



Janice Hensley

March 7, 1940 - September 29, 2024

With broken hearts we share with you the passing of our beautiful mom, Janice “Jan” Hensley. She passed peacefully at her home where she was happiest, more than any place on earth; surrounded by the love of her family on September 29, 2024. She was under the care of Knute Nelson Hospice. She courageously fought the awful disease of Alzhiemers for better than 12 years.

Janice Mae (Allen) was born March 7, 1940, in rural New York Mills, MN, to Alice and Robert C. Allen Sr. Mom mostly grew up in Villard, where she attended school. We heard lots of fun stories about what an amazing tumbler she was and that they had her ride a big flatbed in parades so she could walk on her hands and show off her skills!

Janice met Jerome “Jerry” Hensley and they were married in April 1960. They raised four children. Living in suburbs of the cities in their early years of marriage they took us on camping and canoeing trips on the Crow Wing River in the Huntersville area. This is where they fell in love with the area and on living away from the Twin Cities. In 1972, they found their dream property on the Leaf River and built our family home where Mom still lived.

In 1986, Mom and Dad had to endure what no parent ever should have to experience, the loss of their 22 year old daughter. Mom never recovered from

that pain and grief.

For many years Mom and Dad wintered in Margate, FL, on a golf course where she kept busy walking, swimming, bowling and shopping with the ladies. Although golfing was Dad's passion, Mom would go with the ladies some but not every waking moment like Dad. They went snorkeling and scuba diving, on cruises, and to concerts to see Andre' Bocelli. They went to Alaska a few times in the motor home and met up with their son, Jeff for some fishing. They drove the Alaskan Highway and recorded the whole thing on video tape which is so fun to hear and watch now. They took their 4-wheelers to the mountains in Montana with friends and visited Jason in Arizona. As much as Mom loved all their adventures she was always glad to get home and see her bears that came through the yard. Again, video tapes of her talking to them! Mom loved her family and the family reunions where she always liked to get a shoe-kicking game going. It was crazy but she loved it and could kick the furthest!

Mom loved time with her grandchildren; teaching them to drive in the Granny truck, and showing them up in her target shooting skills. If a gopher popped his head out of his hole she could usually shoot them, too. Her grandchildren love that property as much as she did. She tried to attend all of their football, baseball and softball games and school activities. She loved dressing up for Halloween and taking them trick or treating. She was still walking on her hands when they were in high school.

Mom loved her music. It was a constant in her life. We have memories of her putting the quadrophonic speakers on the back patio and getting us kids to rake the yard and pick up sticks while the music was blaring. Even these past 5 years when she wasn't talking to us anymore hearing Elvis would light up her smile like she was 20 again.

She had the most amazing smile in every picture you see. She was a firecracker, caring and compassionate with her huge heart. She was the caretaker in many scenarios, often giving her family a soft place to land while they figured out what they were going to do next.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Jillene "Jill"; husband, Jerry; sisters, Patsy Allen, Dee Eggert, Phyllis Sapp; and brother, Robert C. Allen Jr.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Janell and James Carr; sons, Jeff Hensley and Jason Hensley; son in-law David Zapata; sisters: Peggy Werden, Vick Johnson, Tulip Abelson, Cookie Walter, and Diane Johnson; grandsons; Mitch Carr, Wyatt (Abby) Carr, and Jessie Hensley; granddaughter, Tori; and her little dollies who called her "GG": Lilly, Aubrey and Jameson.

We will miss our Mom. She was our rock and a best friend to each of us. We are eternally grateful for Jeff stepping into the role as primary care giver these last 8 years, a job he excelled at in good times and in bad.

In lieu of cards or flowers we ask that you rejoice with us as she is now at peace and reunited with her husband and daughter, along with all her loved ones, family, and friends that have passed before her

If you would like, make a donation to Knute Nelson Hospice.

As per Mom's wishes, we will be having a private family celebration at a later date.

Janell, Jeff and Jason.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Thinking of the Hensley family at this time. Jan was a beautiful person. She was always so proud of her family. I enjoyed friendly conversations with Jan whenever I saw her. Let fond memories of your mom help to heal your saddened hearts.

Margaret Ruffino - November 04, 2024 at 10:46 PM

JC

Thank you!!❤️❤️

Jim and Janell Carr - November 05, 2024 at 09:36 AM

CR

“ My sincere sympathy to Janell, Jeff and Jason. Your mom was a rock star who loved you all dearly. She treated people with respect and kindness. I enjoyed our quiet visits as well as watching her support all of you. God bless you and your families.

Catherine Riewer - November 04, 2024 at 09:11 PM

JC

❤️❤️ thank you so much!

