



## Janet Carol Forneris

March 27, 1941 - November 19, 2016

Janet C. Forneris  
(nee Jacobsgaard)

Age 75, of Dwight, IL, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Miller Rehabilitation in Kankakee, IL. Born March 27, 1941 in Morris, IL to the late Elmer and Rosie (nee Bruback) Jacobsgaard. Janet spent her childhood on her family's farm in rural Dwight. She attended Reddick High School, where she met her high school sweetheart, Joseph Forneris. They married on May 22, 1958. She retired after 30 years of service at Wm. W. Fox Developmental Center in Dwight. Janet was a beautiful singer and whistler, always singing or humming a tune as she tended daily to her beloved gardens. At family gatherings, a camera was never far from her side, as Janet made sure that everyone would walk away that night with a new photo album full of memories, even if it were just hundreds of photos of people eating her famous homemade pies. Unbelievably calm, soft-spoken, and patient, Janet knew how to use her subtle charm to have the driest and sharpest sense of humor in the room. She could also spot a bargain from a mile away, and would never miss the chance to jump on a good deal at a garage sale or thrift store. Janet had an unrivaled passion for eastern bluebirds, traveling with her husband each year across the country to national bluebird conventions, and each week across the county to check for eggs in any of their hundreds of birdhouses. Mostly, Janet loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A constant

presence, Janet never missed a single sporting event, or special occasion, even if she had to break the rules of time to be at multiple places at once. She will be dearly missed.

Surviving are her husband, Joe; her children, Dennis (Judy) Forneris of Reddick, Debbie Kinkade of Minocqua, WI, David (Laura) Forneris of Herscher, and Donita (Don Haag) Forneris of Pontiac; two sisters, Dorothy Dawson of Dwight and Rita Amore (Vernon Bartels) of Potosi, WI; son-in-law, Clif Johnson of Pontiac, IL; 19 grandchildrem; 13 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was a daughter, Diana Easton-Johnson; son-in-law, Kenneth Easton; an infant grandson, Allen Forneris; and her brother, Robert Jacobsgaard.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Public visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Saturday, November 26, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Inurnment will private.

A private family memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial gifts in Janet's name may be directed to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or a place of the donor's choice.

Find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to Joe & family on the passing of your loved one.*

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**Tim & Vickie Bertrand** - December 06, 2016 at 09:24 PM

JL

“ *Donita ,I just found out that you lost your mom and I am so sorry and offer you my deepest sympathy . Hug for you, Lucky*

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**john latham** - December 04, 2016 at 02:10 PM

MN

“ *I am very sorry for your loss . Losing a loved one in death is such a difficult thing to experience . Please be comforted by the promises in the Bible . Jesus tells us at John 5 : 28 , 29 that all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out . What a loving provision put in place by the God of all comfort so we can have the assured hope of seeing our dead loved ones live again one day . Meanwhile , as I pray for that day to come I ask Jehovah God to bless your family and give each of you the strength to endure this most trying time .*

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**MN** - November 28, 2016 at 08:19 AM

VB

“ *Virginia Bassett lit a candle in memory of Janet Carol Forneris*



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**Virginia Bassett** - November 26, 2016 at 12:45 PM

VB

“ Joe, children and families, I am truly sorry for your loss. Janet and I had a good time growing up enjoying the celebrations of whatever occasion there might be giving our parents the chance to play cards and have wonderful late lunches. We girls out numbered the boys big time so girls ruled!! Janet and I would babysit together on occasion. On one of those nights we were babysitting she told me she was marrying Joe as soon as she was out of school. She did and what a wonderful husband you have been to Janet Joe. As I battle my own cancer Janet was always an inspiration to me to never give up. AND Joe you were always at her side. May God bless you and keep you in his peace. My love to all of the family.  
Virginia Allen Spafford-Bassett

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**Virginia Bassett** - November 26, 2016 at 12:43 PM

GF

“ So many wonderful memories shared with cousin Janet over the years. Very glad we got to spend time together at the recent Bruback reunions. God's peace to all of her family!

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**Gary Fredensborg** - November 25, 2016 at 11:34 AM

GF

“ 3 files added to the album Family



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**Gary Fredensborg** - November 25, 2016 at 11:14 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Carol Forneris.*



November 25, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Carol Forneris.*



November 25, 2016 at 05:32 AM



“ *Joe, Jim & I were so sorry to hear of Janets passing , her obituary was a real tribute to her life She must have been a wonderful person inside & out. Find peace in the time you had together. Life is a gift that's why they call it the present. Your Friends Jim & Anita Honn*

**Jim & Anita Honn** - November 22, 2016 at 10:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Family*



**Amanda Landers** - November 22, 2016 at 05:55 PM

CF

“ So sad to hear of Janet's passing, but I'm also very happy that she is no longer suffering. My favorite memory....Janet was the VERY FIRST person that I ever had as a customer at my very first garage sale. And what a shopper she was! She will be missed! Thoughts and prayers to all of you!

Cathy Ferguson - November 22, 2016 at 05:16 PM

CO

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, she was one of the kindest people I knew! I remember one time when Many was little, she and he went to garage sales and he came home with the cutest little kitten ( we named him Shadow) She will be dearly missed by all who knew her 😭😭 All my love and prayer's to you all



Colleen - November 22, 2016 at 10:31 AM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a true icon of Reddick. What a kind , wonderful woman and yes, very patient. Especially with all those kids 😊 She will be missed. God bless you all and rest in peace dear Janet❤️

ginger (shelly) gualandi - November 22, 2016 at 07:30 AM

PR

“ The Jacobsgards were great neighbors and we were blessed to have Janet as one of our babysitters in days past. As we all grew she never failed to call out to us, recognizing each of us and calling us by name. We loved when she came to our garage sales so we had a chance to visit. She was a wonderful woman and will be greatly missed.

Patti (Tambling) Rosenbaum - November 21, 2016 at 11:22 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Carol Forneris.*



November 21, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Lot of fond memories when my dad and I helped bale hay during many summers there.*

**Earl Twait** - November 21, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *Very Very sad to hear of Janet's passing. Just happened to run across a current post on Facebook from her grandson that she passed away. Getting to a point that all the great people I worked with at Fox are leaving. We laughed and had a lot of great times at work during the 30 years we worked together.*



*Joe you and your entire family have both our sympathy*

*Sharon and Ken Perry*

**Sharon Perry** - November 21, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *Lots of memories from when we were kids. So very sorry for your loss Sincerely Bob and Pat Kelly*

**Pat Kelly** - November 21, 2016 at 01:28 PM

DT

“ *We have many fond memories of all those Reddick Bulldog ball games. She was a special lady with a remarkable family. Our sympathies to all. Dave and Ann Trent*

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**Dave Trent** - November 21, 2016 at 11:31 AM