



## Janet Kirkland Love

June 15, 1947 - February 3, 2026

Janet Elaine Love, born June 15, 1947, passed away on February 3, 2026, surrounded by love. For more than 35 years, Jan shared a loving marriage with her husband, Gary Love. Together they built a life full of laughter, hard work, and adventure. They loved taking big trips together, but they also delighted in simple joys, cooking and sharing treats, like blizzards from Dairy Queen. Jan's finesse with numbers, thriftiness, and sharp business sense helped her and Gary build and run a successful business together for many years, something she took great pride in. Jan was, first and always, a devoted mother and an adoring grandmother. Her life revolved around her family, and she showed up for them in every way—serving as a Girl Scout leader, a team mom, and a constant presence at sporting events, birthdays, and celebrations big and small. She was not just "Granny," but one of their biggest fans and fiercest supporters.

Jan had a playful, uninhibited spirit. She loved to dance, sing, and pull practical jokes, and she never hesitated to be silly if it meant making someone smile. She also had a passion for garage sales and antique collecting, always on the hunt for a hidden treasure. Her compassion and joy were the result of her relationship with Jesus. Jan was a devout Christian and devoted member of Jonesboro First Baptist Church. In addition to caring for her husband and family and service to her church, Jan dedicated many years to volunteering at a battered women's shelter and later worked at a group home supporting older adults with disabilities. Helping others wasn't something she talked

about—it was simply how she lived. Jan is survived by her husband of almost 36 years, Gary Love; her sister, Gail Wright; her daughter Gina Echevarria and her husband Vic; her son Rick Smith and his wife Amy; her granddaughters, Charli Echevarria, Abby Thompson, Lainie Foerster, and Ella Smith; and her great-granddaughter, Janet Hinds, her cherished namesake. She is also lovingly remembered by Gary's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren: Craig and Angie Love, Lindsey, Derek, Dansby, Seager, and Murphy Duran, Luke Love, Sally Love, Rich Love, Kayla Love, and Connor Love. Jan will be remembered for her infectious fun personality, her generosity of spirit, her laughter, and the way she made people feel welcomed and cared for. Her legacy lives on in the family she cherished and the many lives she touched. A Funeral Service will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 8, 2026 in the Chapel of Ford Stewart Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2:00 PM till 3:00 PM prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions in her name to: First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, PO BOX 773, Jonesboro, GA 30237 or call 770-478-6710.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Ford Stewart Funeral Home Inc.  
2047 Highway 138 S.E.  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Ford Stewart Funeral Home - February 08 at 12:09 PM

RE

“ Rick, Amy, Lainie, and Ella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Kirkland Love.

Rick, Amy, Lainie, and Ella - February 06 at 03:10 PM

RE

“ Rick, Amy, Lainie, and Ella purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of Janet Kirkland Love.



Rick, Amy, Lainie, and Ella - February 06 at 03:10 PM

BV

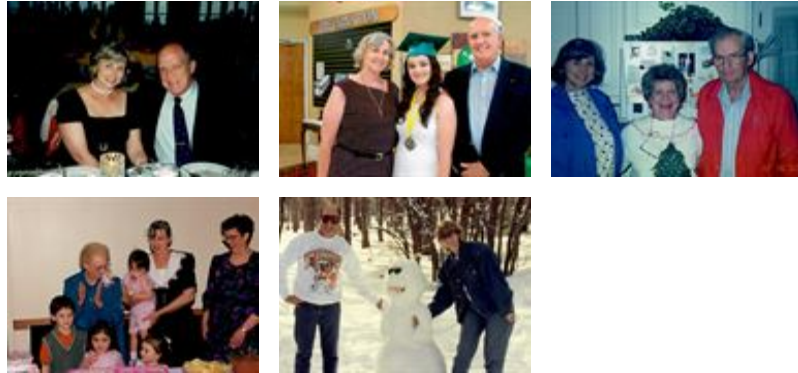
“ Bryan and Jody Vizcaino purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Janet Kirkland Love.



Bryan and Jody Vizcaino - February 06 at 10:16 AM



“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Ford Stewart Funeral Home - February 05 at 04:42 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Janet Kirkland Love.*



February 05 at 04:40 PM



“ *Rick and Michele Laitenberger purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Janet Kirkland Love.*



Rick and Michele Laitenberger - February 05 at 03:43 PM

AH

“ Amanda & Hal purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janet Kirkland Love.



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Amanda & Hal - February 05 at 03:29 PM

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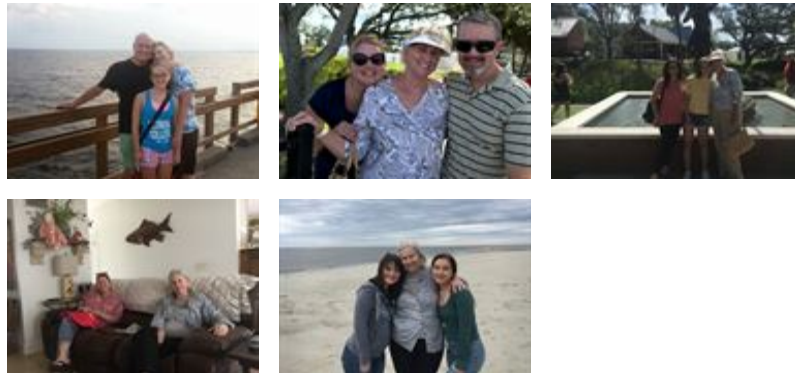
“ Amanda & Hal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Kirkland Love.

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Amanda & Hal - February 05 at 03:29 PM



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Ford Stewart Funeral Home - February 05 at 03:18 PM



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



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February 05 at 03:10 PM



“ *John Felcman @ Lansing Daytona planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Janet Kirkland Love.*

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**John Felcman @ Lansing Daytona** - February 05 at 03:10 PM



“ *Favorites Gift Box was purchased for the family of Janet Kirkland Love.*



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February 05 at 01:18 PM



“ *Thank you, Jan, for your kind spirit and bright smile. You were a light in this world, and now shine brighter then ever in the presence of our Savior. Love, Mark and Tina Wooddall*

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**Tina Wooddall** - February 05 at 12:24 PM

LL

“ Lauren and Brandon Lasater purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janet Kirkland Love.



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**Lauren and Brandon Lasater** - February 05 at 10:01 AM

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**Lauren and Brandon Lasater** - February 05 at 10:01 AM

LM

“ Love, Blake & Millie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janet Kirkland Love.



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**Love, Blake & Millie** - February 05 at 09:09 AM

RS

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



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**Rick Smith** - February 04 at 09:45 PM