Jim and Janell Carr - November 05, 2024 at 09:35 AM

WS

“ I'm so sorry I just saw this. I always loved visiting w your Mom..so easy to talk to! She is such a beautiful lady with so much kindness and always radiated love n joy w her beautiful smile 😊 We hurt for each of you...she is so blessed to be w Jesus and family loved ones, but we miss seeing them so much! Please know we care about each of you n love you each dearly ❤️ You are in our prayers for God's comfort and peace. Sending big hugs to each of you 🤗

Wayne and Sheila Stave - October 31, 2024 at 11:55 PM

JA

Thank you so much ♡♡

Janell - November 01, 2024 at 09:24 PM

LG

“ *Linda & Scott Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley*



Linda & Scott Gustafson - October 07, 2024 at 01:49 PM

JP

“ *I'm sorry for your loss, your mom touched every one that was in her life, remembering all the breakfast, dinners she made and how she made every one feel welcomed.*

*I'm sorry again Janelle, Jeff, Jason and family she was a treasure.
Joe and Kimberly Pilgrim*

Joe pilgrim - October 06, 2024 at 07:54 AM

JA

Thank you so much for reaching out. ♡

Janell - October 06, 2024 at 12:55 PM

JA

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Janell - October 04, 2024 at 08:07 PM

JA

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Janell - October 04, 2024 at 08:06 PM

DZ

“ Kind, generous and she always had a beautiful smile for everyone.



David Zapata - October 04, 2024 at 12:06 PM

JA

💜 love you David💜

Janell - October 04, 2024 at 02:02 PM

AL

“ Sending my condolences to Jan’s family. She was such a beautiful lady. I have very wonderful memories of your mother. Alice (Davison) Nelson.



alice - October 03, 2024 at 03:37 PM

JA

❤️ Thank you so much for reaching out Alice. 💜

Janell - October 03, 2024 at 04:30 PM

MC

“ My deepest condolences to Jan's beloved family. We spent many hours on the golf course (Jan was a much better golfer than I). I so enjoyed all the winters in Florida with my dear sweet friend JAN! I know that she is now at peace. I will cherish all my fond memories.

Marie Clarke - October 03, 2024 at 12:05 PM

JA

Thank you Marie. She loved all of her times with you too💜💜💜

Janell - October 03, 2024 at 12:42 PM

BB

“ *Blessed be the memory of Jan Hensley. Jan, we will never forget the fun times we spent with you and Jerry. Never a dull moment. Bruce and Brian hunted at your place several times. Brian shot his first and biggest deer on your property. You are now at peace, Jan. Thanks for the memories.*



Bruce and Joyce Boyne - October 02, 2024 at 03:54 PM

JA



Janell - October 02, 2024 at 05:12 PM

HW

“ *Thoughts & Prayers to your family!*

Haley & Toby Wood - October 02, 2024 at 01:28 PM

JA



Janell - October 02, 2024 at 02:48 PM

LR

“ I can't begin to tell all the wonderful memories I have of Jan. The 4 of us took so may camping trips. One of the most memorabilia was to Yellowstone to watch the moose. Their bugle could be heard for miles. .We went to Cooke city camping and for riding 4 wheelers in the mountains several years. The writing of Jan's life is beautiful. It tells who she was and the things that were so important to her. Her family. Jerry and Jan were special friends and I miss them. The last time I saw Jan was at the bank. She stopped in my office and said I was just looking at old 8 track tapes of our trips and it brought back such wonderful memories

On one trip Jerry and Jan went to Jackson Hole and we stayed at Yellowstone. Jerry was sick. He ended up going down the mountain by ambulance. I drove the Motorhome 80 miles down the mountain to Cody Wyoming. I was in the phone booth talking to my kids when Jan walked into the hospital. I was never so happy to see anyone in my life. They stayed with me until Jerry was released from the hospital. I send my prayers to the Hensleys and Carrs.

Leone Rowan - October 02, 2024 at 08:56 AM

JA

Thank you do much for sharing Leone. Mom and Dad sure cherished yours and Jerry's Friendship. *,hugs*

Janell - October 02, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DC

“ Dale and Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley



Dale and Marlene Campbell - October 01, 2024 at 11:40 PM

WC

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Wyatt Carr - October 01, 2024 at 06:57 PM

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Wyatt Carr - October 01, 2024 at 06:55 PM

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Wyatt Carr - October 01, 2024 at 06:51 PM

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Wyatt Carr - October 01, 2024 at 06:48 PM

MA

“ Mark & Barb Allen lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley



Mark & Barb Allen - October 01, 2024 at 01:26 PM

NB

“ Nancy Braaten lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley



Nancy Braaten - October 01, 2024 at 12:18 PM

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Janell - October 01, 2024 at 11:58 AM

