



Jennifer Lorenz

June 25, 2025

Jennifer Lorenz, 57, passed away unexpectedly in West Toledo on Wednesday, June 25, leaving behind a world a little less colorful without her shining presence.

Born in Ann Arbor and raised in Detroit and then Toledo, Jennifer was a proud graduate of DeVilbiss High School who carried the spirit of her Midwest roots wherever her adventurous heart led her. As a young adult, she lived briefly New York, then moved to her beloved San Francisco for 17 years before returning to Toledo for a life filled with family and old and new friends.

Jennifer possessed a rare combination of quirky coolness and genuine warmth that drew people in. Her emotions lived at the surface, and she approached life with an open-hearted authenticity and strength of personality.

She was known for her devotion to rock icons like Freddie Mercury and David Bowie while also keeping up with new music, frequenting live shows and making music the soundtrack for her life. She embraced all animals, volunteering and then working at the SPCA in San Francisco, running her own dog grooming business, and always having beloved cats at home.

Her professional work was varied; in addition to her work with animals, she

served as a bank teller, a bookstore clerk at Owens Community College, and recently brought her flair for drama to life with Murder Incorporated dinner theater.

She is survived by her beloved partner James Pheatt and his loving family, who embraced Jennifer as their own; her brother Jeffrey Lorenz, his wife Nancy and family including Jennifer's cherished niece Kathy Lorenz. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerry Lorenz and Carol (Borgeson) Lorenz.

Rock on and peace out, Jennifer. Your flame shines eternal.

Friends are invited to visit on Tuesday, July 1 from 5:00pm to 8:00 p.m. at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 11:00am Wednesday, July 2 at Gesu Catholic Church, where friends will be received after 10:00am. In lieu of flowers please donate to your local humane society. Condolences for Jennifer's family may be expressed online at

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM (ET)

Gesu Catholic Church
2049 Parkside Blvd.
Toledo, OH 43607

Mass of the Resurrection

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gesu Catholic Church
2049 Parkside Blvd.
Toledo, OH 43607

Tribute Wall

DB

“ My husband and I were so shocked to hear that our niece Jen had passed away so unexpectedly. What a delightful visit we had with her and James at our cottage reunion last summer. It is obvious that she had many friends and relatives who will miss her greatly. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to James and everyone else who loved her.

DAVID/CHARLENE BORGESON - July 08, 2025 at 02:52 PM

RJ

“ So sad to hear this news. Jennifer was a sweet happy soul and she was full of fun and love. Her final performance with the mystery company as the Pirate Princess Sonia was thrilling, stunning, and perfectly hilarious! I will miss her energy and working with her dearly! Much love to all who loved her ☐

Rosilyn Jentner - July 01, 2025 at 08:47 AM

SC

“ Such a sad surprise to lose Jen. She was a bit of a hippy bohemian who loved her music. I loved singing The B52s Dance this mess around with Jen. Jimmy was a nice complement to Jen's now and again zaniness. It was nice to being invited to swim in their pool. Stay groovy and colourful girl! Love you! Scott and Sid



Scott - June 30, 2025 at 10:08 PM



“ Jennifer and I have know each other for many year through mutual friends. Our friendship has grown over the years to a point in time where I can truly call her my sister. I'll miss her greatly.



Valerie Pfister - June 30, 2025 at 03:47 PM



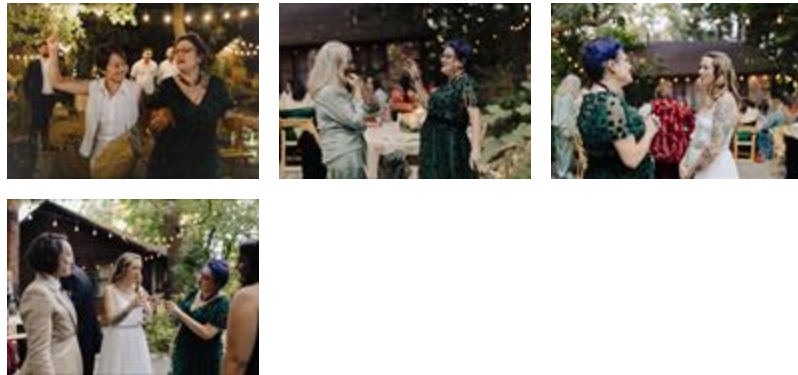
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Rachel Clark - June 30, 2025 at 12:04 PM



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Katherine Lorenz - June 29, 2025 at 10:23 PM

LH

“ My husband Brad and I were so happy that we got to meet Jim and to get together with he and Jennifer for a night out for wonderful dinner last summer and to spend time together at our Aunt Charlene and Uncle Dave’s cottage for a family reunion and fish fry on such a beautiful day! Everyone had so much fun looking at pictures of the family and had fun reminiscing about the good ole’ days and of the fond memories that we all have of growing up together, and especially the 2 weeks we all spent every summer in July at the Twin Lake cottages that Grandma and Grandpa Borgeson would rent for a number of years. Our sincere condolences to Jim and family, and to our cousin Jeff and family. We are so very sorry for your loss. Rest easy cousin Jennifer, we all love and will miss you, and your “bright light” will continue to shine on for eternity. The Sowa and Hilt families



Lorie Hilt - June 29, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ Last summer we were blessed to be able to reunite with Jennifer (and Jim) during a Borgeson family reunion on Lake Michigan. Her Aunt and Uncle Charlene and Dave Borgeson and many of her cousins were so delighted to get together. We are all so happy we did that. I know it meant a lot to her and we all are so thankful to enjoy her presence one last time. She will be missed. Jim, we are so sorry for your loss.



Marla Mohr - June 29, 2025 at 08:02 PM

SS

“ One of the best people I have ever known in my entire life. She was truly a wonderful person, full of kindness, warmth and light. Her presence made the world a better place and she will be so very missed by so many. With my heartfelt sympathy and prayers to her family, friends and all her loved ones during this difficult time.

Scott Snyder - June 29, 2025 at 06:09 PM

JH

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Joanne Holland - June 29, 2025 at 04:13 PM

JL

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Jeffrey Lorenz - June 29, 2025 at 12:48 PM

DK

“ I've never read a more fitting obituary... she was unique for sure... my thoughts and prayers especially for Jim and his beloved family... may Jennifer rest in peace.

Donna J King - June 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM

JS

“ *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Much Love, John

John Stockwell - June 28, 2025 at 07:24 PM