



Janell Walters

July 27, 1941 - April 14, 2018

Margaret Janell (Jones) Walters, daughter of Laborn Lavern Jones and Agnes Ada (Pitts) Jones, was born July 27, 1941 in Lebanon, MO. Janell grew up and attended school in the Grovespring and Lebanon areas.

As a young girl, Janell had a special spirit. She strived to please and always wanted everyone to love her. She was a true perfectionist. At an early age, she began singing at her father's churches and many revivals. Janell loved to sing and praise the Lord. She was baptized twice; once in the Baptistery and her proudest moment, being baptized in the river. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, where she taught Sunday school and as a Deacon's wife, supported many church activities. Janell was the epitome of a true Virtuous Woman.

On many different occasions, Janell started noticing a wiry young man, Bill Walters. First, at the service station her dad traded at and then at the skating rink. He seemed to be everywhere she went. When they finally struck up a conversation, it started a courtship and marriage, which lasted more than 62 years. Janell and Bill were united in marriage on June 2, 1956. They had one son, Randy. Although, Janell thought Randy hung the moon, when the doctor announced she had a boy she said, "I want a girl. Put it back!" When Randy was very young, he showed an interest in playing baseball. She spent many hours in the yard with a baseball glove on "working him out" until he threw

hard enough to break the blood vessels in her hand. One of her favorite things to do was watching his many sports activities and traveling to his ball games.

Janell finally got the girl she always wanted when Randy married his high school sweetheart, Cindy. Cindy was truly the daughter she always wanted and her best friend. Her blessings continued with the addition of her two beautiful granddaughters, Sarah and Whitney, and later with her two great-grandchildren, Kinslee and Camden.

To say Janell had many talents is an understatement. She was successful at each and every endeavor. She began her working career as a beautician at Empress Beauty Shop in Lebanon. While there, she met Faye McElroy. That meeting grew into a long musical duo, the "Gospel-Ettes." Janell and Faye sang all over the country, including churches, state fairs, weddings, funerals, and other community events. They also appeared on "The Slim Wilson Show." Janell and Faye recorded three albums, one in Nashville where some of Elvis Presley's musicians provided the accompaniment.

Janell studied and trained to be an EMT and co-owned AAA Ambulance Company in Laclede County. She worked as a nurse for Dr. Dennis Hite at the Harwood Clinic and later as the plant nurse at H.D. Lee in Lebanon. In March of 1981, Janell and Bill invested their life savings in a new calling, Waynesville Memorial Chapel. They worked tirelessly to earn the trust and confidence of the families in the Waynesville/St. Robert/ Ft. Leonard Wood area. She was an active member of Lebanon and Waynesville/St. Robert Chamber of Commerce. She loved the fellowship of the BPW ladies. She spoke of many wonderful memories while traveling to different events with "the girls."

There were many hobbies Janell enjoyed. She loved singing gospel music, going on Lebanon Antique Car Club trips, especially to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Baseball fan. She watched

faithfully from start to finish and many times watched the replay the following day. Most of all, Janell looked forward to trips to Branson and Silver Dollar City in the RV with her beloved granddaughters, Sarah and Whitney.

On the afternoon of April 14, 2018, Janell went home to be with her Lord surrounded by her loving family while under Hospice Care at Elfindale Manor Skilled Care facility in Springfield, MO, at the age of 76 years, 8 months and 17 days. It was only fitting that the Gospel-Ettes was playing in the background and the Cardinals were winning their game.

Janell is survived by her loving husband, Bill of the home; her son, Randy Walters and his wife, Cindy of Springfield; two granddaughters, Sarah Mitchell, her husband, Matt and their daughter, Kinslee of Lee's Summit, and Whitney Smith, her husband, Daniel and their son, Camden of Springfield; her brother, Lavon Jones and his wife, Vicky of Kansas City; aunt, Kay Light and her husband, Carl of Lebanon; uncle, Clifford Pitts and his wife, Alene of Lebanon; sister-in-law, Rosemary Hull and her husband, Carl of Clinton; brother-in-law, Russell Walters of Lebanon; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews along with many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ada; father: Lavern; brothers: Lavell and Dean Jones; sister: Janice Hurt and very dear friends: Don and Dorothy Reeves.

