



Janette Arlene Griffin

March 23, 1943 - July 11, 2017

Jan Griffin, 74, Topeka, died July 11, 2017, in Topeka.

Jan was born March 23, 1943, in Emporia, Kansas, the second child of Myrl and Jessie Williamson Griffin of Burlington, Kansas. She attended Burlington schools and St. John's School of Hair Styling. Jan worked as a hair stylist in Topeka for many years. A highlight of her life was a European trip in 2009.

Jan was artistic, a born decorator and loved antiques. She was mom to a series of rescued cats. Jan loved KU basketball, the Royals and the Chiefs. She loved to watch the eagles at Lake Perry and lived through the 1966 Topeka tornado. Jan doted on her family, especially her niece and nephews and their children.

Jan is survived by her sisters, Sharon Griffin Warman and Carroll Griffin McCarty; best friend and cousin, Cheryl Woods Pulford; nephew, Robert Cox (Tammy Boman); great nephews, Adam, Nathan, Griffin and Justin Cox; great niece, Jordan Cox (Navin Sharma); great-great nephew and niece, Kayden and Luna Sharma; and brother-in-law, Ron Warman, Sr., all of Topeka. Jan was preceded in death by her parents and a nephew, Jeffrey Cox.

As a child, Jan liked to pretend that she was Sheena, Queen of the Jungle, as she swung on branches of the weeping willow tree in her family's back yard.

Jan endured serious illness in the last years of her life, but now she hurts no more and is flying free. Her family thanks the nursing staff at Plaza West Care Center and Great Lakes Caring Hospice for their loving care of Jan.

A celebration of Jan's life will be 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to Helping Hands Humane Society, 5720 SW 21st Street, Topeka KS 66604.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JUL **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janette Arlene Griffin



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - July 19, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ Janette Arlene Griffin

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Rob Cox lit a candle in memory of Janette Arlene Griffin



Rob Cox - July 29, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ I am sad for the loss of my dear cousin, Jan. Jan was a great friend and so much fun to be around. She will be missed by me, her friends and family. God bless you Jan!

Ken Peterman

Ken Peterman - July 23, 2017 at 09:30 AM

SR

“ Jan was much more than a hairdresser to my mother Barbara Moorman and me. She was a true friend. You could always count on her to be truthful about how a certain haircut or styling would truly look on you and I enjoyed sharing stories with her about recent events in our lives. I have missed seeing her regularly these past few years but the memory of her styling my hair for my wedding 36 years ago and all the appointments after that will live on. Prayers to her family and friends. Susan Rowell

Susan Rowell - July 23, 2017 at 08:41 AM

BB

“ I have so many wonderful memories of our friendship. Of course there was the Saturday Go To Hell Club that brought so many friends together. Then there was that wonderful day of shopping for Sharon's wedding dress. I would head to Jan's house to watch Fame. We shared all of our secrets and even used to laugh about a blue room we would all live in and grow old together. It is said that one is lucky to have five 5 truly good friends and I consider Jan and Sharon the top of my list.

Brooke Beauchamp - July 21, 2017 at 02:52 PM

WN

“ Oh sweet lady - how I am going to miss you! As you know, Carroll was the first resident I did get close to when I started at Plaza in 2004. Your family has become very special to me. Even though I will miss you and you will be in my thoughts for a very long time, I know that you are in a better place without pain. Prayers to your family, Love & Hugs!!!

Wanda Nitcher - July 20, 2017 at 01:21 PM

SH

I always referred to you as "the sister of my heart" because you were the closest I had to a sister, growing up. Sharon qualified, too, but since she was the oldest, she always got to be the boss! I love remembering all the fun we had together and feel happy that you are once again "flying free". Will miss your beautiful smile but it's still there in those memories. Love to all your family who will be missing it to.
Your cousin, Sandy

Sandra Heusted - July 21, 2017 at 10:45 AM

LS

“ *So many memories of good times past. She'll live on in those memories. Prayers to the family in the days & months ahead.*
Sincerely, LuDell Smith

LuDell Smith - July 20, 2017 at 12:58 PM

FF

“ *From the Olin Griffin family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Janette Arlene Griffin.*



From the Olin Griffin family - July 20, 2017 at 12:38 PM

MT

“ *Our deepest condolences to Jan's family and friends. One of the great things about living in a small town is remembering people that we went to school with. Jan was always such a lovely person in high school and being a couple of grades behind her, she was always someone to look up to. I know she will be greatly missed.*
Margie (Varvel) Tice

Marjorie Tice - July 20, 2017 at 12:17 PM

KF

My condolences to the family and friends of Jan ... I would see her regularly in the salon and don't ever remember a time where she didn't have a smile on her face... She was such a sweet lady!

Karen Irwin Fritts - July 20, 2017 at 03:21 PM

CN

“ *Jan was my hair stylist for many years and a good friend. Talking to a hair stylist is especially the right one is better than a counselor. She was open minded, well rounded and her advice always reflected that. I too always think of her when I go to Brookwood. RIP my friend.*

Cindy Noble

Cindy Noble - July 20, 2017 at 10:42 AM

CY

“ *Jan was my next-door neighbor in Quail Creek, my friend, and my hairdresser. I lost touch with her several years ago when she retired, but think of her every time I visit Brookwood Shopping Center. She will live on in my heart. I hope to attend her service next Monday.*

Carol Yoho - July 20, 2017 at 09:04 AM

PP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Pat Pound*

Pat Pound - July 20, 2017 at 08:28 AM