



Janice Yates Patterson

October 17, 1950 - May 21, 2022

A teacher for many, a wife and mother of three children, a grandmother and “Nana” to Lena, Lila, Lona and a caregiver to everyone. These best describe Janice Patterson, a friend to many who died Saturday morning, May 21, 2022 at her home in the Rhodes Town community.

Janice was the youngest of two girls born to the late Olvie T. and Lois White Yates on October 17, 1950 in Lexington. A lifelong resident of Henderson County and a 1968 graduate of Lexington High School where she lettered four years on the girls’ basketball team and then attended the University of Tennessee at Martin. At UT Martin she was a member of the school’s first rodeo team and in her senior year was offered a roster spot on the school’s first girls’ basketball team alongside basketball great, Pat Head Summit. Reluctantly, she declined the basketball offer in order to begin her assignments as a student teacher but forever kept her love of horses. Most every weekend, up until 1998, you could find Janice at one of the many saddle clubs, showing her horses. Teaching was another of her loves and for thirty-two years taught either third grade or kindergarten at Caywood Elementary having been awarded Teacher of the Year on two occasions. The bonds she made teaching lasted her lifetime and traveling with her friends was another highlight of her life. Janice was blessed with many talents; as an artist she could draw and paint, carve wood, make sculptures and learned calligraphy as well. Anything that she chose to do, she mastered.

Surviving Janice is her husband of almost fifty years, Tommy Patterson, and their three children: Jerri Lynn (Robby) Sims, Jaclyn Burleson and Jared Patterson; granddaughters Lena, Lila and Lona Sims and countless nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Janice was preceded in death by her sister, Joy Maness.

Graveside services for Janice will be 10:00 AM Tuesday, May 24th at Unity Cemetery with her nephews serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends on Monday from 5-8 PM at Pafford Funeral Home. If inclined, donations can be made to some of Janice's favorite causes: Lois Loves Closet at First United Methodist Church where she was a member, St. Jude or to the 2nd Saturday Fund at the Broad Street Church of Christ where she attended with her husband.

Cemetery Details

Unity Cemetery

Highway 22A
Luray, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN 38351
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Graveside Service

MAY 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Unity Cemetery
Highway 22A
Luray, TN

Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janice Yates Patterson



Pafford Funeral Home - May 23, 2022 at 12:16 PM

DM

THis video is just awesome. Janice was so loved. Special lady.

Diane McPeake - May 24, 2022 at 01:16 PM

RS

Great Video,. Thanks for the share. Prayers for Janice family. 🙏🙏

Rowena Smith - May 29, 2022 at 07:45 PM

RS

“ Rowena Smith lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson



Rowena Smith - May 29, 2022 at 08:06 PM

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson*



Linda Elam - May 24, 2022 at 03:57 PM

SH

“ *Sherry & Tom Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson*



Sherry & Tom Hendrix - May 24, 2022 at 12:12 AM

TL

“ *To the family of Janice Patterson, she was one special lady. She was my third-grade teacher at Paul G. Caywood Elementary School during the school year of 1972-1973. She was the sweetest and kindest teacher/person I have ever met. I still have a poem book she gave me during my third-grade year. I will always treasure knowing her and having her as a teacher. Love and prayers to the Janice Patterson Family from Tonia (Middleton) Lewis.*

Tonia Lewis - May 23, 2022 at 10:33 PM

JS

“ *I feel so Blessed to have grown up with Janice as my friend and to have been able to renew our friendship 10 years ago. I loved her and will miss her very much!*