To the doctors, nurses and staff on the 4th floor B and C Halls, and 3rd floor A Hall at Mercy Hospital in Springfield; Haven Home Health Care and Therapy of Ozark; everyone at Elfindale Manor Skilled Care in Springfield and Compassus Hospice in Springfield – you have our eternal love and gratitude.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 20 in Memorial Chapels and

Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Baptist Church of Waynesville.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
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Service

APR 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Waynesville, MO 65583
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Janell Walters*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 26, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ *Janell Walters*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Marilyn Raines Troutman sent a virtual gift in memory of Janell Walters*



Marilyn Raines Troutman - April 25, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ *Sorry for your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

Charley and Joyce Fritts - April 20, 2018 at 03:05 PM

BW

“ We will always remember Janell as such a beautiful and gracious lady. After dealing with she and Bill professionally, they always made us feel like family. Our prayers to her family. Fred and Becky Wood

Becky Wood - April 20, 2018 at 08:59 AM

MM

“ Michael & Crystal Mosier sent a virtual gift in memory of Janell Walters



Michael & Crystal Mosier - April 19, 2018 at 01:04 PM

RY

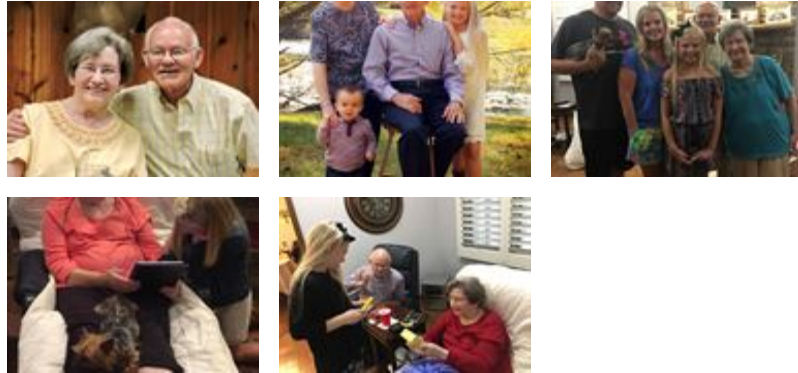
“ What a wonderful and full life !



Roy and Janet York - April 19, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 19, 2018 at 09:07 AM

BS

*Bill, Randy and family so sorry to hear about Janell, know that your have our thoughts and prayers...
Brian and Jennifer Simmons*

Brian Simmons - April 19, 2018 at 11:30 AM

DM

“ *Debby Myyers sent a virtual gift in memory of
Janell Walters*



Debby Myyers - April 18, 2018 at 09:33 PM

BN

“ *Bill, Randy, Cindy*
I am so sorry for your loss. It is so very difficult to say good bye when you love someone so much. Our comfort is that we all know she is so happy in God's presence. She loved you so much. I cherish the time we all spent together so many years ago. You all have always been dear to me.
Bob North

Bob North - April 18, 2018 at 06:38 PM

EC

“ *Ernest-marianne Cole lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



ernest-marianne cole - April 18, 2018 at 02:36 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



linda cole-schonbok - April 18, 2018 at 02:35 PM

NW

“ *Bill and family, my sincere sympathy. Praying for you for now and the days ahead.*
Norma Woosley.

Norma Woosley - April 18, 2018 at 09:44 AM

MM

“ I'll always remember Janell's kindness with those who had lost loved ones. May her family be given the same consideration. God bless. Mary Morgan

Mary Morgan - April 17, 2018 at 10:32 PM

DA

“ I am so sadden to hear this news. Janelle was a special person, who always had kind words to say. A very special lady. Prayers for all



Debra Adkins - April 17, 2018 at 10:04 PM

TW

“ Theresa Siperko Walker lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters



Theresa Siperko Walker - April 17, 2018 at 08:49 PM

LW

“ Linda Walters Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters



Linda Walters Wheeler - April 17, 2018 at 08:36 PM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family were great assets to our community, loving and caring for all.

