



## Janice Butterfield

December 3, 1939 - November 27, 2024

Janice Gail Butterfield, 84, recently a resident of Lakeview Village, Lenexa, Kansas, passed away on November 27, 2024, after an extended illness.

Janice was born December 3, 1939, at her parent's home in Lebanon, Kansas. She was the younger daughter by 10 years to the day of Albert and Goldie Roush.

Janice graduated from Lebanon High School in 1957 and was married to Garry Irvin Butterfield on September 20, 1959, at the Lebanon United Methodist Church. To this union, Timothy Irvin and Anthony Allen were born. Garry worked in telephone construction, so the couple frequently moved from job to job living in 26 towns in four states during their early marriage, eventually settling in Beloit, Kansas to raise their family. Following Garry's death in 1975, Janice began a career as a legal secretary where she was first employed by Noah and Harrison Law Office in Beloit. After her two sons had left home for college, she relocated to Topeka, Kansas where she lived for more than 40 years.

In Topeka, Janice continued her career where she worked for three law firms before accepting a position as a Judicial Executive Assistant for Supreme Court Justice Bob Abbott, where she served for many years. After Abbott's retirement, she moved to the same role for Appellate Court Justice Thomas

Malone until her own retirement in 2010 at the age of 71.

Janice will be remembered for her love of family, along with her special affection for her dogs. She had numerous interests that filled her days. Most notable was her skill at cross stitching which resulted in many beautiful wall hangings and other gifts for family members and friends. Janice was also well-known for her Scotcharoos which would show up at any holiday or family occasion. Janice enjoyed playing games with Mexican Train as a favorite, going to movies, traveling for the holidays, and following Kansas State University sports, her sons' alma mater. For her 80th birthday she celebrated by taking a cruise with her whole family. Everyone who visited her home was well-fed and made to feel welcome.

Remaining to cherish Janice's memory are her sons, Tim (Ginny) Butterfield of Aledo, Texas, and Tony (Lisa) Butterfield of Lenexa; grandchildren, Chris (Jordan) Butterfield of Grand Prairie, Texas, Cameron (Kaylee) Butterfield of Azle, Texas, Lindsay Butterfield of Garden City, Kansas, and Tyler (Laura) Butterfield of Lenexa; great-grandsons, Dean Butterfield and Wesley Butterfield; sister, Leone Cory of Ashburn, Virginia; numerous nieces and nephews; ex-spouse, Noble Shell whom she was married to for 13 years; and numerous other relatives and close friends.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Garry, and her parents Albert and Goldie Roush.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2024, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, December 7, 2024, in Sweet Home Cemetery, Hwy 36, Lebanon KS 66592.

Janice's funeral service will be live-streamed on the funeral home's Facebook

page, you can follow this link. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244>

Memorial contributions may be made in Janice's memory to Helping Hands Humane Society, and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Graveside Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sweet Home Cemetery  
Hwy 36,  
Lebanon, KS 66592

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janice Butterfield



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Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 05, 2024 at 02:12 PM



“ Janice and I have been friends for over 40 years. We remained close even after I moved to Overland Park.

*We had such good fun times together and I'm really going to miss that laugh.*

*Such a dear wonderful lady. I love looking through the pictures that are part of your obituary. Dear friend, you were the best.*

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Ellyn Tyrell - December 06, 2024 at 09:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Butterfield.

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December 06, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janice Butterfield.*



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December 06, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of my Aunt Janice going back to childhood when she was part of the fun of visiting my grandparents in Kansas. She was warm, fun and always happy to see me. She was equally as kind and loving toward my children, taking Cory home for her first sleep over when she was 3 1/2! Slater had a great time at her house when we stopped over while traveling; she made a great meal, took us to miniature golf and let him play endlessly with her beagle dog. I will miss her in my life, warm hugs and condolences to Tim, Tony and their families. Love Jackie Miller*

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**Jacqueline Miller** - December 06, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ *Her sister Leone and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Janice Butterfield.*