JANE Williams Serrano

Jane Williams Serrano - May 23, 2022 at 09:47 PM

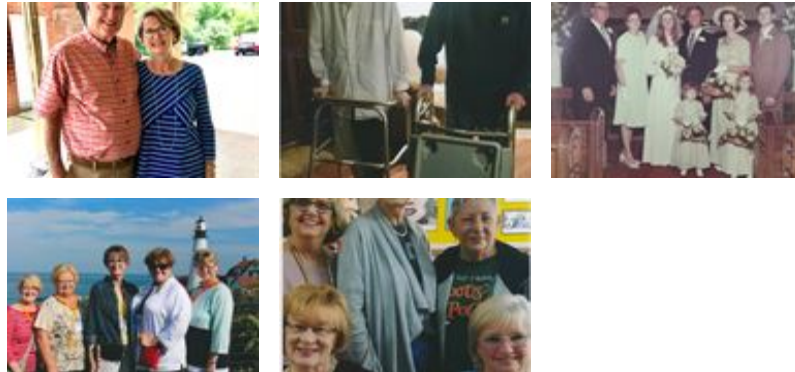


“ To all who love Janice....and we are just about uncountable.....whatever our connection, our generation, our memory of her, however she may have changed our life with her knowledge, her joy, her genuine love for everyone she met, or with a funny story, a down-to-earth fact, or a lesson we needed to learn.....how blessed we all are to have her memory forever with us. Sending Love and prayers for comfort and peace to surround her close family circle as sweet and sure as the love that she permanently left with them.
Sincerely,
Dian Helms Brown

Dian - May 23, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ 182 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pafford Funeral Home - May 23, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janice Yates Patterson.



May 23, 2022 at 10:32 AM

GT

“ *Ms. Patterson was a wonderful and caring teacher you could see her gift for teaching from the inside out she was a treasure she talked my son while he was attending Caywood she is a lady and a teacher I will never forget my condolences to her family and friends and everyone that knew her she was special and God bless you you will be missed.*



Ginger Taylor - May 23, 2022 at 12:06 AM

SS

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. Janice was a jewel to many.*



Sylvia Stone - May 22, 2022 at 11:06 PM

PP

“ *Paulette Pugh lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson*



Paulette Pugh - May 22, 2022 at 08:22 PM

DE

“ So sorry for your loss. She was my teacher at Caywood, she will be dearly missed. To The Family forever in my heart, thoughts and prayers.



Denise Ellis - May 22, 2022 at 08:15 PM

SH

“ She is entwined with the best kinds of memories. Thank you sweet friend for a life well lived.

Susie Brooks Hudson - May 22, 2022 at 07:32 PM

SV

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for the days ahead!

Love,
Steve and Elizabeth Vineyard



Steve & Elizabeth Vineyard - May 22, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Yates Patterson.



May 22, 2022 at 05:07 PM

VR

“ *Venita Russell lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson*



Venita Russell - May 22, 2022 at 04:33 PM

BE

“ *What a beautiful soul..She will be missed!!*

becky - May 22, 2022 at 04:07 PM

DW

“ *Donna Wohlford lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson*



donna wohlford - May 22, 2022 at 03:17 PM

DW

Janice was so kind hearted and nice. I always admired her many talents. Prayers for her family and friends.

Donna Wohlford - May 23, 2022 at 11:40 AM

PW

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Janice's death. She was a very talented and sweet person. She will be missed by many. May God bless the family in dealing with their loss.*

Peggy

Peggy Wentworth - May 22, 2022 at 03:04 PM

EC

Janice was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. She will be missed by many. Loved her and her family. Prayers for all of you.

Ella Cook - May 22, 2022 at 06:54 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Wentworth lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson*



Peggy Wentworth - May 22, 2022 at 03:02 PM

KD

“ *Kelley Davis lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson*



Kelley Davis - May 22, 2022 at 02:58 PM

CK

“ *Charlotte Kizer lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson*



Charlotte Kizer - May 22, 2022 at 02:58 PM

EA

“ Eddie & Lori Akins lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson



Eddie & Lori Akins - May 22, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Yates Patterson.



May 22, 2022 at 12:02 PM

RS

“ Broken hearted for the loss of this shining star. Rest In Peace sweet lady! Prayers for your family and friends.



Rhonda Sanders - May 22, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Yates Patterson.



May 22, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ *Rob & Kathy Renfroe lit a candle in memory of Janice Yates Patterson* ”



Rob & Kathy Renfroe - May 21, 2022 at 09:27 PM