



Janice Greiner

July 27, 1943 - March 11, 2012

Janice Marie Greiner, 68, of Fort Collins, Colorado, was born July 27, 1943, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, to Bernard Edgar and Ruth Marie (Cox) Wolford. She passed away March 11, 2012 after a brief battle with cancer. Jan leaves behind her beloved son and daughter and their families: Michael and Kathryn Greiner, Rachel, Katie and Joshua; Jennifer and Jonathan Downs, Kara, Ava and Hannah; sister and brother-in-law Debbie and Richard Musante; niece Pam Wertz and nephew Tony Musante and their families. Jan was raised in Altoona, Pennsylvania, where she graduated from Altoona Catholic High School in 1961 and Seton Hill College, Greensburg, PA in 1965. She married her high school sweetheart, Eugene Donald Greiner, on February 12, 1966. They started their family in Savage, Maryland, and later moved to Elizabeth, Colorado in 1974. When not a stay-at-home mom, Jan taught elementary school and preschool, retiring from Hearts in Hand Child Development Center in 2011, where many knew her as Miss Jan. Jan loved her Savior Jesus, and the reminder of His promises with rainbows and butterflies. "Granny Janny" loved spending time with her grandchildren and enjoyed many fun traditions such as releasing "Happy Birthday Jesus" balloons on Christmas morning. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and left us with a sense of joy and peace as she is now on the cruise of her eternal life, the Love Boat, as she let the nurses know when receiving anti-nausea patches similar to those used aboard cruise ships. We would like to express our thanks to all the physicians and health care professionals who provided excellent and compassionate care during Jan's illness. A memorial service will be held on March 24th at 1:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover Street, with reception following.

Comments



“ I trully missed not seeing your mother all of these years. I was her uncle at two years old exactly, as my birthday is also July 27th.

Since we were only two years apart we played a lot together when we were kids. I used to walk to her home on 7th Avenue in Altoona to play with her and Debbie. I guess we were around 10 or 12 years of age.

Jan's dad, Bernard, is my brother. He passed away when I was 10, Janny 8 and Debbie 5. That was a rough time for everyone. Jan's mother, Marie, did a teriffic job in raising her two girls. They really turned out to be wonderful adults, as I am sure you know.

When Janny first went to college, her mother asked me to drive them over for move in day. I can still remember to this day how beautiful the day was and how excited your mom was to begin college. I made several more trips to either take Jan home or pick her up.

I also have some home movies of you and your mom Michael when you were just a baby. Your mom was leaving town so we went to say good by & I took some movies of the event.

My wife, Betty, also recalled visiting Marie, Jan & Deb at their apartment on 7th Avenue. She said we always took a six pack of pepsi to them. It was bottles in those days.

I could go on and on but I won't. I would love to meet all of you sometime. Your mother was so lucky to have such wonderful children and grandchildren, and of course her baby sister, Debbie.

God bless all of you. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Love,

Uncle Mike & Aunt Betty

Mike & Betty Wolford - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We both attended high school with Janice. She was a truly lovely person and always had a smile on her face. We were truly lucky to have known her. The best to her family and may God help you through the hard and and lonely days ahead.

Ken & Judy (Georgiana)Hatch - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Jan was a very neat lady who I got the pleasure to meet through working with her at Hearts In Hands.

God Bless your family at this time.
Brooke Raymond

Brooke Raymond - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ It's been many years since I saw Janny, but I enjoyed stories and updates from Debbie. I have heard only wonderful stories about her children and grandchildren, and I am happy that she was so blessed.

Judy Pierannunzio - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Jannie untimely passing my prayers to her family

Barbara (Greiner) Mignogna - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To Michael & family & Jenny & family - although I've never met you, I've heard so much about you from your Aunt Debbie and I know how very much your Mom loved each of you. I haven't seen your Mom for many years; but I have so many fond memories of her gentle & sweet disposition and beautiful smile. You are all in my daily prayers and I know your Mom will be guiding you from Heaven.

Barbara Stoehr - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ j an was a great person.she will be missed by all who knew her .

carol lewis - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Janny & I went to St. Mary's grade school together as well as B.G. High School. Although I have not seen her for 50 years, I remember her very sweet smile & lovely personality!!
Rest in His eternal peace, most dear lady.

Kathy (Buchanan) Walls - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jan was such an important part of our Hearts in Hand family. She touched the lives of many children and families during her 10 years at our school. She was a caring and compassionate person. Her wit and sense of humor always made the day brighter. We are proud to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. She will be missed.

Andrea Diaz - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jan was a wonderful mentor and friend. She was a very kind, funny, and inspiring lady who loved children and all her co-workers. She will be sadly missed by her Hearts In Hand family. Please let us know if there is anything we can do!