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**Her sister Leone and family** - December 06, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ *Her sister Leone and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Butterfield.*

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**Her sister Leone and family** - December 06, 2024 at 08:55 AM

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“ *To Janice’s Family,  
I met your mom in 1984 when I moved to Topeka and lived in the Misty Glen Apts. She was very kind to me and she so spoiled me with her home cooked dinners. I would see her now and then over the years. My office was close to her Westport house so I would stop and chat when she was walking her dog. I wish I would have stayed in better contact with as she was enjoyable and kind. Your mom was very thankful for her children and I am very sorry for your loss.*

*Rest in Peace Janice  
Connie Bontrager Holthaus*

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**Connie Bontrager Holthaus** - December 05, 2024 at 09:20 PM

JH

“ *Janice was my first legal assistant out of law school. She was kind, knowledgeable and had a great sense of humor. I often credit Janice with getting my career off to a good start. She always had my back and taught me a lot about the practice of law that was not taught in law school and that older lawyers didn’t have the time to teach. Not only did she know court procedures, she knew the reasons why the rules were in place. I am so sorry for the family’s loss. Janice was a wonderful person and a consummate professional! -John Hutton*



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**John Hutton** - December 05, 2024 at 09:01 PM

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“ Noble’s Girls -Maria, Angie, Mel, Gina purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janice Butterfield.



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**Noble’s Girls -Maria, Angie, Mel, Gina** - December 05, 2024 at 07:00 PM

CF

“ Cathy & Mark Cooper & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Butterfield.

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**Cathy & Mark Cooper & family** - December 05, 2024 at 05:50 PM

CF

“ Cathy & Mark Cooper & family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Janice Butterfield.



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**Cathy & Mark Cooper & family** - December 05, 2024 at 05:50 PM

CN

“ I met Janice in 1988 when we both worked for Gehrt & Roberts law firm. We became best friends, sharing stories about our families and experiences. Janice was the person I always turned to whenever I needed a kind listening ear. We could tell each other anything that we would never say to anyone else. We took trips together and spent many fun evenings with our respective mates playing cards. I have several of her beautiful cross stitching pictures. She was extremely talented at cross stitching and sewing. I will miss Janice for the rest of my life and I know a lot of people feel the same. My most sincere condolences to her family as she loved each of you very much and was very proud of you. Rest in peace Janice.

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**Charlene NeSmith** - December 05, 2024 at 03:37 PM

LG

“ Love, The Rehab Girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Butterfield.

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**Love, The Rehab Girls** - December 05, 2024 at 11:50 AM

LG

“ Love, The Rehab Girls purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Janice Butterfield.



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**Love, The Rehab Girls** - December 05, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Butterfield.*



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December 05, 2024 at 10:59 AM



“ *Polly Gantenbein planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Butterfield.*

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**Polly Gantenbein** - December 05, 2024 at 03:21 AM



“ *Polly Gantenbein purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janice Butterfield.*



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**Polly Gantenbein** - December 05, 2024 at 03:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Butterfield.*



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December 04, 2024 at 09:43 PM



“ *Charlene & Nick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Butterfield.*

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**Charlene & Nick** - December 04, 2024 at 09:41 PM

CN

“ Charlene & Nick purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Janice Butterfield.



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**Charlene & Nick** - December 04, 2024 at 09:41 PM

CS

“ Cynthia Steinert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Butterfield.

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**Cynthia Steinert** - December 04, 2024 at 08:39 PM

CS

“ Cynthia Steinert purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Janice Butterfield.



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**Cynthia Steinert** - December 04, 2024 at 08:39 PM

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“ I met Janice through work at the Judicial Center. She was a good friend who I will dearly miss. She was so talented in her dross-stitch projects and did beautiful work. Janice was so down to earth and always spoke her mind. She always spoke fondly of her family and really enjoyed showing us pictures and talking about her great grandkids. She will be missed by us all. Rest in peace, Janice. Pat Stafford

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**Pat Stafford** - December 04, 2024 at 05:00 PM