



Janice Lee Reckard (Thorpe)

November 29, 1939 - November 7, 2019

Janice Lee Reckard (Thorpe) was born on November 29th, 1939 in Brier Hill, Pennsylvania, and went home to be with her Lord and Savior on November 7th, 2019. Jan grew up in Uniontown, Pennsylvania and graduated from North Union High School - Class of '57 - where she met the love of her life, James D. Reckard. They were married on September 6th, 1958 and this year celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

Jim and Jan raised their family in McDonald, Ohio. Jan was the consummate mother and homemaker. She had a flair for decorating and fashion and created wonderful meals and holiday memories. In addition to being an amazing mother, Jan worked alongside her husband Jim to build a successful State Farm Insurance agency in Niles, Ohio. In 1991, a promotion took the couple to the Centerville/Dayton area. There, Jan immersed herself in the community and their home became a gathering place for friends and fellowship.

Throughout her life Jan loved to travel, and with her husband and family, she saw the world. Her favorite journey took her to the Holy Land where she "walked where Jesus walked."

Retirement brought pleasurable years in Sarasota, Florida, where Jan pursued her many interests and made treasured friends. She loved reading,

crossword puzzles, walking the beach, Broadway musicals, helping the homeless and doting on her beloved dog Bella but her greatest passion was for God's word. She was actively involved in several bible studies, serving the Lord for many years as a leader in BSF International (Dayton, Ohio) and as a class administrator of Community Bible Study (Sarasota). She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Sarasota.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Jim Reckard; her children, Cari Fallen (Howard Akey), Shari Ellis (Larry) and Jason Reckard (Kerry); her brother Robert Thorpe and many nieces and nephews. "Nana" will be dearly missed by her seven grandchildren, Lauren Ellis, James Fallen (Amy), Abby, Jared (Haley Garris), Jacob, Emily and Jack Reckard.

A celebration of Jan's life will be held on January 18th at 1:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Sarasota 1661 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34236
Memorial contributions can be made to First Baptist Church or online at <https://www.FirstSarasota.org>

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Dear Jim, Cari, Shari, Jason, and Families

Please accept my condolences on the passing of Jan. Though she and I have not seen each other in thirty-five years or so, I am guessing, I was saddened to see the news about her. That was a very nice picture of her in our paper, and the tribute made it evident that she had a life full of love, great experiences, and fulfillment. Prayers go out to all of you as you work through what is needed to go on forward yourselves. God bless.

Sincerely

Jim Krumpak

Jim Krumpak - November 19, 2019 at 08:03 AM

JM

“ Jason and Kerry, so sorry to see the paper showing your loss. My sincerest condolences. Prayers and love to your family

Jill Miner - November 18, 2019 at 01:53 PM

CC

“ So very sorry to hear of your lovely wife's passing .please take comfort in all the wonderful years you had together.....carmen Choidy.

Carmen CHIODY - November 18, 2019 at 10:09 AM

BP

“ Jason and Jim Reckerd and family, so sorry to hear about the passing of Jan. Our mom, Mary Jane, loved working for you many years ago in Niles and always talked about you and Jan fondly. You were always good to her. May your memories of you wonderful life with Jan comfort you.

Stephanie Pozega & Barbara Patrick

Barbara Patrick - November 17, 2019 at 09:43 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. Sid Horner

Sidney Horner - November 17, 2019 at 09:39 PM

DH

“ Jim and family,
So very sorry to hear about your loss, she was a wonderful, sweet and caring lady!! I still remember the times when the Digga family would come out to Ohio and we would all come over to your house and visit....Jan was the perfect hostess! She will be sadly missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this trying time!

Chuck & Debbie (Szepessy) Hart

Debbie Hart - November 15, 2019 at 07:05 PM