00 it will help reach our goal. Anything that is raised here will be strictly for the purchase of the stones/rocks at the Zoo. We, the family, will be buying the 8x8 Granite Brick with animals etching and we are hoping to raise enough to buy the surrounding stones and put sayings Renea would love to hear or say. Anytime any of you are at the Zoo you could pause at the rock and have a fond memory of Renea..

Attached is a link of the information on the stones/rocks at the Zoo and the reason for James picking this is for his Nonnie's love of animals because all the money that the zoo gets for a stone will support their conservation efforts both at the Zoo and around the world and also helps feeds the animals.

<https://gofund.me/e8c6540e>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet "Renea" Turner.*



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February 22, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *So Sorry for your loss,  
Just hold her memories in your heart and they  
will live there forever. Our love and prayers  
are with you in this time of sorrow. Sage you  
are our family should you need anything let us  
know. A hug, a smile, a chat whatever. Our Thoughts and prayers  
are with you on this day. May your mother rest in peace.*



*Love Darlene & Jimmy, Jake and Kristena and Family*

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**Darlene Mitchell, Jacob Bertram** - February 22, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *Miranda lit a candle in memory of Janet  
"Renea" Turner*



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**Miranda** - February 19, 2021 at 07:31 PM

AS

“ I remember when I was in the neighborhood looking for houses to buy , I saw Miss Renae outside in the front yard , I stopped and said hello and gave her a big hug she says “ Oh Avery what is that you’re wearing ? I bet you drive Adrienne crazy with that smell , you’re bout to drive me crazier than I already am if ya don’t get outta here smelling like that .. lol 😭 she was always nice... smiling and just a great woman all round .. you’ll definitely be missed ,I love ya rest peacefully in the kingdom ..!! 🌹

Avery Smith - February 19, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JB

“ I will never forget all the good times we had together.. From shopping, to dancing, and taking James every where In st Louis lol I remember around Christmas time we would take James down town to the old Maceys, and show him the train in the window we even went in one time and bought some candy for him.., also last but not least teaching me how to be a mother to James ! I will miss you so much! I will continue to tell James about our adventures we shared! My thoughts, and prayers go out to the whole family!



jessica baker - February 19, 2021 at 10:55 AM

JB

\*Macy's

jessica baker - February 19, 2021 at 11:01 AM

SI

“ *Wyannette and Joe would bring all 3 kids down to stay with us while they went on vacation. Renea never wanted to take a nap so we had to all get in the car and mom would drive around until she fell asleep She was such a cute little stinker I can close my eyes and see her bent over with the giggles So many years ago but seems like yesterday* ”

Sissy - February 19, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Janet "Renea" Turner.* ”



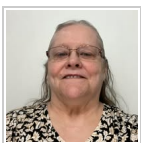
February 17, 2021 at 03:32 PM

DE

“ *Diana Eagan lit a candle in memory of Janet "Renea" Turner* ”



Diana Eagan - February 13, 2021 at 11:00 PM



“ *Rebecca Hollingsworth-Womack lit a candle in memory of Janet "Renea" Turner* ”



Rebecca Hollingsworth-Womack - February 13, 2021 at 05:49 PM

CW

“ Chrystal Werner lit a candle in memory of Janet "Renea" Turner



Chrystal Werner - February 13, 2021 at 02:02 PM

CT

“ There won't ever be a day i don't think about you mom, you played both mother and father roles our entire life! Were gonna hold it down, its gonna be ok!  
I love you to the moon and back

Cody Thornhill - February 13, 2021 at 11:43 AM

MT

There won't be a day goes bye that u won't be in my thoughts. every time I see a red cardinal bird , 🐱🐶 , dragonfly ,or a sunflower.i will think of you.love u mom to the 🌕 moon and back!!!

Matthew Thornhill - February 14, 2021 at 01:07 AM

PS

Praying for the family during this time of Sorrow 💔🙏

Patrice Smith - February 17, 2021 at 12:52 PM

MI

“ Michaela lit a candle in memory of Janet "Renea" Turner



michaela - February 13, 2021 at 10:57 AM

DW

“ *Deanna Werner lit a candle in memory of Janet "Renea" Turner*



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**Deanna Werner** - February 13, 2021 at 10:52 AM

KR

“ *Kristy lit a candle in memory of Janet "Renea" Turner*



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**Kristy** - February 09, 2021 at 11:54 AM