



## Jan S. Siefert

July 17, 1952 - November 29, 2021

Jan S. Siefert, age 69, of Kankakee passed away November 29, 2021 at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. She was July 17, 1952 in Kankakee, the daughter of LeRoy & Freida Jackson.

Jan attended Steuben Elementary School in Kankakee and graduated from Kankakee Eastridge High School. She attended Kankakee Community College and received her bachelor's degree from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais. Jan taught fourth grade at St. Martin Catholic School for 24 years. She volunteered at the Kankakee Police Station information desk for 4 years. Jan was the proud owner of Cobb Manor Apartments. She was an avid reader and loved horseback riding.

Jan loved her dogs, especially Peanut. She enjoyed traveling with her longtime partner, Chester, who she deeply cared for him and he her.

Surviving are her longtime partner of 27 years, Chester Ciotuszynski of Kankakee; one niece, Julie (Bryan) Riml of Alton; great nieces, Rebecca Rios of Kankakee and Selena Rios of Troy; great nephew, SPC. Joseph Rios of CO; four great-great nephews; and one great-great niece. Jan is preceded in death by her parents and great-nephew, Anthony Rios.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Monday, December 6, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral service will be held at Noon on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, also at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.



# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-6726

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Jan was a wonderful human being. And her love for animals was remarkable. She was a good friend and we had many wonderful conversations. I enjoyed stopping by and chatting with Jan when she worked the front desk at the Kankakee City Police Dept., as the desk officer. My thoughts & prayers go out to Chester and Jan's family. Rest in Peace Jan.*

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**Marci Gearhart** - December 09, 2021 at 01:30 PM

KR

*Thank you, Marci. Karen Jackson Riml, Jan's sister*

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**Karen Jackson Riml** - March 12, 2022 at 10:27 PM

MG

“ *Marci Gearhart lit a candle in memory of Jan S. Siefert*



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**Marci Gearhart** - December 09, 2021 at 01:23 PM

CE

“ *Chester, you have my deepest condolences in your loss of your loving partner.  
Dr Carey Ellis*

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**carey ellis** - December 07, 2021 at 02:24 PM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - December 06, 2021 at 10:56 AM

MO

“ *Jan was my cousin. Our dads were brothers. She was like a sister to me. Although, we were miles apart we kept in touch and would pick up where we left off. I will always cherish Jan's visits to Houston and mine to Kankakee. Jan loved and was very proud of her hometown. I am forever grateful for Chester, who loved Jan dearly and was always there for her.*  
*Love and miss you Jan,*  
*Martha Oberle*

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**Martha Oberle** - December 05, 2021 at 11:40 AM

JZ

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**John E. Zimmer** - December 04, 2021 at 11:55 PM

JC

“ I only knew Jan through Chester and at family dinners. But I always found her to be a humorous, warm, engaging person that radiated charm and grace. My condolences to Chester on the loss of the jewel of his life.

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**John Camden** - December 04, 2021 at 08:59 PM

AM

“ Ms. Jan, you will be greatly missed. We are so happy to have gotten to know you more the past several years, even though I have known you before that. 😊🙏 May you rest peacefully. Love, Abby, Patrick and the boys

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**Abby McMillin** - December 04, 2021 at 10:06 AM

CC

“ HONEY , I WILL ALWAYS love you , thank you for the last 27 years of happiness. I will miss you till we meet again.

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**Chester Ciotuszynski** - December 03, 2021 at 09:32 PM

JC

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**John Camden** - December 04, 2021 at 08:52 PM

JZ

*Celebrating the life of a wonderful woman and mourning her passing with comfort and peace during this difficult time. We will always remember her intelligence, desire to educate and humor. Jan was an amazing woman, a made woman in a field of one.*

*"If the people we love are stolen from us, the way to have them live on is :*

*John E. Zimmer  
&  
Anna Zimmer*

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**John E. Zimmer** - December 04, 2021 at 11:52 PM

MO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Martha Oberle** - December 03, 2021 at 12:12 PM

PE

“ MOMMY I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU, I WILL MISS YOU SO MUCH.  
LOVE YOU ALWAYS, YOUR LITTLE GIRL PEANUT

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**peanut** - December 03, 2021 at 07:07 AM



“ I remember Jan from when she worked with me at a Barnes & Noble years ago when I lived in Illinois. Never had anything bad to say about anyone or anything, as I recall. You couldn't walk all over her, either. She had that perfect combination of strength & positivity. She will be missed.

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**David Pacchetti** - December 02, 2021 at 07:39 AM



“ I am so distressed to learn of Jan's death. She told me she would not attend the reunion on Oct. 9th due to a compromised immune system but we stayed in touch and she provided good information regarding park amenities. Since the reunion we have emailed each other and she promised a longer email in the near future but said things were really hectic right then. I've known Jan since grade school and one thing I learned early on.....I always wanted to be on Jan's kickball team! My condolences to Jan's family. Holly Schneider Gott

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**Holly Gott** - December 01, 2021 at 10:27 PM

KR

“ I love you, Jan.  
Your sister, Karen

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**Karen L. Jackson Riml** - December 01, 2021 at 05:58 PM

SC

“ Jan always had a smile that would light up your life. So sad. Condolences



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**sharon (miller) crevier** - December 01, 2021 at 05:26 PM

AC

“ I am so heartbroken that Jan has left all of those who loved her. She once told me that she wanted to be a teacher as she was in several of my home economics classes back in the late sixties. Jan was one of those who just made a teacher glad they were there and she always had that smile and such a nice attitude each and every day. I don't deny that she was one of my favorites and so we had this great teacher student relationship always. I never knew what had become of Jan but now it's both heartbreaking and gratifying to know that she taught for so many years and I can guarantee she was a good teacher, caring in every way. Just one of those you just never want to forget and I surely will remember her too. My condolences to her partner and family..

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**Alice Cote** - December 01, 2021 at 04:45 PM

JE

I knew Jan from her and Chester attending the Citizen Police Academy that Tim and I taught a few years ago. We became friends with them both from then on. We would meet for lunch occasionally and she was always a delight and will be missed!! Jay Etzel. God bless her!

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**Jay A Etzel** - December 06, 2021 at 08:35 AM