



Mary Jane "Janie" Basile

May 30, 1943 - February 21, 2010

After a courageous seven year battle with cancer, Mary Jane "Janie" Basile, 66, passed away peacefully at her home in Topeka Sunday, February 21, 2010. Her surviving children, Anne, Steve and Dave, along with two of her loving sisters, Pat and Sue, were with Janie as she gracefully moved on to be with her Father in His heavenly kingdom. Born May 30, 1943, Janie was one of six children born to Donald and the late Maxine Marx Gibbs. She spent her life caring for others and traveled to many places with her late husband, Lt. Col. James Michael Basile of the US Air Force. They enjoyed over 21 years together. She obtained her BA in General Studies in Wichita, Kansas in 1977. She stayed home to raise her children as a full-time mother and following that was a substitute teacher. After earning her Nursing Degree in 1991 at Washburn University, she went on to do what she did the best, which was to care for others in need for over 18 years at Saint Francis Hospital. Janie will be fondly remembered and is survived by her beloved children, Anne Birkelo and her husband, Mark, Steve Basile and his wife, Ruthie, and Dave Basile and his wife, Michelle; her treasured and cherished grandchildren, Jessica, Justin, Henry, Julia, Abby and Victor; her dear father, Don Gibbs; her devoted brothers and sisters, Steve Gibbs, Pat Bottenberg, Johnny Gibbs, Sue Huston, and Joyce Smith; along with countless other friends and family who were blessed to know and love her. Janie loved spending time with her family, laughing, listening to music, having fun with her grandchildren, and thinking of ways to bless others in ways that were unique and special. She touched the

lives of many people with her gracious and caring spirit and displayed dignity and grace in all that she did. Janie had a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ, loved God, and was a magnificent example of the way that He asks each of us to live out our lives here on earth. Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Inurnment will follow at Penwell-Gabel Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Gibson Huston Love Fund, or Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane "Janie" Basile*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *With love to Janie's Family:*

I cherish all the memories I have of the wonderful times our family spent together when Don and Maxine, Francis and Dorothy would get all of us kids together. As a little girl, I idolized Janie, the "big" sister, who was so pretty and gracious. As I grew up, I still held her in awe because she was truly a beautiful soul. I wish I could be at her service, but since I can't, please know that I am with you in spirit. Bruce sends his condolences, also.

Connie Waetzig Holmes - February 26, 2010 at 04:24 PM



“ *We're so sorry for the loss of Janie and feel blessed to have known her. It has been a long struggle and she's finally at restful peace and with your Father.*

So sorry we can't be with you at this time of celebration of Janie's life.

Art and Linda Shepherd

Janie Basile - February 26, 2010 at 03:01 PM

JH

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy and heartfelt thoughts on the loss of your beloved mother and sister.

In Sympathy

*Judy Burkhart Hess
Classmate 1961*

Judy Burkhart Hess - February 26, 2010 at 09:48 AM

LR

“ Sue and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with all of you.

Linda Heere Ragsdale - February 25, 2010 at 10:12 PM

PB

“ Growing up with Pat and Steve and Johnny, I have wonderful memories of the Gibbs' family. My sincere sympathy is extended to the entire family today upon Janie's passing and will pray for peace in your hearts. Pam Parker Banks

Pam Parker Banks - February 25, 2010 at 07:19 PM

TN

“ I was so inspired by Janies strength, love and faith during this long journey, and I was and continue to be inspired by the strength, love and faith of the entire Gibbs/Basille family. My dearest friend Pat, Janies sister, and all of you will continue to be in my prayers.

*With great respect,
Terry Nichols*

Terry Nichols - February 25, 2010 at 11:05 AM

DB

“ Sue and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss.

Debbie Worland Boos - February 25, 2010 at 09:08 AM

MF

“ Our deepest sympathy to Janie's family. Please give Don a big hug for us. The Gibbs' family has always been held in highest regard by us. God Bless you.

Monte and Lana Fastnacht - February 24, 2010 at 12:00 PM

SG

“ Growing up down the street from the Gibbs family I had the incredible pleasure of knowing Janie. She was a wonderful, fun loving & gracious person who will be terribly missed. Please know that our thoughts & prayers are with all of her family as they go through this difficult time. Rest assured that Our Father is enveloping His arms around her now and welcoming her into His kingdom.

Sandy & Steve Gibson - February 24, 2010 at 11:15 AM

JC

“ We extend our most sincere sympathy to the Basile family for the loss of their most precious Mother, Janie. For the short time that we knew her, we could see her beautiful spirit of love and caring that she showered on everyone she came in contact with. Her example of how much she loved her children and grandchildren will always be an inspiration to all of us as what "unconditional love" looks like. Her powerful love will continue to surround you and hold each of you close.

Roberta & John Coulter - We too will miss her.

John & Roberta Coulter - February 23, 2010 at 10:05 AM