



Jan Shivers

July 18, 1942 - May 4, 2023

JAN SHIVERS

Janet “Jan” Shivers passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the age of 80 in Versailles Missouri. She was born in Wakefield Kansas to Edward and Ruth (Stacy) Lewis. She has lived in Colorado, Kansas, California, and Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Elaine Henry.

She is survived by daughters, Michelle (Michael) Pierson, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Kathryn (Christopher) Sandoli, Rocky Mount, Missouri; grandchildren, Devon Saxbury, Melissa Horn, Montgomery Pierson, and Mason Pierson, and great-grandchildren, Gentry Laughlin, Summer Horn, and Hailey Horn; sister, Evelyn (Ronald) Starr, Jefferson City , Missouri; brothers, Duane Lewis, Abilene, Kansas, Stanley (Betty) Lewis, Chapman, Kansas, and Herschel (Jeannine) Lewis, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and brother-in-law, Darrell Henry, St. George, Kansas.

Cremation was chosen with private family services to be held at a later date.

Now that we covered the statistical information, let’s talk about Jan.

Jan was a legendary mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, piano player,

cook, gardener, seamstress, crafter, golfer, snow skier, and enjoyed fishing. When she entered the gates of heaven, we are certain she gave her parents and sister a big hug, and then ran to her dog Duke. Duke was Jan's best friend and companion.

Jan grew up in Industry Kansas on a farm with her loving parents and five siblings. She attended Kansas State University and was an administrative assistant for various companies throughout her career but really enjoyed working for St. Johns Military School in Salina Kansas and working with the kids. When she retired, some cadets at the school gave her a military dressed bear which became a staple in her home décor. That bear gave her so much pride and joy. The family will continue to love the bear in our home.

She traveled the world, worked hard, played hard, and filled the hearts of her family with love, compassion, care, good cooking, planned family get togethers over the holidays and summers, long talks, helping her kids through life lessons and sharing evening cocktails on the deck with a beautiful view of her fruit orchard, vegetable and flower gardens. She is greatly missed by her family but her legacy will live forever in our hearts and in our family.

If you wish to make a memorial contribution, the family encourages people to plant a tree, or flowers in her memory. There is also a direct line open to heaven. Feel free to call her through prayer.

Cremation arrangements are under the care and direction of Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ Aunt Jan, was the best, one of my favorite memories was when I was really little and we all celebrated at Grandma and Grandpa's for Christmas. I over did it with the Cashew Nuts and got really sick that next day. Grandma was making her typically to many pancakes for all of us to eat. Aunt Jan could tell I was not feeling well and picked me up and put me on her lap at the table. I then ended up vomiting on her pancakes and she didn't miss a beat, she continued to hold me and comfort me when I was not feeling well. Thank Goodness she was a huge part in so many peoples lives.

Greg Starr - October 16, 2023 at 08:34 PM

JF

“ Jan was a shining star when she served as my assistant at St. John's Military School. She was loved by the staff and the cadets. She became a close friend to us. We missed her very much when we left St. John's. We are so very sorry her families loss. We know her last years were difficult but she never complained. She was always so proud of her children and grandchildren.

Marvine and Jack Fox

Jack Fox - May 31, 2023 at 06:50 PM

MI

“ Happy Mothers Day Mom.

Thank you for being my mom.

The day I had surgery when I was 4 you never left me and slept in the most uncomfortable chair ever invented. Just like you never left Kathy at her time of need in the hospital.

A day in Colorado can start with favorable weather and turn to snow. Thank you mom for meeting me at the end of the long lane with a blanket and held me close as we walked back to the house Mom and dad discovered this small lake above Carter lake and started to have picnics often. Mom would plan these elaborate picnics and made it a family tradition. She fried the best chicken, potatoe salad, fruit, brownies and always made sure that she brought bread so we could feed the duck

She convinced us that it was the same duck every year whi came back to see us.

Growing up with Mom flower beds and gardens is essential. You enjoyed the growth of the flowers and learned to can and freeze what you produced in your garden. Thank you mom for teaching me how to can and freeze what I grow each season. I now understand the satisfaction you feel each time you add fresh produce to your freezer or a jar of fresh veggies to your pantry.

Mom Thank you for never missing any of my piano recitals, band concerts, clarinet solos, basketball games and cheerleaders events. Mom Thank you for sending me a letter everyday when I was at girl scout camp in the 4th grade.

Mom, thank you for instilling the great traditions for each holiday throughout the year. Christmas was always your favorite as it is mine. You loved baking cookies and candy as do I now because of you. I have found the traditions you had for us I had to continue when I had my own family.

