



Janie Rose Martin

July 15, 1951 - September 14, 2020

Our beloved Janie passed away on September 14, 2020 in Garland, TX, after a brave battle with cancer. She was born July 15, 1951 to parents Fred B. Ray and Gertrude Irene Taylor in Odessa, TX.

Janie was preceded in death by her father and mother; her husband, Kerry; and her daughter, Diana Rose.

She is survived by her daughter, Kara and husband, Kevin; her grandson and light of her life, Knox; brother, Fred Ray and wife, Sharon of Granbury, TX; sister, Gwen LaCroix of Garland, TX; and brother-in-law, Robert LaCroix of Rowlett, TX. She is also survived by countless family and friends who will miss her greatly.

Janie was a proud graduate of Permian High School in Odessa, TX. After graduating she moved to Dallas, where she met Kerry. They lived and worked for a short time in Alexandria, VA, where their favorite pastime was cheering and screaming for the Dallas Cowboys. (Much to the annoyance of the neighbors in their apartment building.)

When they returned to Dallas, Janie worked at Nelson International, and later for Eckerd. After becoming a mom she chose to stay at home, and continued enjoying her hobbies such as playing cards and pinball, working crossword puzzles, growing beautiful plants and flowers, making ceramics, keeping up with Days of Our Lives (she watched it from day one), and ensuring that every bird and squirrel in her yard would have something good to eat.

Spending time with Janie meant that you were having fun, as in laugh-until-your-sides-are-hurting fun. If there was music playing, she was probably dancing. If friends came over, she made enough of her famous tacos to feed a small army. And if somebody needed help, she was there, whether it was volunteering in the office at Hickman Elementary, attending a PTA meeting, or listening to somebody who needed to be heard. Later in life, she loved serving alongside her friends at American Legion Post 368. After her grandson

was born, Janie fully embraced her new title of “Nana.” She would travel to see him and help care for him almost every week, and loved soaking up every minute of their time together.

Janie never met a stranger in her life. You could always count on her to find the humor in any situation. And while she was fine with dressing up and going out for a fancy dinner, she was just as happy (or maybe even happier) when she was tubing down the San Marcos river, having nachos at the Rangers game, or sharing a turkey leg with friends next to Big Tex.

Janie Rose was a wonderful mother, sister, grandmother and friend. We loved her real big, and she will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be held Sunday, September 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas; a graveside service will take place Monday, September 21, at 11 a.m.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Restland Funeral Home

13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

SEP **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ One of my favorite memories was staying up til all hours to cheer and watch the Stars win the Stanley Cup. Janie was a huge sports fan and we spent many an hour watching the Cowboys win Super Bowls (made some babies cry). She and Kerry were huge Rangers fans. Went many times with them to the stadium. She would have loved the Cowboys 40-39 win. Rest In Peace my friend. Love you.

Richard Mussett - September 21, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ Janie was always so full of life and laughter and her face was always brighter when she was talking about her grandson Knox he was her pride and joy



Judy Estridge - September 20, 2020 at 05:19 PM



“ Leslie LaCroix sent a virtual gift in memory of Janie Rose Martin



Leslie LaCroix - September 20, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Gwen LaCroix sent a virtual gift in memory of Janie Rose Martin



Gwen LaCroix - September 20, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Gwen LaCroix sent a virtual gift in memory of Janie Rose Martin



Gwen LaCroix - September 20, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Gwen LaCroix lit a candle in memory of Janie Rose Martin



Gwen LaCroix - September 20, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janie Rose Martin.



September 20, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Janie Rose Martin.



September 19, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ My prayers are with all of our family and friends. She loved all of you. We will see her someday in Heaven. She's up there laughing and watching over all of us. Gwen

Gwen LaCroix - September 19, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Janie. There is so much I want to write. It's not easy. Thank you for being my big Sis. Thanks for teaching me everything about laughing, cooking, God, and memories about my Bowling a perfect game. I was too young to keep score. And how proud you were of me. You said everybody gathered around and was so quite. It's not about me but you knew me so well. Thanks for listening and letting me be there to take care of you. And thanks for letting Robert and Leslie come by and help. I understand why you kept a small group around. You wanted everybody to remember you like you were. I'm glad I got to be here every night and say Goodnight Sissy. God Bless you and feel better and call me if you need me. Thanks for giving me Cheese. I'll take good care of her you know. I'm glad you're up there laughing with Nanny and Daddy. And Kerry and Diana Rose and all the angels. We'll see you when we get to Heaven. I can't wait. Hope I didn't forget anything. You know how much I talk when I get going. I love you Sissy. Love you Gwen and all my nicknames you gave me. Thank you for being my wonderful, beautiful, smart, kind, and funloving Sis. Thanks for my hilarious and fun nicknames and fun times. You were hilarious and always got my mind off things and got me going.

Gwen LaCroix - September 19, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ Gwen LaCroix sent a virtual gift in memory of Janie Rose Martin



Gwen LaCroix - September 19, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ Gwen LaCroix lit a candle in memory of Janie Rose Martin



Gwen LaCroix - September 19, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janie Rose Martin.



September 19, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Janie I loved you so much ... And if only you would had let me tell u one more time and now I'll never get the chance and I'm sorry for any hurt and pain I ever caused I love you you always made me happy ... I couldn't wait to see y'all when I was little.... I love u and I'm gonna miss you

Amanda Mitchell - September 18, 2020 at 01:57 AM