



Janet E. Sanford

January 8, 1953 - January 12, 2020

Janet Elaine Sanford quietly slipped into the arms of her creator, Sunday evening, January 12, 2020 in Joplin Missouri, after a courageous battle with pneumonia

Janet was born on January 8, 1953 in Miami, OK. Her parents were Donald and Louella (Brewster) Palmer. Early years of her life were spent in Afton, OK. Later the family moved to Miami, OK. Where Janet graduated from High school in 1971 and NEO with an Associates in Art. Throughout her life Janet continued her education by taking courses in Real Estate and Banking. As an adult her primary occupation was in the banking business. She was known throughout the banking community as being a very loyal and competent employee. Janet's integrity was apparent in all she did. At the time of her passing she was employed with ARVEST bank in Grove. A lifelong Christian she was an example of faith to us all and currently a member of Crossroads Church, Fairland OK. Friends and family members were amazed at the strength of character and her unwavering faith and love for God and family. Janet courageously battled cancer for 2 ½ years, enduring four major surgeries as well as 33 rounds of radiation therapy.

On August 31, 1991 In Quapaw OK Janet married the love of her life Bob Sanford. From the beginning until Janet took her final breath the couple was devoted to each other. Together they enjoyed everything such as camping,

gardening and cooking. In marrying Bob, Janet also became a second mother to his children. Thru trial and error in blending the two families, Janet gained the love and respect of all five of her children. She became a much-loved example to each one.

Janet appeared to have boundless energy throughout her life. She lived life to the fullest. Besides being a full-time employee, she found time to devote her life to her God, family, home and friends. She enjoyed playing the piano and singing praises to God (she had the voice of an angel), gardening (her yard was amazing), crocheting (she made large afghans for each grandchild), cooking (holiday meals will never be the same), and decorating her home. She was a loving nurturing daughter to her mother Louella and a good friend to her brother Keith. A loyal friend and co-worker and the first to volunteer to help friends and community member whenever and wherever she was needed. At one time Janet enjoyed grooming and showing her dogs. During her illness she received much love and comfort from Star her beloved dog. The Bouvier Des Flandres never left her side during her entire illness.

Janet was preceded in death by her father Donald Palmer.

Those who will forever mourn Janet include her loving husband Bob of the home. Mother Louella Palmer of Grove, OK, one brother Keith Palmer of Grove OK. Three sons, John (Jay) Wilhoit, wife Amanda of West Siloam Springs, OK, Kyle Sanford and Brittney of Cincinnati, AR, Brian Sanford and Wife Herminia of Pittsburg, KS. Two daughters Kara Labitad and husband Ike of Centerton AR, Tiffany Smith of St. Cloud, MN. Fourteen adored grandchildren and many other loving relatives, friends and co-workers.

Cemetery Details

Olympus Cemterey

Grove, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service
10201 U.S. Highway 59
Grove, OK 74344
(918) 786-6761
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Crossroads Church
56900 E Highway 59
Fairland, OK 74343

Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet E. Sanford



Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services - January 16, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Janet E. Sanford

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Gone too soon. Heaven gained an amazing angle. I will miss Janet until I see her again beyond Pearly Gates. Love and prayers for those left behind. Much love, Donna Acklin

Donna Acklin - January 16, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet E. Sanford.



January 15, 2020 at 11:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Janet E. Sanford.



January 15, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Janet E. Sanford.



January 15, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ *Dorothy, Jerrie, Kim, Angie, and Stacy* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Janet E. Sanford.



Dorothy, Jerrie, Kim, Angie, and Stacy - January 14, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Janet E. Sanford.



January 14, 2020 at 01:29 PM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss! Haven't seen Janet in years! My prayers are with the family! Sharon Palmer Whitecrow

Sharon Palmer Whitecrow - January 13, 2020 at 11:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janet E. Sanford.



January 13, 2020 at 04:29 PM

JN

“ Such a sweet lady. Angels are rejoicing I'm sure for her arrival in Heaven. Prayers for Bob and family. Janet helped me weather a bad bank in the 80's of which I have always been grateful. Joe Neill

Joe Neill - January 13, 2020 at 02:41 PM

SA

I worked with Janet in Siloam Springs, she was a very good lady and friend. I will miss her.

SUSAN ARNEECHER - January 13, 2020 at 07:07 PM