



Jennifer L Nowling

November 11, 1974 - March 23, 2026

Jennifer (Jenny), affectionately known as "June Bug", Nowling passed away Monday morning after a brief illness. She entered this world with a spirit entirely her own: bold, stubborn, and fiercely independent. Born with intellectual and physical disabilities, she faced challenges that would have overwhelmed many, yet she met every one of them with determination and a fierce will to live life on her terms.

Doctors believed she would not live past the age of five, but Jenny had other plans. She pushed far beyond every expectation, proving again and again that she was stronger than any prediction. Jenny graduated from Central High School and held several jobs during her life.

She learned early how to fight for herself, and in doing so, she taught her family how to fight alongside her. Jenny showed us what true advocacy looks like, not just speaking up, but refusing to be underestimated or overlooked. Through her life, she reminded us that people with disabilities should not have to struggle so hard for dignity, access, and understanding. She made it clear that the world must do better, must be kinder, must be easier for those who face barriers they did not choose.

Despite the challenges she faced, Jenny made us laugh. She had a gift for humor that could turn an ordinary moment into one that left us laughing until

tears streamed down our faces. She also had us shaking our heads, wondering how someone could be so wonderfully, unshakably stubborn.

She loved the simple pleasures: a warm cup of coffee, Court TV, word search puzzles, and a good shopping trip. She also loved watching any sports but particularly IU Basketball. And, just this past January the Hoosiers brought her the thrill of a lifetime by winning a National Championship in football. These were her joys.

Throughout her life, Jenny was surrounded by many dedicated teachers and caregivers who supported her with patience, compassion, and love. It takes a special kind of person to do that work and Jenny was fortunate to have many such people in her life. Her family is deeply grateful for the care, dignity, and kindness they gave her.

Jenny is preceded in death by her father, Doug Nowling, and grandparents Al and Edna Nowling and Joseph and Eileen Angermeier. She is survived by her parents, Julie and Jerry Schreiber; her sister, Andrea (Rand) Huguely; her brother, Grant (Paula) Nowling and eight nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind many aunts and uncles in the Nowling and Angermeier families.

Each of them carries the lessons she taught resilience, humor, courage, and the belief that even when life places obstacles in your path, you can still find a way.

In memory of Jenny, we invite you to carry out an act of kindness in hopes these small gestures ripple outward, keeping her spirit alive in the most beautiful way.

She changed the people who loved her, and through them, she continues to change the world. Jenny leaves this earth having made it braver and more

compassionate than she found it.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no public services.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Evangelist Church Cemetery

St. John Road
Elberfeld, IN

Previous Events

Burial

MAR 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Jenny's passing. I wanted to express my thoughts to all of you after learning this. Most of my memories of Jenny are from her as a young girl/teenager. I hadn't seen her much in her adult life since living here in Princeton for the past 33 years. I vicariously experienced some of her interesting "tales and adventures" through you and other family members along the way. You and Jerry, Andrea and Grant put so much time and effort into helping her become the force she was. I imagine there were many trying and many rewarding times helping her navigate the world as most of us do, but as only she could see it. I remember Mother telling me that when Jenny was young, she would say to her, "I want to be like Andrea". Mother would try to tell her that she had her own special abilities and didn't need to wish that. You, Jerry, Andrea and Grant always helped Jenny navigate from her special perspective. I was always amazed how Jenny could out wit, out speak, out think and out talk many of the people around her. That could bring a smile, a laugh, a raised eyebrow or shake of the head as you wondered if there might be a hole in the floor somewhere, anywhere you could hide, (laughing while looking for it). Jenny managed to live a lot of life in her 50+ years. My prayer for her is rest, peace and no more stress or worries. I'm thinking she may be able to convince God to help the rest of us. If anybody could do it, Jenny could.

Kathy Reeves - March 30 at 04:11 PM

DG

“ I could not post this here but here is a link to my tribute <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AeZeR4fvZ/>

Douglas Grant - March 27 at 09:50 AM

BR

“ Jennifer Nowling , what a beautiful soul. I loved her and am so sorry for your loss. Jennifer made the world a better place! Thinking of her family and friends. Sending love and prayers.

Becky Reynolds - March 26 at 06:58 PM

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“ Much love, Your “PBJ” friends purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Jennifer L Nowling.



Much love, Your “PBJ” friends - March 26 at 12:25 PM