



Janis Marie Sundberg

February 10, 1939 - March 8, 2016

On March 8, 2016 heaven gained a beautiful angel. Janis M. Sundberg was a devoted wife, mom and friend. She spent her life doing all the things she loved. She enjoyed traveling, singing and playing the piano, sewing, cooking and feeding anyone and everyone, and most of all doing anything that made her laugh and smile. Her most prized possessions were her three children who loved and adored her with their whole hearts. She loved God and that was evident in her gentle and peaceful spirit. No one was a stranger to Jan, she made friends wherever she went and was known to all as Mom. Mom was the role she loved best!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Selma and her husband, Gale. She leaves behind a sister, Mona Reisig of Dell Rapids, SD and her amazing spirit will live on in her children Bryon, Bruce, Kristi and her companion Jennifer and her "adopted" sons Billy and Javey. Her dog Jesse and grand pup Sydney will miss her dearly.

"With bright eyes and your beautiful smile,
You could brighten any heart or fill a tearful eye with a glimmer of cheer!
Your presence raised the atmosphere
And your spirit filled the air!
With a world of things yet to be learned
You seemed to have mastered the most difficult.

One who had met you had a happier spirit,
One who was your friend had a world filled with love and laughter!
It is a mom like you, who made this sometimes unbearable world
Somehow livable, even desirable!"

The family would like to give special thanks to the incredible ICU nurses, staff and physicians who treated Mom with such care and compassion. There are not enough words to tell you how you made a tough time somehow peaceful.

A Celebration of Janis' Life will be held on Sunday, March 20th @ 2:00 pm @ friend's of the family's home...235 Dunhill Dr., Durham, NC 27713. Please bring a chair and if you have one, a memory of Jan to share.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to a local SPCA or at gofundme.com in memoriam of Janis Sundberg.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce and family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May you find strength and peace in the Lord, your family and friends as you move through this stage in life. It's so nice that you were able to move to North Carolina to spend more time with she and the rest of your family these past years. I'm sure she enjoyed that. I always remember you speaking of your family outings you took in your adult years up to Maine and other places as you all seemed to have such a great time together.

Jill Martin

Jill Martin - March 31, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ *Hi my name is Kayla and I am a local bible teacher. I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. There is a very comforting scripture at Isaiah 25:8. It says that soon Jehovah will swallow up death forever and that he will wipe away all of the tears. So we can all look forward to a time when death will be no more. I hope that this scripture can bring some true comfort during these difficult times.*

kayla - March 30, 2016 at 10:33 AM

BR

“ *Bruce and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with during this time of loss. I wish you strength and the love of family and friends to help guide you through this transitional time. Memories are something that will help keep your Moms spirit alive each and every day. Although I never met your Mom, I know from your relationship with her, she was a very special person. I also know she was a Christmas cookie extraordinaire!*

Beth Reynolds

Beth Reynolds - March 22, 2016 at 02:27 AM



“ *Bryon, Bruce, and Kristi,*

I pray that God's strength will be with each of you during this trying time. I have so many great memories of your Mom. Our cohort of friends spent a lot of time at your home and especially after softball games. Your Mom had a sense of humor that transcended age. I remember that she was always part of the conversation with "us kids". Your mother easily conversed with teens and young adults alike very engagingly. I remember her for the warmth, concern and care that she expressed and demonstrated in the way she lived. I also remember your mother for her encouragement words that at the time meant so much to me.

*Regards,
Martin Schray*

Martin Schray - March 18, 2016 at 08:03 PM

JD

“ Jan was a beautiful, kind soul who touched my life and was a wonderful friend. Although our time together was short, as she was only my neighbor for a short time, we developed a great friendship and stayed in touch after she moved away from Vermilion. I also have such a fondness for her son Brian who she was always so devoted to. Although Jan had been through some struggles, she never complained and always had a positive attitude and outlook. To say she will be missed is an understatement. My thoughts and prayers are with her entire family during this difficult time in dealing with the loss of their wonderful and cherished mother. Much to you all. Judy Dunbrook



Judy Dunbrook - March 18, 2016 at 02:03 PM

BG

“ I am so truly sorry for your loss of your wonderful mom. I loved Jan, we had some very good times in "Young at Heart" she was truly a Blessing. She will be missed, I will miss the Christmas Card she would always write every year and let me know all that was going on. God Bless you all, love Beth Gingery.

