



## Janet J. Joyce

January 19, 1940 - March 27, 2015

Janet J. Joyce

(nee Meece)

Of Reddick, IL, passed away Friday, March 27, 2015 at her home surrounded by her family and loved ones. She was born January 19, 1940 to the late Delno and Lura (nee Stephens) Meece. Janet was raised in Campus with her five brothers and sisters. She attended Reddick High School, married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Joyce and raised her family on their farm in Reddick. In her lifetime, she went from lambing sheep, to recruiting and organizing thousands of volunteers, feeding the masses and serving as both a state senator's wife and a state senator. She loved antiques, Christmas ornaments, political buttons, traveling, her grandchildren, and chocolate. She met no stranger and offered a helping hand to anyone with a need.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry; her children, Judy (Dennis) Forneris of Reddick, Lori (Tom) Cullen of Springfield, IL, Patrick (Rita) Joyce of Essex, IL, and Karen (Darren) Barker of Kankakee, IL; seven grandchildren, Jenni (Aaron) Wise, Dara (Casey) Holohan, Kyle (Caroline) Forneris, Collin Joyce, Jack Cullen, Will Cullen, and Anna Barker; five great grandchildren; two brothers, Jack (Bev) Meece of Kankakee and Jim (Sandi) Meece of Floyds Knobs, IN; two sisters, Gail (Steve) Clapp of Cabery and Gretta (Bob) Giacometti, both of Reddick, IL; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were two grandchildren, Katelyn Marie Joyce and Allen Forneris, in infancy; and one sister, Lynell McGinnis. Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Monday, March 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Show Reddy Allam will officiate.

Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Braidwood.

The visitation will be Sunday, March 29, from 2-5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name may be directed to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to [www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com) or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory.

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# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery-Braidwood

Cemetery Road  
Braidwood, IL 60408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
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## Service

MAR **30**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Our deepest sympathy to Jerry and the family. Janet went to the Roland Beauty School with me in Bradley. At that time she and Jerry were dating and he would often come over at lunch time to take her to lunch. Janet was one of the sweetest girls that I ever meant. I'm sure she will be sadly missed by her family and friends.  
Donna Rouu Lombardi  
Wilmington, IL

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**Donna Lombardi** - March 30, 2015 at 10:29 PM

HL

“ Dear Joyce Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your wife and Mother's passing. My sympathies and prayers for all of you.

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**Helen Lamping** - March 30, 2015 at 04:05 PM

JP

“ I can still remember Janet's occasional visits to Jack's office. She was a very pleasant person. I consider myself fortunate to have known her. Joyce and Meece families, please accept my warmest regards as you mourn and celebrate her life. Jim Piekarczyk,  
County Engineer (Retired)

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**Jim Piekarczyk** - March 30, 2015 at 11:23 AM

KG

“ Our sympathy to the Joyce family on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Keith and Maggie Galloway

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**Keith and Maggie Galloway** - March 30, 2015 at 11:19 AM

TM

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Tom & Mary Maass*

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**Tom & Mary Maass** - March 29, 2015 at 05:04 PM

DK

“ I was so sorry to hear of Janet's death. Prayers are with your entire family at this time. Donna (Williams) Kozak

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**Donna Kozak** - March 29, 2015 at 01:05 PM

MT

“ Lovely lady! I'll never forget me and Judy getting rides in moms car when we were in junior high. I think I was staying overnight. Anyway, there was a bad odor coming from the trunk and Janet opened the trunk and there was a sack of potatoes rotting in there. We all cried out when that puppy came out! Also many happy memories of cleaning the yard for Jerry's yard party's.

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**mary Oelschlager Taylor** - March 29, 2015 at 12:50 PM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerry and the entire Joyce family. We had the good fortune of spending time with Jan and Jerry when Robin and I we just married. Jan was a definite role model for us. Her family was everything. Her infectious smile and sense of humor was non stop. She will be missed by so many. We thank God we have the memories that we can take with us where ever we are.

*Dan & Robin Havens*

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**Dan Havens** - March 29, 2015 at 09:31 AM

DW

“ Our condolences to the Joyce family. Thanks to Janet for always treating her children's friends as if they were her own. Janet was my Cub Scout Leader as a youth and I remember those nights to this day. Myself Bob Gregory, and Big Kid challenged her patience, but she always keep smiling and steering us in the right direction. Heart felt Sympathy from Doug and Julie Wilkey.

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**Doug Wilkey** - March 28, 2015 at 08:52 PM

BT

“ We enjoyed our times together.  
Ron and Barbara Tavernaro

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**Barbara Tavernaro** - March 28, 2015 at 07:36 PM

BM

“ Lois and I would like to express our sincere sympathy and condolences to Janet's whole family.  
I grew up in Campus with the Meece"s. Even though Janet was only a little less than 5 years older than me, Me and my sisters were one of her first babysitting jobs when she was 9 or 10 years old. A lot of fond memories.  
May God bless you all and give you peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Bill & Lois Maguire

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**Bill Maguire** - March 28, 2015 at 06:07 PM

RS

“ Jerry and Family. Janet was my classmate in 958 and a very good friend. I mourn her passing, but know that she is at peace and no longer in pain. Our prayers and thoughts go out of your family in your loss. God Bless Rena Jo (Johnson) and Bob Snyder

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**Rena Jo Snyder** - March 28, 2015 at 02:45 PM

WK

“ *Our most sincere condolences to Jerry and the rest of the family from the Koehle's (Rose Mary).*

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**William Koehle** - March 28, 2015 at 02:08 PM

RF

“ *Joyce a Family:*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have a lot of fond memories with both Janet and Jerry. They were both attendants at our wedding 56 years ago. Ralph and Jerry were boyhood friends, they all went to Reddick High School.*

*Sorry we can't express our sympathy in person. God be with you.*

*Ralph/Natalene Ferrari - FL*

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**Ralph/Natalene Ferrari** - March 28, 2015 at 01:44 PM

MM

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all the family*

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**Mary mallaney** - March 28, 2015 at 09:18 AM