



Janet L. Galyan

May 3, 1940 - December 21, 2021

Janet L. (Stierwalt) (LaPorte) Galyan, 81, of Plainfield, entered the gates of heaven on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, while in the care of Methodist Hospital. She was born the oldest of two daughters on May 3, 1940, in Eminence, IN to the late Joseph Marshall and Ruth Marie (Ross) Stierwalt.

Raised on a farm in the quiet rural life of Morgan County, Janet was an integral part in helping raise her little sister, Jane, who is ten years her junior. After graduating from Eminence High School with the class of 1958, she and her best friend left their small town for the big city of Indianapolis. Working as server at a USO dance, she met her future husband, a handsome soldier from New Jersey named Edward Joseph LaPorte (Eddie), and the pair fell fast in love. They were joyously united in marriage on October 23, 1962, and spent the next 27 years together, raising two wonderful children, until his untimely passing on December 10, 1989.

A stay-at-home mom until the kids entered middle school, Janet then secured employment for Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation as a dedicated Administrative Assistant, retiring in the mid 90's. With a yearning for companionship, she married her second husband Jim. The couple moved south to the tropical climate of Florida, where she was the president of the TIPS Club for five years, raising money for charity. A woman of true faith, she was a member of the Eminence Christian Church, also attending the Jamaica

Bay Church, and most recently, the Mooresville Christian Church.

Elegant by nature, Janet made sure her appearance was continuously stunning. From her shoes to her purse, she was the most put together lady you would ever meet, a trait she and Jane learned from their mother. A talented seamstress, she also loved to play card games, travel, dine out, and shop till she dropped. A sincerely loving and devoted mother, Janet always put her family first, ensuring their needs were met before her own. Her wonderful sense of humor, gentle nature, and kindhearted soul will be forever missed.

She leaves behind her beloved children Michael LaPorte (Laura) and Michele LaPorte, both of Plainfield; sister, Jane Willett (Steve) of Mooresville; grandchildren Alexis Johantgen (Josh) of Plainfield, Anthony LaPorte (Kelci) of New Albany, Austin LaPorte of Carmel, and Ashton LaPorte of Plainfield; along with her great grandchildren Colton, Kaley, and Kylie.

Along with her parents, Janet was preceded in death by her former husbands Edward LaPorte and James Galyan.

Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia with a Celebration of Life Service beginning promptly at 12:00 p.m. Services will be live streamed on Light Memorial's Facebook page. To watch live, please go to our page just before noon and wait for the live feed to begin. Pastor Brent Bill will officiate, and burial will follow in Shumaker Cemetery near Eminence. In honor of Janet's life, Memorial Contributions may be made by mail to the Alzheimers Association 50 E 91st St, Ste 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209-4830, or envelopes will be provided at the funeral home. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or

light a candle in her memory, please search @MonroviaFuneralHome on social media or visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Shumaker Cemetery

10001 - 10299 Indiana 142
Quincy, IN 47456

Previous Events

Friends & Family Gathering

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
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Tribute Wall



“ Janet, I am absolutely honored to have had you in my life during the mid eighties when I was fortunate to have dated your wonderful son. You and Eddie raised two exceptional children. I have so many memories with you. I loved shopping trips! You and Michele taught me how essential it is to have a handbag for every pair of shoes and to have freshly painted nails nearly every evening before bed! You got me hooked on "knots landing". Lol. I chuckle remembering you making curtains for the red van before a Thanksgiving trip to jersey city! I still have my earrings from Macy's new York!!. It was such a thrill going in that big store.. back when people enjoyed the simple things in life. Such a kind heart! You were a true gem on earth and now a bright diamond shining down from heaven!. Having just discovered your passing, I am saddened that I was not able to attend your service. Xo

Jenny kiphart maxwell - December 30, 2021 at 01:26 PM



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - December 28, 2021 at 12:29 PM



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Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - December 28, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janet L. Galyan.*



December 27, 2021 at 10:10 PM

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“ *Being a first cousin to Janet was a privilege. We grew up together because the Ross sisters made certain we all had time together and what great times we had! One memory is being out in a pasture on Aunt Ruth and Uncle Marshal’s farm. Janet and I were running around and having a great time until Janet spotted a sow with babies. All she said was, “Run!”, and did we ever!*

Holidays were family get togethers and they were busy, loud, and loving. We were all loved by wonderful aunts and amazing uncles. As cousins, we have all made it a point to stay connected. That bond created by our moms has lasted for Janet’s 81 years and those of us remaining will continue to stay connected by our heartstrings.

Janet and Eddie lived close to us in Indianapolis for awhile and I got to see the excitement they shared over the birth of Michele. Janet was thrilled to be a mom.

Our bond was being family and Janet continues to live in my heart. The blessing was having her in my life and knowing she loved me as I loved her.

Carol Furry Raabe

Carol Raabe - December 27, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janet L. Galyan.*



December 27, 2021 at 08:57 AM

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“ A truly classy lady. So glad to have known her. She brought a lot of light and laughter to my father’s (Ken Ishler) life in Ft. Myers, Fl. Heartfelt condolences to Janet’s family.
-Karen Ishler and the Ishler Family

k ishler - December 26, 2021 at 10:05 PM

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“ The write up on Janet is so Janet as too, she always! looked so elegant whenever I would see her- and yes! Ruth raised two beautiful cousins. I was so sorry to learn of Janets misfortunes and her unexpected passing. I had the best conversation with her in the past year on the phone-sounding in voice so much like her mom! and again putting off doing as i planned to take her one day to lunch and take a drive around "Gods Country" of Morgan County and sadly i missed out.
My memories of her will be as this picture shows-that smile/that personality-that was Janet!

Gray Cousin
Keith and Jana Gray
Martinsville

Keith and Jana Gray/cousin - December 23, 2021 at 11:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet L. Galyan.



December 22, 2021 at 12:55 PM