Beth Gingery - March 17, 2016 at 03:06 PM

DN

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Janis. Janis and I were good friends in High School and remained as friends during all the years. She sang at our wedding 57 years ago. Gale and Janis were God Parents for our son, Steven. We loved to laugh together. We will miss her.

From Don & Mona Nelson, Dell Rapids, SD

Don & Mona Nelson - March 17, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ I remember coming home from school one day crying and crying, "I'm flunking Home Economic!!!!." I couldn't sew. She sat me down and showed me how to sew in a zipper in 2 easy steps, instead of 7 (like they wanted us to do at school) and that was the beginning of a great hobby for me. Til this day I still sew.

She was always over our house having fun, laughing and making crafts with my Mom. They (we) were great friends-more than family and we were very lucky to have her and the whole Sundberg family in our life.

Vanessa Vache - March 16, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss and I pray for all of you to have peace knowing she is with God .I feel in my heart that she is happy. God bless you all and give you peace.

Loretta

loretta johnston - March 14, 2016 at 06:06 PM



“ I am so sad I miss her so much she was a part of my life and my whole family , But I think of where she is now with our beloved Lord and the rest of our family and Gayle and this makes me smile. One day we will be together again , We are praying for you three I know the loss will be very hard. Love always Phyllis Lawicki and family.

Phyllis Lawicki - March 13, 2016 at 06:27 PM

CS

“ Dear Bryon, Kristi and Bruce!

We send our deepest condolences!

We pray for you!

Psalm 23.

*Betel Church
Sweden*

Church Betel, Vagnharad, Sweden - March 12, 2016 at 02:54 PM

LW

“ Dear Bryon, Kristi and Bruce!

It is with humbled hearts we send this email.

We send our deepest condolences.

*Janis has been such a blessing for us!
We remember all the good times together!
She welcomed us into her home many times.
We will never forget her!*

*We grieve and rejoice at the same time.
Grieve for losing a great servant of Christ!
Rejoicing knowing that Janis has reached her eternal home!*

We send our prayers and love!

*Åke and Lise Wallman.
Sweden*

Lise and Åke Wallman - March 12, 2016 at 02:47 PM

KR

*Ake and Lise,
We will deeply miss her, but are blessed by the peace of Jesus! The world will be an empty place without her.
Kristi*

kristi - March 12, 2016 at 08:14 PM

JP

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. I met Jan through church and she was such a beautiful soul. I haven't seen her for a long time, but I will always have fond memories of the times spent with her.*

Janet Peck

Janet Peck - March 11, 2016 at 05:12 PM

KR

Thank you Janet! She thought a lot of you as well! She will be deeply missed!

kristi - March 13, 2016 at 08:23 AM

LH

“ *I met Jan thru Hosanna church. We bonded immediately and she became like a sister to me. We had the same sense of humor and spent lots of hours talking, eating and laughing. I loved her and will miss her. God bless her family.*

Lynn

lynn harvey - March 11, 2016 at 04:17 PM

TO

“ *Kristi....so sorry for the loss of your mom. I know the many memories will keep her close to your heart!! Miss you my friend!*
Toni

Toni - March 11, 2016 at 03:14 PM



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Jennifer Deckard - March 11, 2016 at 02:23 PM

KR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



kristi - March 11, 2016 at 12:17 PM

JJ

“ *Kristi, Bryon, Bruce- I love you guys! You are like extended family to me. I know it is hard to let someone like Jan go because she was such a warm and loving light on this earth but she is a peace now, surrounded by family and all the dogs in heaven; baking cookies for the masses and keeping an eye on all of us from up there.*
Julie

Julie Jones - March 11, 2016 at 08:23 AM

KJ

*Thinking of you today. Praying for a wonderful celebration of her life.
Love
Kathey*

Kathey Jones - March 20, 2016 at 09:10 AM

 Kathy
Kennedy

“ *Words cannot express how sorry we are for all of you.
Kathy and Eli*

Kathy Kennedy - March 11, 2016 at 08:10 AM



“ *Momma Jan you will forever live in the hearts of those you touched.
Whether it be with your smile, a kind word, a hug or just your
presence Gone way too soon from us here, God must have
needed you more..... RIP sweet Jan, miss you so much..... Jen*



Jennifer Deckard - March 11, 2016 at 05:10 AM