

JAN L. (KNETTER) WENDTLAND

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1978

After graduating from Edgar High School in 1978, Jan and her husband Larry began raising their family in the Edgar area. One of few non-traditional students at the time, Jan began her college career at University Wisconsin Marathon County in 1985 and graduated from University of Wisconsin Eau Claire in 1991 where she earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration Degree in accounting, driving every day from Edgar to Eau Claire for 2 years to achieve this goal.

Jan worked in accounting and finance in the auto industry before founding Rolling Thunder, Inc, a flatbed and specialty trucking company with Larry in 1997. She was the company's dispatcher and office administrator until its retirement in 2013. Simultaneously, Jan was also Clerk of the Town of Rib Falls from 2000-2015. In 2010 Jan became involved in Never Forgotten Honor Flight, and organization whose mission it is to fly area WWII, Korean and Vietnam Era veterans to Washington DC through the generosity of area businesses, a civic groups and individuals to see memorials that stand in honor of their service to our great nation. Jan has risen through the ranks to become Vice President of Operations on the Executive Board of Directors in 2013, making her responsible for details in the Central WI area, such as refining detailed paperwork, coordinating the preflight dinner, arranging for required transportation and specialized care for veteran's distinct needs, all while keeping the family, Honor Flight personnel and care facilities informed. Jan also creates an embroidered quilt commemorating every flight with each veteran's unit, company or ship listed under their respective branch of service. While not a member herself, Jan has a deep respect and appreciation for our nation's military and the freedoms and liberties they have afforded all Of us. In 2011, through the generosity of a local community and area craftswomen, Jan initiated a quilt raffle that has raised over \$18,000 for Never Forgotten Honor Flight, Circle of Joy and Man of Honor Society of Marathon County. Jan is also employed part-time as an accountant at a local manufacturing plant in addition to growing ginseng with her husband Larry.

Jan has three children, Michael (1979-1996), Richard (1980-2005) and Misti, and resides in the Edgar area with her husband Larry.