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Janell - October 01, 2024 at 11:57 AM

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Janell - October 01, 2024 at 11:55 AM

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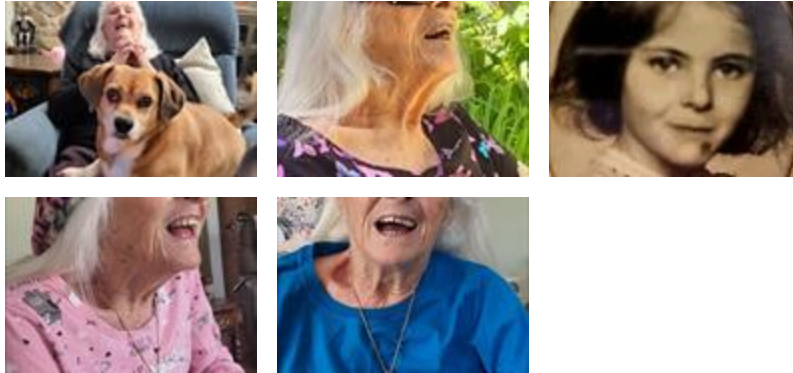
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Janell - October 01, 2024 at 11:13 AM

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Janell - October 01, 2024 at 11:01 AM

DM

“ Dale & Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley



Dale & Liz Miller - October 01, 2024 at 10:56 AM

LH

“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley



Leo Haisman - October 01, 2024 at 10:41 AM

JB

“ There are so many memories of Jan, a.k.a. GG. I still see her swimming with the great grandchildren and my granddaughter, and of her coming out to the cabin on the Fourth of July with her famous potato salad. One of my memories that will always make me laugh is when Margie, my mother, would give Jerry an extra piece of chocolate cake it did not sit well with Jan, but Jerry and Margie just sat there and laughed as Jerry happily ate the second piece of chocolate cake 🤔 Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with her extended family and friends knew what an incredible woman she was... have fun with Jerry and Jill, Jan. We all will miss you. Take care Hensley and Carr family. We love you, Vic and Julie.

Julie and Vic Boston - October 01, 2024 at 10:00 AM

JA



Janell - October 02, 2024 at 11:06 AM

FK

“ Frank Kotz, prayers for the family.



Frank V Kotz - October 01, 2024 at 07:29 AM

MM

“ Jason and I wanted to get two puppies. We asked Jan what she thought would be good names for them. She suggested "Bailey and Henry." We ended up not getting those puppies but the names stayed with me. In 2018, I got my two beagles and named them Bailey and Henri. I will always remember the kindness you showed me and how you opened your home to me and the summers we spent on the back porch with you Summer and Libby.

Matthew Martinez - September 30, 2024 at 10:08 PM

MV

“ My heartfelt prayers to the families of Janice Hensley. Especially thinking of my good buddy Mitch Carr. So very sorry for your loss. Rest In Heaven and God's Peace 🕊️ Janice Hensley, Sincerest Prayers, Mark VonBank-Park Rapids, Minnesota.



Mark VonBank - September 30, 2024 at 09:51 PM

PD

“ Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley



Patty Desrocher - September 30, 2024 at 09:37 PM

LM

“ *Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley*



Linda McIntire - September 30, 2024 at 09:15 PM

Kathy Hastings

“ *Kathy Hastings lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley*



Kathy Hastings - September 30, 2024 at 09:07 PM

SI

“ *My Aunti Jan was a special person in my life. I will always remember her with fondness in my heart. God bless her and know we will all be reunited soon. Hugs, Sis* 💜

Sis - September 30, 2024 at 09:03 PM

JA



Janell - October 02, 2024 at 11:07 AM

JB

“ *Our Deepest sympathies at the loss of your mother Jan. Thank you for sharing her incredible life story it was so moving. Remembering you all in our prayers.*
Uncle Jack, and all of Jan's Colorado cousins

Jack La Breche - September 30, 2024 at 09:01 PM

SS

“ *Janell. God made some beautiful and wonderful mothers and I am so glad that you got a special one too. Thinking fond memories of you at this time.* ”



Sally Siegler - September 30, 2024 at 08:59 PM

JA

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Janell - September 30, 2024 at 08:52 PM

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Janell - September 30, 2024 at 08:47 PM

WC

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Wyatt Carr - September 30, 2024 at 08:20 PM

BB

“ *Lifting your families in prayer!!*



Barb Brown - September 30, 2024 at 06:40 PM

SA

“ *Scott and Gala Allen lit a candle in memory of Janice Hensley*



Scott and Gala Allen - September 30, 2024 at 06:29 PM