



## Janice Coleman

March 23, 1987 - February 23, 2024

Janice Geneva Coleman, 36, Topeka, Kansas, an independent, accomplished young woman who walked on way too soon, passed away Friday, February 23, 2024.

Janice was born March 23, 1987, in Lansing, Michigan, the daughter of Lorraine Kay Grewett and Michael Richard Malone. She was a proud Spartan, earning her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and her master's degree from Washburn University, Topeka.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Michael Jeter Coleman; Kevin Coleman; her mother, Lorraine Grewett (Clark); father, Michael Malone (Monica); brother, Josiah Johnson; sister, Eden Kondrat (Chris); in-laws, Cindy and Charlie Coleman; grandparents, Harold and Mary Malone and Laura Pigeon; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Janice attended Love Fellowship Church. She liked to fish and laugh with Kevin and MJ and go to the Farmers Market. She was a talented athlete. Janice could, and did, converse with anyone anywhere, had a beautiful, bright smile, was so smart and exceedingly generous. She was dearly loved and her presence will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Kevin Brennan Family

Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A Celebration of Janice's Life will follow at 1 p.m.,

Memorial contributions may be made to the Janice Coleman Memorial Fund (for her son) at any Azura Credit Union or sent to the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## A Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - February 28, 2024 at 04:43 PM

AS

*Words cannot express entirely what I'm currently feeling at this present time. Janice aka J-Mo, was such a tremendous force of love, compassion, inspiration, a fighter, a leader, and one of my favorites, a partier. Now Lorraine, (you know we would call your mother by her first name. LoL) said to give one of my fondest memories of you. I recall one moment in particular. We were laying on your trampoline in your backyard. There was a level of peace that covered the both us. As we laid on our backs, gazing at the stars, and enjoying one another's company. You made the statement, "we will be in one another lives forever." I thought we had more time J-Mo, I really thought we had more time, because as you have been living life to the true fullest. I have finally begin to live mine. I will forever love you as I have been in this life and into the next. My condolences goes out to your son, your family, your friends, and all parties that's affected by this tragic loss. I love you J-Mo*

*Antwon Smith*

Antwon Smith - February 28, 2024 at 10:07 PM

JR

*Beautiful memorial video!  
Our condolences and prayer for all the family and friends.  
Jan and Charlie Reichenberger*

Jan& Charlie Reichenberger - February 29, 2024 at 01:19 PM

SP

*Janice was one of my students when she was a freshman in high school. One of my favorite memories of her was from the time we spent on a student senate trip to Washington DC, where I was chaperone. We did lots of walking on that trip and one day, Janice showed up in flip-flops and I told her that her footwear choice was not a great one. Sure enough, her one flip-flop broke and we had a good laugh about it. I think she walked about 10 miles that day with only one flip-flop! I have so many great pictures of her from that trip. She was a bright light and a wonderful human being. We had just been chatting via Facebook messenger about a month ago. Rest in peace, sweet Janice!*

**Stacie Phillips** - February 29, 2024 at 03:32 PM

M(

*“ I met Janice freshman year at Michigan State, and we were roommates Senior Year. Janice always had a smile on her face, and a positive attitude. Even on bad days, or days after going out on the town when we were all tired! We haven't stayed in touch much since college, with the exception of occasional Facebook messages, or comments on pictures of each others kids, but I always loved getting messages from her. You could tell just in pictures how much she loved Michael!*

*Janice also loved Michigan State and loved tailgating and going to the football games. Go Green girl, forever ❤️*



**Michelle Nail (Julien)** - March 04, 2024 at 12:55 AM

RW

*“ My sincerest condolences to the family.*

*Tony Wahweotten*

**Ronald Wahweotten** - March 01, 2024 at 11:55 AM

PH

*Our Deepest Sympathy to the family and our prayers for God's calming peace and comfort.*

*Chuck & Pat Hyet*

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**Patricia Hyet** - March 02, 2024 at 09:44 PM

SP

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



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**Stacie Phillips** - February 29, 2024 at 03:45 PM

EN

“ *I meet Janice from where I work she was an amazing person to know I was always happy to see her come in and catch up with her. She's an amazing person. Rest in peace Janice we all will miss you.*

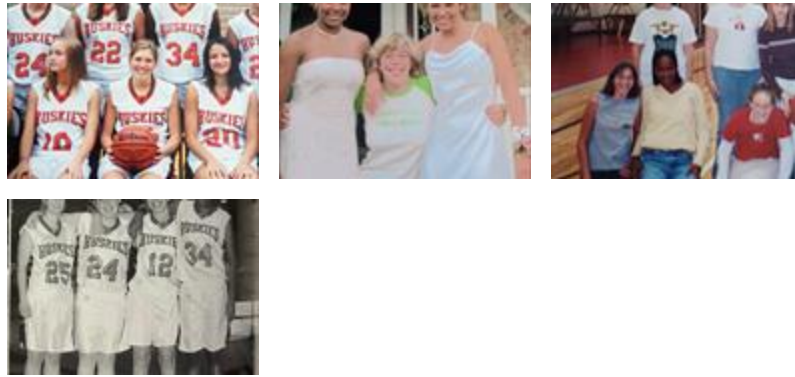
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**Elizabeth nicholas** - February 29, 2024 at 03:31 PM

DR

“ If you knew me in high school, you knew Janice. We were always together, partners in crime and best friends. We met in middle school through our love of sports and our friendship was immediate. We shared so many experiences and of course your usual high school drama. Through it all, our friendship blossomed into a sisterhood that can never be replicated. Anytime I needed her, she was at my house within minutes. She was an honorary family member and my family loved having her around. I have thousands of memories, big and small moments that all mean so much. Her parents surprised us with a cruise for our senior trip, where we both had our first "legal" sip of alcohol! Prom night, we headed back to my house to change for an after party and fell asleep. We woke up to a hundred missed calls of our friends partying, looking for us 😂 We played thousands of games of basketball, where she usually beat my butt lol. Her making me watch Texas Chain Saw in my basement because she loved to terrify me. She picked me up for school every morning and it was such an easy, happy way to start the day, with my best friend! I was always the silly, crazy one, singing and dancing while she would just watch and laugh. That's what made us such a great pair. She always had my back and cussed quite a few boyfriends out for me. She wasn't afraid to tell you how it was and that will always be one of my favorite things about her. Since she passed, I've had these memories and so many more come rushing back and I only wish I could reminisce with her. Swimming at her house in the summers, celebrating our birthdays together (we're only 4 days apart), her mom and her dying my hair after I messed it up 😂, spending the night and eating turkey bacon in the mornings, all the late night phone calls gossipping and laughing, getting ready together and going to football games, watching movies and basketball games in her basement and so many more! I remember when she called me to tell me she was pregnant with Michael. She was so excited and happy. And more recently when we were teasing each other about a possible Lions/Chiefs Superbowl. Even with everything she was going through, she always asked about my girls and it was just like her, to always put others first. We had a friendship I will never ever forget

*and she will always live on in my heart. I love you J. ❤️❤️*



**Devan Rider** - February 29, 2024 at 01:52 PM

SP

*Devan, I am so sorry. This must be so hard for you!*

*Stacie Phillips*

**Stacie Phillips** - February 29, 2024 at 03:35 PM

MI

*“ I will never forget how much of a help/ school mom you were to me and others throughout my elementary years at Ross . You following me up to high school to STILL make sure Im on the right track was a move maker for me ,you brought out the light in me when it was dim at a young age . You will be missed. say hi to my pops for me !! Prayers out to the family 🙏🙏”*

**Miacle** - February 29, 2024 at 11:37 AM

JR

*“ Our sympathy Cindy and Charlie on the loss of your Daughter in law, Janice. Prayers to all. 💔🙏”*

**Joyce Russell** - February 29, 2024 at 09:55 AM

KM

“ Karen M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Coleman.

Karen M. - February 28, 2024 at 10:20 PM

JA

“ In the four years I spent at Michigan State, I knew Janice pretty much from day 1. She was a breath of fresh, beautiful air and the most amazing person to be around. When she walked into a room she made us all smile and laugh. Coming from Jersey, I wasn't sure how my personality would fit in with the Michigan folk. As soon as I met Janice I knew we were going to be great friends. She was smart, funny, witty and real. She always told it how it was and that blended with my personality very easily. Not only did I spend a lot of my time with Janice on campus, but we spent some holidays together and my family had the pleasure of getting to know the amazing Janice as well.

Janice was the person who could always put a smile on my face and the person I could turn to with anything. This world lost an amazing woman and I know I can speak for many many people when I say that your beautiful soul will be truly missed. I love you girl 💕💕



Jackie - February 28, 2024 at 09:27 PM

RT

“ by Yehuda Halevi (1075–1141)  
*'Tis a fearful thing  
to love what death can touch.  
A fearful thing  
to love, to hope, to dream, to be—  
to be,  
And oh, to lose.  
A thing for fools, this,  
And a holy thing,  
a holy thing  
to love.  
For your life has lived in me,  
your laugh once lifted me,  
your word was gift to me.  
To remember this brings painful joy.  
'Tis a human thing, love,  
a holy thing, to love  
what death has touched.*

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rt - February 28, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CE

“ *She was always a light. We met you during soccer! You have a great family who brought you to know Jesus. Many hearts will be sad, sending hugs and love to all*💕💕

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Carolyn Everts - February 28, 2024 at 10:15 AM

KW

“ I don't know Janice or any of the family that I'm aware of. I was in the floral shop making floral arrangements for My Husband's Celebration of Life when 1 of her loved one's came in to complete their order for Janice's arrangements.  
I'd just like to provide Condolences to All of her Family & Friend's and May God Bless You.

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**Kelly Wilt-North** - February 28, 2024 at 09:47 AM

AW

“ oh janice. you will be missed more than anything. you always brought the happiness out of everyone. i loved hanging out with you or even just hearing you talk to my mom on the phone. you'd make everyone laugh until they couldn't breath. everytime i'd come down to topeka i'd always want to see you atleast one time! you will be missed so much and i wish i could have hugged you tighter that last time. i love you forever☐



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**Addy Winn** - February 27, 2024 at 02:49 PM

CR

“ Jan. I don't even know where to to begin..you came into my life almost 10 yrs ago and have never left! We connected on so many levels and always laughed until we cried when we were together. You always put everyone else first and would do anything for anyone! I am going to miss our dinner dates, shopping and just hanging out watch movies or talking! My condolences go out to the whole family and Christopher. You will always be my best friend and forever an angel to me.

Love,  
Chelsey



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**Chelsey Rogers** - February 27, 2024 at 01:58 PM