



Janice E. Huber-Lucas

March 21, 1951 - January 3, 2026

Janice E. Huber-Lucas, 74, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Riverside Medical Center.

Jan passed away surrounded by love, leaving behind a legacy of generosity, strength, and fierce devotion to her family. She was born March 21, 1951, in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of Edward and Doris (Marx) Huber.

She was the kind of woman who would give you the shirt off her back and drop everything to help someone in need. Feisty, outspoken, and full of heart, she loved her family with her whole being. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She delighted in hearing about the adventures of the younger ones and was always looking for ways to provide for and support her older grandchildren, never missing an opportunity to show how deeply she cared.

Jan found joy in life's simple pleasures—watching college football (with a special love for Notre Dame, Go Irish!), cheering on the Chicago Bears, and settling in for a good Hallmark movie. A talented seamstress, she shared her creativity and patience by teaching her daughters to bake, passing down traditions that will live on for generations.

She loved line dancing and continued as long as her body would allow. In

recent years, she often shared that while her body struggled, her spirit still felt strong and young—a reflection of her resilient and determined soul.

Jan deeply missed her firstborn daughter, who passed away at the age of 39. While this loss never left her heart, we find comfort in knowing they are together again. She is also reunited with her beloved parents, welcoming her home with open arms.

She will be remembered for her strength, her warmth, her humor, and the unwavering love she gave so freely. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her spirit lives on in the lives she touched and the family she cherished so fiercely.

Janice is survived by three children, Bill (Michelle) Lucas of Kankakee, Derek (Crissi) Lucas of Church Hill, TN, and Sarah (Keith) Dombkowski of Bourbonnais; grandchildren, Christopher, Elizabeth, Faith, Briannah, Billy, Noah, Delanie, Carter, Kennedy, Lyndon, and Reagan; siblings, Knute Huber, Lanny (David) Koester, Nick (Kristie) Huber, Terry (Mary) Huber, Cherree Rensch, Angie Huber, Randy Huber, Tessie (Jim) Drager, Linda (Greg) York, Norine (Rich) Combs, and Mike (Jennifer) Huber; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Michelle Lucas-Garrett.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ I grew up with Jan and went to the same grade school with her for 8 years and also lived close by in the same neighborhood. We lost contact later as I moved and and she too. The unusual thing was we ended up getting married to the Lucas brothers, her the oldest of 3 and I wed the youngest and we at one time lived on the same street few houses away. She was an amazing person and will be missed by many . Praying for her family for peace, comfort and all the memories you have to share with us. Gone too soon. Just a long lost friend . Linda Lenahan, Odneal, Lucas and now Stachowicz..

Linda Lenahan Stachowicz - January 09 at 09:02 PM

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“ I worked with Jan at Kmart DC for many years. She would frequently stop by before going home to chat or show me her latest sewing project (also to start her car out my window). She always remembered the office people at Christmas with a card and frequently with a small gift; perhaps an ornament or such taped to the card. She will be missed.

Diana Elroy (DE) - January 07 at 12:12 PM

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“ This is how talented of a seamstress Jan was



Cherree Huber Rensch - January 06 at 11:50 AM

KD

“ Jan and I shared the love of line dancing and following our favorite bands together. We always had fun together. We often went to garage sales and flea markets. I will miss her very much . Jan was devoted to her grandchildren and often shared pictures. Prayers for her family

Karen Deschand - January 06 at 11:40 AM

AD

“ I spent many years working with Jan at KCC and kept in touch after we were done there. She had struggles lately but stayed tough trying to get better, I am glad she is at peace and with Shelly who she deeply missed..I will miss our talks and visits we had..My prayers to the family on their loss.....Angie Devine

Angie Devine - January 05 at 09:13 PM

KB

“ She and I shared the same birthday and we would giggle about it. When I think of her she had a joyous spirit.

Kathy Brault - January 05 at 08:01 PM