Beverly Rasmussen - April 17, 2018 at 05:54 AM

SD

“ Sheila Debo lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters



Sheila Debo - April 17, 2018 at 05:39 AM

DH

“ Dave Hasik lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters



Dave Hasik - April 16, 2018 at 10:15 PM

JW

“ Jerry And Suzanne Wauthier lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters



Jerry and Suzanne Wauthier - April 16, 2018 at 09:59 PM

PW

“ *Janell was such a lovely lady!!! She always had a smile for you when you saw her. I feel very honored to have known her. She will be missed by her family and friends. Rest in peace my dear sweet friend and cousin. It was such a blessing to have been a part of your family.*

Paula Walters - April 16, 2018 at 09:14 PM

LC

“ *Linda And Grant Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Janell Walters*



Linda and Grant Cox - April 16, 2018 at 07:57 PM

LH

“ *I am glad that Janell was my friend and to all who knew her. She and Bill gave much to our community.*

Luge Hardman - April 16, 2018 at 07:21 PM

CG

“ *Cheryl Garzelli lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



Cheryl Garzelli - April 16, 2018 at 05:55 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Janell Walters*



Pamela Cox - April 16, 2018 at 04:51 PM

JW

“ *Jan Williams lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



Jan Williams - April 16, 2018 at 04:30 PM

MW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Our prayers continue for strength and peace throughout these difficult days. She was a beautiful soul, and she will be missed.*

Martin and Georgia White - April 16, 2018 at 01:31 PM

JM

“ *Walters Family,*

Sorry for your loss. Sympathy & condolences for all the family members.

Joe Majerak

Joe Majerak - April 16, 2018 at 12:07 PM

AM

So sorry for your loss..she was a fine lady...prayers and hugs for all the family....
Anita Miller

Anita Miller - April 16, 2018 at 08:29 PM



Bill and family: Janell was a fine lady and I am so sorry for your loss!

Frank Livingston - April 17, 2018 at 04:11 PM

DR

So very sorry to hear of your loss. Janell was very special to me so many years ago and has always held a place in my heart. Love and hugs to all the family.

Dalene (Broyles) Reagan - April 17, 2018 at 09:40 PM

MS

“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



Marge Scott - April 16, 2018 at 12:02 PM

CL

“ *Chuck Lynn lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



Chuck Lynn - April 16, 2018 at 11:20 AM

JW

“ *Judith Woody lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



Judith Woody - April 16, 2018 at 11:11 AM

DL

“ *Dr. CARL LARSON lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



Dr. CARL LARSON - April 16, 2018 at 11:06 AM

BO

“ *Miss Janell will always be fondly missed. She was a lovely person inside and out. We are truly sorry for the heartbreak her loving family is having to bear at this time. However, we know God's grace will abound, and His love will sustain each one of you through the difficult days ahead. You have our deepest condolences. God bless you all.*



Barry & Cheryl Oursbourn - April 16, 2018 at 10:37 AM

SJ

“ *Steve & Bonita Jones lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



Steve & Bonita Jones - April 16, 2018 at 09:59 AM

DL

“ *Dr. CARL LARSON lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



Dr. CARL LARSON - April 16, 2018 at 09:26 AM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



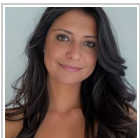
Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 16, 2018 at 09:16 AM

TL

“ *THE LOFTONS lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters*



THE LOFTONS - April 16, 2018 at 03:53 AM



“ *Bill, I'm so sorry for the loss of Janell. I'll be keeping you and your family in my prayers.*

Brandy West Jones - April 16, 2018 at 12:28 AM

JG

“ I worked for the family in Waynesville and she was one of best lady's I ever worked for. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Jerry Green - April 15, 2018 at 11:19 PM

JM

“ My love and prayers are with Bill, Randy, and each of the family.....my life was blessed to have this beautiful friend..... Janice Whipple

Janice Whipple. Lebanon, Mo - April 15, 2018 at 08:59 PM

BS

“ So very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Billy & Peggy Starnes - April 15, 2018 at 07:17 PM

SJ

“ Steve & Bonita Jones lit a candle in memory of Janell Walters



Steve & Bonita Jones - April 15, 2018 at 06:48 PM

CB

“ *Janell was a dear and close friend in days past and through The years. Such a beautiful lady who showed the Love of Jesus. At home with Him now and No pain. So sorry for your loss as well as ours.*

*Love and prayers to You Bill, Randy, Cindy and all the family.
Sincerely, Clifford and Dorothy Brawley*

Clifford and Dorothy Brawley - April 15, 2018 at 06:36 PM