Angie - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our daughters, Zoe and Teagan, had Miss Jan as their pre-K teacher at Hearts in Hand. They had a great time learning and playing in her classroom. She was a loving and adept teacher.

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“ Our sympathy goes out to you, Michael and Jenny, and to your families. And especially to our dear friends, Dick and Debbie. I met Janny several times years ago. I think the last time was at Pam's wedding. She was a lot of fun and had such an infectious laugh. I am so glad I had the chance to meet her.

Bob & Posie - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ It seems only fitting that my youngest daughter is singing "Silent Night" in the background as I write this tribute. She keeps singing "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" and I know that Aunt Janny is at peace now and smiling down on us from Heaven. She is with my cherished Nanny and Grandfather that I never had the opportunity to meet. We will miss Aunt Janny's smile and infectious laugh. Even though it has been a long time since we have seen her in person, it is hard to forget how wonderful she was to be around. She was such a giving and caring person and would do anything for anyone she met. She touched so many lives while she was here with us on earth and I know that she will do the same from Heaven as we all remember her in the days and years to come. She was a good sister to my Mom and I know that she will carry on Aunt Janny's love and spirit with her always. Our thoughts and prayers are with my Mom and Dad and our cousins Michael and Jenny and their families. We love

you all so much.

Pam and Joe Wertz - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Greiner was always so sweet to us. We loved having her as a neighbor.

One year, we were supposed to go to Idaho for Thanksgiving, but we got snowed in. We didn't really have anything in the house, because we expected to be gone for a few days. The Greiner family brought us a feast! It was lovely!

Robin Livingston - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so deeply sorry. I was lucky enough to get to work with Miss Jan with the little kids in the Seed Co at the Vineyard. Every time I saw her I thought, "What a sweet, gentle, loving woman." She loved those babies so much and they loved her. It sounds like she is on her eternal cruise on the Love Boat. :) That made me smile. Love and prayers to you.

Leanne and TJ Scholand - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Miss Jan was a very special teacher to both Max & Kirk during their time at Hearts in Hand. We so appreciate the special care and commitment she had to the growth and development of children, and we feel grateful to have been touched by her caring and wonderful personality.

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“ time as separated Jan and I for now but WE put a plan in place the last time we talked together on the phone. Jan said to me, "Mary, I will be looking for you when you get home to heaven also and I want you to run toward me, not walk." she said, "We will both have new bodies and we will be able to run, walk, sing and shout with new strength for an eternity !! Jan continued: "I know you will see Jesus first but I will be right there with Him and will be part of your WELCOME HOME committee...we have that to look forward to my friend in Christ...I love you Mary." I miss you so much now Jan...walk slowly...I'm coming home too...soon!

Mary Mastin - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ It has to be at least 30 years since I've seen Janny. Something I regret, but distance was the main factor. I also regret that I have never met Janny's wonderful children and grandchildren, but fortunately, I was able to come to 'know' them through Jan's sister, Debbie. Debbie is not only my niece, but also my very dear and amazing friend. If Janny and her family had lived closer to us, I know that I would have had the honor of sharing and establishing an equally amazing and wonderful relationship with them, as I have with Deb and her family for all of these years. When Janny and her sister, Debbie, were little, I often 'baby sat' them. Their dad, Bernie,(my brother) picked me up at my parents home and took me to theirs so I could look after the girls. I was with them the night their dad, Bernie, died. He was only in his early 30's when he passed. I stayed with the girls and Marie, their mother, the rest of the night. What a sad night that was, as I could hear Marie crying softly in her room throughout the night. Janny and Debbie were too young at that time to really understand what was going on. It's comforting to me to know that Janny is now reunited with her Mom and Dad; once again in the loving arms of her parents. I pray that Jan's children and grandchildren, and Deb and her family will also be able to feel that same comfort. I believe that Janny is once again happy and at peace, and in a place where there is no pain, no suffering, and no sadness...only peace and love. God bless them and keep them in His care.

Yvonne (Wolford) Dinsel - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our Aunt Janny will truly be missed. Because of the distances between our families we did not get to see her as much as we liked. However, the past few years we have been fortunate enough to be able to visit with her, Michael, Kathy and the kids in Fort Collins. I am grateful for that time we were able to spend together. No matter the time apart Aunt Janny was always happy, positive and had something funny to add. It was also nice for us to get upbeat cards sent from her in the mail during special occasions. Lee and I send our prayers out to all of Aunt Janny's loved ones, especially her children Michael and Jenny and their families, as well as to my mother whom I lost a sister. I know Aunt Janny's faith was important to her and I have no doubt she has been reunited with my grandmother in heaven. Love, her nephew Tony and his wife Lee

Tony and Lee Musante - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM