



Janet Macias Payne

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Janet Macias Payne, “Jan”, 86, passed away on July 2, 2023, enveloped in the love of her family. That is fitting, given how much love she spread into the world, whether you were related to her or not. She spent her 86 years being kind and compassionate to family, to strangers that didn’t remain strangers for long, to animals that needed shelter and sustenance.

She was born on August 13, 1936 in Cleveland, Ohio to George and Mae (O’Hara) Barnes. She was raised with her two sisters, Dorothy and Mary, in an environment steeped in arts and culture. Jan trained as a dancer and visual artist. She married Arthur Macias in 1954 and had five children with him: Michael, Dan, Loretta, Jon and David. The family relocated from Ohio to Florida in the 1959. That marriage ended in 1976, and she met and married Greg Payne, the man who would be her devoted husband and companion for the next 44 years. She and Greg welcomed their son Adam in 1983.

Jan was very talented. She was offered a position as a dancer with legendary singer Yma Sumac’s touring company, but turned it down to focus on completing school and starting a family. She also was named the Tampa Museum of Art’s modern artist of the year in 1968. She became passionate about and shared with Greg a life of learning about and exploring various spiritual traditions, an outgrowth of her love of people from all walks of life. She was smart, funny, brave and was a great role model for her children in that she was an iconoclast, forging her own unique path in life, but always doing it with kindness and love in her heart. It was a great life lesson for her children, who have all followed varying paths in life to success and happiness.

She was preceded in death by her son Dan and her granddaughters Mandy and Jessica. She is survived and cherished by the rest of her children, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Friday, July 7, 2023 at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home at 1727 Bartow Road in Lakeland, Florida. There will be a viewing at 1pm, followed by a service at 2pm and a



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celebration of life at her son Jon and daughter-in-law Vilma's home at 1132 Candlewood Drive in Lakeland.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to SPCA (<https://www.spcai.org/donate>) or St. Jude's Children's Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>).




Events

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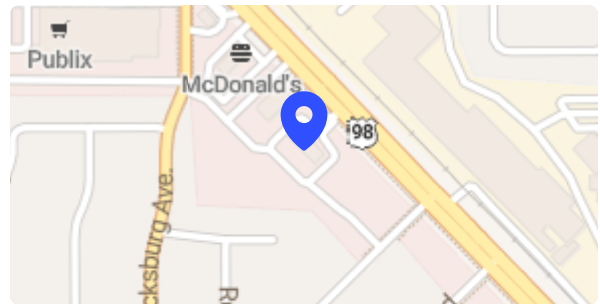
Visitation

 **Friday, July 7, 2023**

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET


 **Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel**

1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801



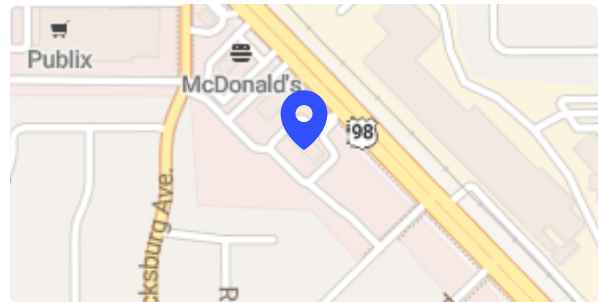
Memorial Service

 **Friday, July 7, 2023**

 2:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

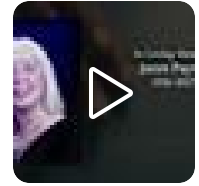
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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Video**.

July 6 at 4:38 AM



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Webcast Video**.

July 7 at 8:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Payne family.

July 7 at 6:11 AM



Anonymous sent an Enduring Grace to the Payne family.

July 6 at 8:48 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Janet.

July 6 at 8:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Payne family.

July 6 at 7:46 AM





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Cindy Hicks posted:

Janet was a very sweet lady who just happened to live across the street. She will be missed here in our neighborhood. Loved her smile and caring ways for all around her. Praying for her family to feel the comfort of God's love and peace! Tom and Cindy Hicks

July 5 at 11:29 AM



The Tx/Oh Transportation Team. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Janet.



July 5 at 8:38 AM



The Tx/Oh Transportation Team. sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Payne family.



July 5 at 8:38 AM



Janet Bonner posted:

I have many great memories, Janet was a ray of sunshine to me she always brighten up a room with her presence. I love that she was always young at heart. Janet always took the time to tell me how much she loved me at our family gatherings. I enjoyed dancing and laughing with her. Her beautiful smile was contagious. I remember she tried to teach me to belly dance 😊. I think I may have disappointed her that time. I love the time we talked about art over a painting that hung in her home. We also spend time taking about her greyhound and dog training. I will miss how she offers opinions with out passing judgment, she had a way of suggesting things in a non offensive casual manner. I will miss our conversations and family gatherings will not be the same without her. I love you Janet 😞💔. Thank you for always being welcoming and excepting me with open arms. Dance among the angels my beautiful lady I know you have earned your wings. 💙💙😞😞💙💙. Don't forget to save me a spot. Till we meet again💙😞. With love Janet Bonner

July 5 at 8:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Payne family.



July 5 at 7:50 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Janet by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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