



Janice Marie "Jan" Wickenhauser

October 30, 1949 - June 12, 2024

Janice (Jan) Marie Wickenhauser, 74, died at 2:48p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at Barnes- Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO, surrounded by her family. Born October 30, 1949 in Alton, IL, she was the daughter of the late Edward Wickenhauser and Joan (Ruckman) Wickenhauser. She is survived by her two sisters, Julie Prinkey (Rich) of Saint Charles, MO, and Susan of Godfrey, IL, and by her seven brothers, Larry (Cam) of Hamburg IL, Jeff (Joanne) of Kirkwood, MO, Mike (Lynn) of Godfrey, IL, Phil (Mary) of Godfrey, IL, Pat (Melissa) of Crestwood, MO, Ted (Jerry Kelling) of Clayton, MO, and Jack of Godfrey, IL, along with 25 nieces and nephews, and 19 great-nieces and nephews. Jan was lucky enough to be able to spend her last years living with her niece Sally (Gersman) and Chris Lang of Saint Louis, MO, and their daughter Ellie. Jan cherished this time living with family. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her significant other Patricia Bruce. Jan became the matriarch of the family after her parents passed away. She made every family member feel like they were "her favorite". Being close to her family and friends was her highest priority. She would regularly call every one of the family members throughout each month, and attend numerous birthday parties, graduations, baptisms, sporting events and theater/choir productions. She loved having smaller luncheons and dinners with each family to have quality time with them. Jan was given a purpose driven life to shower her family with selfless love and support. She had the highest degree of moral character and gave 100% of the best she had to everyone around her. She

was a kind, forgiving and blessed woman that radiated a magnetic force of love. She felt that her main goal, and most rewarding purpose for her life, was to care for everybody in the family. Anyone that met Jan would agree that she was the most caring person, with a heart of gold. Jan graduated from Marquette High School in 1967. She obtained her Bachelor's degree from Fontbonne College in St. Louis, MO, and her Master's degree from Webster University, St. Louis, MO. She was a trail blazer for woman in the workforce and worked in executive level Human Resource positions throughout her career, working at Illinois Terminal Railroad, Germania Bank, Missouri Water Company, Argosy Gaming and Penn Gaming. Jan retired in 2017. A visitation will be held at Gent Funeral Home Inc. in Alton, IL on Thursday June 20, 2024 from 4-8 p.m. A private mass will be held at a later date. Memorials to be made to National Shrine of St. Jude and the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I am beyond sad to learn of Jan’s passing. I worked with her at the casino in Joliet and we became fast friends. I road tripped down to St Louis to see her after she moved back home and we kept in touch occasionally. She was HR Royalty, the very best in the business!

I recently texted all of our Executive Team pals and when Jan didn’t respond, I got worried. I googled her and found out the worst!!! 😞.

My deepest sympathy to her family. She will never be forgotten. A true professional & friend who I will always hold in my heart.

Michelle Bell - April 08, 2025 at 07:36 PM

LB

“ Love, Steve and Brit planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Marie "Jan" Wickenhauser.

Love, Steve and Brit - June 20, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Marie "Jan" Wickenhauser.



June 20, 2024 at 07:27 PM

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“ -From Your Aon Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janice Marie "Jan" Wickenhauser.



-From Your Aon Family - June 20, 2024 at 04:39 PM

AH

“ So sorry to hear about Jan. Another classmate gone. I remember her as being so sweet & friendly. May she rest in peace. Aggie Hartsock

Aggie Hartsock - June 20, 2024 at 02:53 PM

LW

“ Beautiful obituary! Jan was such a ray of sunshine everywhere she went. Always a smile, kind words and a sense of humor. Great story teller. Yes, she loved Fr. Jerry very much and he always had a story about her and Ellie. I'm sure he was there to greet her at the gates of heaven. Now they can have those dinner dates at Moonlight once again. Prayers to all the family.
Uncle Jim and Aunt Linda

linda wickenhauser - June 18, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Janice Marie "Jan" Wickenhauser.



June 17, 2024 at 10:26 AM

RD

“ So sad to hear the passing of our dear friend and classmate Jan. I have such great memories of Jan from school and at recent class lunches that we started several years ago. Jan always shared stories and pics of her sweet great niece Ellie and her parents and Susie. She always had a funny story to tell. I never heard her say a negative word about anyone. We had just texted a few days before she died. Just so sad and shocking and she will be greatly missed. Prayers for her family. I'm sure father Jerry and her wonderful parents and our deceased classmates of '67 have greeted her with open arms to heaven. She's our angel now. May she rest in peace with all of them.



rose decourcey - June 14, 2024 at 07:26 PM

MD

Jan was such a sweet and caring person. She was such a positive force in the world and a trailblazer for women in the work force. We worked together on every class reunion and she was so much fun. I enjoyed many fun times in high school and beyond. We loved our luncheons every month and hearing about her little neice Elle. Our prayers are with her and all the rest of the family. She loved Father Jerry and he was there to greet her. RIP my friend

Marilyn Davis - June 14, 2024 at 08:39 PM

JT

I am so sorry to hear about Jan's passing. Jan was a kind, caring friendly person. She always help her family. Jan will be sadly missed. Thought and prayers are with the family.

judy Thompson - June 14, 2024 at 10:54 PM

LH

*When I think of Jan I remember all of our childhood fun we had as kids when we talked it was like we never skipped a beat, I will, like many others miss this Gentle Soul and Friend
Prayer for the Family*

Lori Harshbarger - June 15, 2024 at 08:41 AM

DW

Jan was always positive and smiling, making life a little easier for everyone around her.

Dan Wickenhauser - June 15, 2024 at 10:21 AM

MR

So sorry to hear this about Jan, as we grew up we had such fun times all the way up to when Patty Bruce passed. I send my prayers to the family. She was so sweet.

Mary Jane Russell

Mary Jane Russell - June 17, 2024 at 05:07 PM

JP

“ I will miss my sister so much, but I am so happy she is in heaven with our parents! Julie

Julie Prinkey - June 14, 2024 at 04:41 PM