



“YOU WILL LOSE SOMEONE YOU CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT, AND YOUR HEART WILL BE BADLY BROKEN, AND THE BAD NEWS IS THAT YOU NEVER COMPLETELY GET OVER THE LOSS OF YOUR BELOVED. BUT THIS IS ALSO THE GOOD NEWS. THEY LIVE FOREVER IN YOUR BROKEN HEART THAT DOESN’T SEAL BACK UP. AND YOU COME THROUGH. IT’S LIKE HAVING A BROKEN LEG THAT NEVER HEALS PERFECTLY – THAT STILL HURTS WHEN THE WEATHER GETS COLD, BUT YOU LEARN TO DANCE WITH THE LIMP”

– ANNE LAMOTT



JANE MARIE  
*Matthew*

June 21, 1956 - December 13, 2025



Jane Marie Mathew, Fargo, left her earthly home on Saturday, December 13, 2025 to meet her parents and many beloved dogs in heaven. Jane died while doing one of her favorite things - running.

Jane Marie Adele Faber was born June 21, 1956 to John and Anna (Hinnenkamp) Faber in Melrose, MN. Jane Marie was the youngest of four children and her siblings only mildly resented the fact she was always able to get away with more. After graduating from Melrose High School, Jane attended Rainy River Community College in International Falls, MN to obtain her LPN degree. This began Jane's nursing career that took her from Minnesota to Arizona, Missouri, and North Dakota.

On May 4, 1987, Jane welcomed her favorite daughter, Natalie Ann Wolff, into the world. Two years later, on September 6, 1989, Jane delivered her favorite son, Evan John Wolff, and brought him home in a limo. This started a rivalry that continues to this day between the siblings as to who's Jane's real favorite child.

Always active, Jane participated in a plethora of sports, including tennis, racquetball, bowling, softball, pickleball, and running. Her competitive streak didn't end there; Jane loved playing any and all games with her kids, siblings, nieces, and nephews. Her family shared MANY laughs staying up late at night playing Guesstures, Sequence, Yahtzee, LCR, or Third Time's a Charm.

When Natalie and Evan were kids, they tried and failed to teach their mom the word "no". You could find Jane anywhere and everywhere - heading Clara Barton's PTA, coaching Natalie and Evan's sports teams, dressing up as a mascot - nothing was out of her reach. When her kids got older, she took to the stands, never missing a game and often carrying one of her famous homemade signs.

Jane pivoted from nursing to processing medical insurance claims and found her true passion. Yes, Jane loved working with insurance companies, and this led to her managing a dental practice until her retirement. Ever the busy bee, Jane then took an interest in working in soybean and sugar beet fields part time. Harvest was her favorite! She was incapable of slowing down.

Jane had a servant heart and was rarely at home; you were more likely to find her volunteering somewhere across town. It's impossible to name all of the organizations that got a piece of Jane's time. Jane was particularly passionate about P.E.O., a women's philanthropic educational organization, and served on the state board and as an international delegate. She was a member of Chapter AE for many years before chartering Chapter BE in 2009.

Jane found the most welcoming community at First Presbyterian Church in Fargo. In typical Jane fashion, she dove in head first and quickly became involved with various groups within the church.

She was even ordained a deacon in 2019. Her faith in God provided a light and path for her life.

In 2019, Jane met the love of her life, Prakash Mathew, at their church. Later that year Prakash proposed on Thanksgiving, Jane's favorite holiday, in front of their families. Of course Jane said "YES". Covid derailed their original wedding plans, but they were united in marriage on May 31, 2020 at First Presbyterian Church in Fargo. Through this marriage, Jane became a "bonus mom" to Prakash's sons, Trevor and Christopher. Natalie and Evan were relieved that Trevor came with twin daughters, and Jane thrived at being their Amma.

Prakash and Jane were able to travel the world together, including a trip to India to meet Prakash's family. Jane was delighted they welcomed her with open arms! They also did a mission trip to Kenya, traveled to Scotland for Christopher and Ariene's wedding, and visited other European countries. At the time of her death, Jane was beginning to pack for their annual road trip to South Carolina to visit her children and escape North Dakota's winter for a few months.

Jane's family finds comfort in knowing she spent her final day doing many of her favorite things - volunteering, dressed as an elf, with her husband and granddaughters, ringing bells and singing Christmas carols. Her family would like to thank the first responders and emergency medical personnel at Essentia. In her death, her wish to be a donor was fulfilled and many people will now live better lives because of her selfless choice to be a donor.

Jane leaves behind an enormous amount of family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Prakash, and their dog, Wrango; daughter, Natalie Wolff of Bluffton, SC; son, Dr. Evan Wolff (Dr. Cassie Beard) also of Bluffton, SC; bonus sons Trevor (Emily) Mathew of Fargo and Christopher (Ariene) Mathew of St. Paul, MN; granddaughters Izzy and Zara of Fargo; and granddogs Reptar, Adele, Champagne, Mimosa, Grace, and Callie. Also surviving Jane are her friends who became family: Dan, Chelsea, Rilo & Alida Simmons; Kate & Frank Latta; Mary & Gus Staahl; and Andy Giddings. She is also survived by her older siblings Jack (Peg) Faber, Joann (Gary) Schuler, Judy Rassier, and Prakash's siblings, along with their families. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, Ron Rassier.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of Jane's favorite organizations in her memory: The New Life Center, Heart -n-Soul Community Cafe, The Fargo Theatre, and 4 Luv of Dog Rescue.

Jane/Ma, this loss feels insurmountable. Please watch over us as we navigate this new life. This sucks.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# JANE MATHEW

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 PM Saturday, December 20, 2025

First Presbyterian Church

Fargo, North Dakota

Pastor Mary Holtey, **Officiating**

Elliot Sander, **Accompanist**

Rilo Simmons "granddaughter", **Cellist**

"O Holy Night"

Jeff Olson, **Vocals**

"No More Night"

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Amazing Grace" #649

"Joy to the World" #134

## RECEPTION

Jane's the family is hosting a celebration after the funeral service from 4:00-7:00 PM at

RiverHaven Events Center in Moorhead, MN.

(700 1st Ave N, Moorhead, MN)

Appetizers will be served with a cash bar available.

Bring your dancing shoes!

## FINAL RESTING PLACE

Riverside Cemetery at a later date

Fargo, North Dakota

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