



E. Janice Smith

November 29, 1938 - December 2, 2019

E. Janice Smith, age 81 of Sun Valley, Glen Dale, WV passed away Monday, December 2, 2019 at Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Glen Dale, WV.

She was born November 29, 1938 in Glen Dale, WV the daughter of the late Joseph and Evelyn Freeman Rodrigues.

Jan received her Bachelors in Education from WVU where she would later receive her advanced degree of an MA in Community Health Education.

Throughout her entire career Jan was focused on helping people, especially children. She began as a school teacher at Moundsville High School. After a pause to raise her children she later substituted at Moundsville Junior High. She then shifted her career focus to behavioral health services becoming a strong advocate of programs that cared for the mental health, crisis intervention and educational needs of children.

She was an Associate Executive Director of the Northern Panhandle Behavioral Health Center.

Jan was a sought after grant writer for local, state and national programs and was a Certified Addiction Counselor.

The Bridges program was also conceived and developed by her.

Jan also developed a private practice, Family Connections, to treat children and families with mental health and addiction issues.

She concluded her career as a consultant for the national program Kidspace, traveling the country researching and gathering data to establish protocols to address the complicated problems of children and families.

She served on a number of local and state Boards.

Jan was also well known for her community activism. There were two projects she was particularly proud of she helped to conceptualize and develop the Little Grave Creek Water Shed Association to protect and sustain the neighborhood she lived in and loved most of her adult life and was also on the Board for the Strand Theatre Preservation Society and wrote initial grants in order to obtain funding. She was admired by many for her intelligence and drive, while remaining poised and graceful.

Jan was most proud of her family and her chosen family of friends. She loved unconditionally and was loved, as such, in return. She was the first grandchild of a large family. She was blessed to have a best friend since the first grade and another dear friend of many decades who were both like sisters to her. If you knew Jan in recent years, you would also know her deep love for her adored mini schnauzer, Jasper. He was her constant companion and, along with all who loved her, will miss her deeply.

Jan was true believer and follower of Jesus Christ and was very proud of being a lifelong member of Glen Dale United Methodist Church. She was always quick to share scripture with others to provide support for whatever they might be experiencing in life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph G. Rodrigues.

Survivors include a son, Scott W. Smith and a daughter, Lori A. (Tim Lynn) Smith all of Glen Dale; a sister in law, Regina Rodrigues of Buckhannon, WV ; several cousins with-in the Rodrigues and Freeman Family; and surrogate daughter and grandchildren Chris, Chaz and Josie Frizzell.

Family will receive friends on Friday from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Avenue, Moundsville where Funeral Services will be held Saturday at 1pm.

Interment in Greenlawn Cemetery, Moundsville, WV.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”- Matthew 5:4

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Heart

Assoc. 162 Court St. Charleston, WV 25302 or Alzheimer's Assoc. at ALZ.org

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Moundsville, WV 26041

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Crematory
Moundsville, WV

Visitation

DEC 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Crematory
Moundsville, WV

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville
400 Jefferson Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041
(304) 845-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of E. Janice Smith*



Grisell Funeral Homes - December 05, 2019 at 04:28 PM

SM

Lori, this is your 3rd cousin Suzan. My Grandmother was Bertie and her son Glen, is my father. My father and your mother were 1st cousins. My sister Janice (named after your mom) had told me about your phone call and your mom's passing. I am so sorry!! The last time I seen your mom was at my dad's funeral in Virginia in 2007. She was as beautiful as always inside and out! Before that I hadn't seen her since I was a teen and we visited with my dad's Aunt Evelyn and Uncle Joe's house. The years just seem to go by so fast. I wanted to thank you for reaching out to my sister and sending the photos. That was so thoughtful of you and we really appreciated it. The tribute video of your mom is beautiful. It brought tears to my eyes seeing everyone but at the same time it brought back happy memories of all the people we love who have passed in our family. One day we will all be together again. God bless you and thank you again for the photos. Love & Hugs to you.

Suzan Mellis - June 05, 2022 at 10:31 PM

LA

“ *All my love to you,
Lori Layne*

lori layne aka laura angles - January 08, 2020 at 07:08 PM

MI

“ Lori and Scott. Thank you, Soo Very much for Allowing Me to be a part of your Moms Life.The short time I knew your Mom I learned how Dear and Special she was and truly Loved and Enjoyed Our time together!Thanks for allowing Me to be a part of her Life .She is Now in Heaven where she belongs and has longed to be!❤️

Michelle(Strong)Markey - December 06, 2019 at 08:02 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of E. Janice Smith.



December 06, 2019 at 09:51 AM

JA

“ Our condolences on the loss of your mother.
Jewel and Ray Anderson
Bernadine Rodriguez

Jewel Anderson - December 05, 2019 at 09:40 PM

HT

“ I am so sad to see that Jan has passed.
I have known Jan and her family my whole life and were neighbors of her parents for many years. She was such a great caring person. My sympathy and prayers go out to Lori and Scott and her dear friend Chris and family.

Helen Dimitro Tyler - December 05, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ 72 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - December 05, 2019 at 04:24 PM

WF

“ *With Love, Lisa, Amy & Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of E. Janice Smith.*



With Love, Lisa, Amy & Family - December 05, 2019 at 08:55 AM

PW

“ *Sincere condolences in the passing of wonderful Jan. She was a good hearted intelligent positive woman with many great achievements and talents. She will truly be missed. Heaven will be the better for her presence. Prayer for your peace & comfort, Patty and Chuck Wylie*

Patricia Wylie - December 04, 2019 at 07:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of E. Janice Smith.*



December 04, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ *Jan's Family,*

Jan was a wonderful advocate for those who must needed support and encouragement. She was a professional but also a wonderful person and it was a pleasure to have worked with her on numerous occasions. We share in your loss.

H. Lawrence (Larry) Jones, Ed.D.

Lawrence Jones - December 04, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ *Lori....We wish you memories of all the good times you shared with your Mom... With Sympathy.....Betty and Randy Worls*

Betty Worls - December 04, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Scott and Lori. Prayers*

The Randolph family

debbie randolph - December 04, 2019 at 06:17 AM