Mom Thank you for raising us by instilling that you work hard you can achieve anything in life.

I love you mom. God has accepted you into his capable hands. You are happily walking, can see to sew,knit or what ever you want to do

*and but not least you can be forever with Duke your favorite dog.
Rest in peace mom. Your daughter Michelle*

Michelle - May 14, 2023 at 07:00 PM

TF

“ *To Jan's family and friends,*

I am so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. She was one of a kind! I worked with her at St. John's Military School in Salina, Kansas. The kids trusted her and were often seen in her office for companionship and advice. I will never forget . . . she used to get on the school intercom and shout "Who Let The Dogs Out?" She even did the "Woof, Woof, Woof . . . Woof, Woof" part. She was so much fun and a true gem of a lady. She made an impact on all of us at SJMS with her smile, positive attitude, generosity, and humor. She will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to you all.

*Tricia Seltman Friesen
Spanish/French Teacher
1995-2003*

Tricia Friesen - May 13, 2023 at 10:46 PM

DE

“ Grandma,
What a woman. One of the strongest, most hard headed, most loyal and loving woman I have been blessed to love and be loved by. So many memories have been shared with grandma that I will carry with me forever.

Her garden of veggies and beautiful flower beds. Her pure hatred of snakes. Canning. Cooking more food than anyone could eat. Watching the night sky on the deck. Summer visits. New Year's Eve family gatherings. Her love of NASA. Watcher her play her piano. Listening to her share her stories of growing up with her siblings...

I could go on.

She was an incredible human and she will be missed. SSDD

Devon
Granddaughter

Devon - May 11, 2023 at 06:21 PM

MH

“ I have so many wonderful memories of my grandma and I will cherish every second I had with her. Picking bing and pie cherries were one of my favorite things and she knew it. We always had many laughs together when I visited over my summer breaks. Lots of fish fry's with family, sitting on the deck watching storms in the distance and picking and eating yummy food from the garden. She was an amazing strong women that I will always look up to and strive to be more like her in many ways. I love you grandma and I will miss you! SSDD

Melissa Horn - May 11, 2023 at 05:25 PM

KS

“ Post-1. Wonderful life-memories with my Mom by Kathy (youngest daughter)

****Don Julio Classic****

My Mom continued family traditions where the family would come back to her house every year around Christmas. She cooked a prime rib roast, many side dishes and apple pie. This was the standard every year. Trust me, I am not complaining. It was great food and my Mom was a great cook. In the year of 2008, my parents took a trip to Acapulco Mexico where they drank Don Julio Tequila. My goodness, they thought that was the greatest thing since sliced bread (just kidding, but by comparison to cheaper tequilas they had drank). They brought a bottle home to Kansas and saved for a special occasion because it was expensive. Our Christmas of 2008 family get-together is where the Don Julio Classic begun. After we had dinner one night, we all descended to the basement and started playing air hockey. That's right. My parents had an air hockey game that made crowd noises and kept score. After playing for a while, teams were formed, scores were calculated and the Don Julio Tequila was un-corked. Oh my goodness. Some people took shots of the tequila and others had it mixed. Needless to say, we continued to play air hockey in the basement, drinking Don Julio tequila until late at night as a family. We had so much fun that we named our experience "The Don Julio Classic". After doing this for several years in a row, we ended up with a collection of home made trophies and t-shirts. The best reward of all....our memories.

Kathryn Sandoli - May 11, 2023 at 10:09 AM

DH

“ I met Jan when we both worked at Van Camp Seafood Company (Chicken of the Sea tuna) in San Diego in the early 1980's. We became good friends due in part to the fact that I was from a family of three boys, and Jan became like a sister to me. We've remained friends over all these years and many miles apart, but all my communications with her began with "Dear Sis." I am grateful for this summary of her life. There was so much I didn't know about her because she never tooted her own horn. Jan was a great lady. The world is a lonelier place, and I will miss her friendship. Douglas Howe, Reno, NV

Douglas Howe - May 11, 2023 at 08:53 AM

MI

Thank you.

Michelle - May 15, 2023 at 08:21 PM

JL

“ Christmas with the Lewis family was always a lot of fun, entertainment and lots of laughs and food. Jan never let grass grow under her feet. She was a go getter and definitely made an impact on us all. Memories of one particular Christmas comes to mind. We were roasting a whole hog and making a sauce for the meat late one night. The recipe started out in a good way, but something got lost along the way and between the laughing, and alcohol it became a source of much, much more. It was a wonderful night of fun for all.

Jeannine Lewis - May 09, 2023 at 10:02 PM