



Janet K. Carnes

January 7, 1939 - April 20, 2014

Janet Kay (Levander) Carnes, 75, Lincoln, passed away on Easter, April 20, 2014. Born to Harvey and Donna (Brust) Levander in rural Fillmore County on January 7, 1939, Janet attended elementary school first at Geneva, NE and then at rural school close to Bruning, NE. Janet then attended Bruning HS and graduated in 1957. On June 5, 1958, Janet married Gerald Carnes at Trinity Lutheran in Bruning. They had two children Carmen and Perry. In the midst of raising a family Janet earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from UNL in the Education field. Janet was proud to have been a Nebraska educator for 27 plus years teaching in most K-9 grade levels at Waco, Dewitt, Wilber, Ashland, Grand Island, Marquette, and at Campbell as elementary principal. Janet also worked for six years in the 70s for the Saunders County Superintendent calling on the then 50 rural schools in that county. During the time her children were young Janet taught Bible School and Confirmation classes. For several years, Janet was active in Delta Kappa Gamma Society for women educators serving a term as chapter president. In retirement Janet worked as a practicum supervisor for UNL Teacher's College sharing her love of teaching and learning with college students. Upon moving to Lincoln in 1997 Janet was a member at Southwood Lutheran Church where she enjoyed participating in Grace Circle and was also a member of PEO Chapter AI. Janet's family gave her much joy in life. She was a devoted daughter, a supportive wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. Janet was especially pleased to be able to spend time with grandchildren and was proud to cheer

them on attending their various activities. Over the years Janet so loved her various family pets. Together, Janet and Gerald treasured the friendships they made while living in various communities in which their careers took them. Janet often spoke of the memories made and laughs shared and was known for her delivery of humorous stories and recollections. Janet was preceded in death by her parents and brother Richard Levander. Survivors: husband of 55 years, Gerald; daughter Carmen (Rich) Jirovec of Lincoln; son Perry (Amy) Carnes of Papillion; grandchildren Jacob Jirovec, Lincoln; Alec Carnes, Addison Carnes, Papillion; sister-in-law Joyce Levander, Central City; brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law Ron & Pat Carnes, Wayne and Ken & Dorothy Carnes, Lincoln; nine nieces and nephews and their families. Graveside Service 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Bruning Public Cemetery in Bruning, Nebraska. Visitation will begin Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family greeting friends from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska. Memorial Service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 25, 2014 at the Southwood Lutheran Church 9300 South 40th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Memorials are directed to the family for later designation.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. We have many fond memories of Janet. Mostly at Dick and Joyce's home. Loved when she told stories of her teaching. She was a lovely lady who will be missed so much.

Don and Ruth McCosh - April 26, 2014 at 11:15 AM

EH

“ Dear Carmen, Rich and Jake, Our sympathies are with you on this sad day. I so enjoyed getting to know your mother/grandmother in the Southwood Lutheran women's reading group. She was so smart, funny, and kind. Bless you and all your family in these hard days ahead. Love,
Evelyn, Brian, and Nathaniel

Evelyn Fink and Brian Humes - April 25, 2014 at 12:46 PM

BN

“ Gerald (Mr. Carnes) @ Family,
My deepest sympathy to you all. Was sadden to read of Janet's passing. Even though it has been many year's since we last visited with you, that doesn't mean we have forgotten you both. Our thoughts and prayer's are with you all at this time.
Sincerely, Bob Naber

Bob Naber - April 25, 2014 at 11:48 AM

CR

“ Tom and I are very saddened to hear of Janet's passing. You have both been such great neighbors. We will miss Janet. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Cathy Robertson - April 24, 2014 at 06:45 PM

JM

“ Len and I are so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. She was a lovely lady, and I can still hear her unique laugh that always brought me a happy moment! We will keep all of you in our prayers now and in the times to come. God bless you. Judy and Len Marco

Judy Marco - April 24, 2014 at 02:36 PM

LS

“ My sympathies to the Carnes family. Janet was my 4th grade teacher at Marquette, and other subjects as well. I fondly remember her sense of humor and dedication to her students. She will be greatly missed.

Larissa Schuele - April 24, 2014 at 01:30 PM

CM

“ I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. We will all remember Janet fondly. I will not be able to attend the memorial service because of my daughter's wedding this weekend in Washington, D.C. However, I will keep you all in thought and prayer, and wish you peace and strength.

Carol Meyer - April 23, 2014 at 09:12 PM

JA

“ Jerry & family: So sorry to hear about your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Always enjoyed seeing you folks when you lived in Ashland!

Jim Anderson - April 23, 2014 at 05:24 PM

PG

“ I had Mrs. Cranes as my elementary teacher at Marquette School. She was strict, but she was a good teacher. The first thing that comes to mind when I think about her is when we would eat lunch in her classroom sometimes. She would light a candle, turn off the lights and play classical music from a tape player. :) I guess she was trying to teach us some class. She will be greatly missed, but find comfort in knowing that she touched many lives. God bless you.

Penny (Andersen) Guglielmo - April 23, 2014 at 03:56 PM

KJ

“ My sympathies to your family.

Kathy Johnson - April 23, 2014 at 02:35 PM

TW

“ My sympathies to Mrs. Carnes' family. She was one of my upper elementary teachers. I have very fond memories of time spent in her class. God bless!

Tracey (Orsburn) Walsh - April 23, 2014 at 12:16 PM

CR

“ Please accept my sympathy. I was so sorry to read about Janet's death. She was my 6th grade teacher at Wilber Elementary School. This position must have been one of her first. I have such wonderful memories. She instilled in me a great love of reading. Mrs. Carnes made sure I had all of the Newbery Award winning books to enjoy; she introduced me to Shakespeare. I will never forget her diligence (she ordered books she thought I would like and/or should read). Her constant encouragement will never be forgotten. I recently retired after 35 years in middle and high school classrooms and administration. She was a good one! I will think of her when I pick up my book today. Cecilia Dhooge Ruley

Cecilia Ruley - April 23, 2014 at 11:42 AM

JO

“ *Jerry and Family:*

God be with you. I am thinking of you and wishing the best for the days ahead.

Jim Ossian - April 23, 2014 at 10:54 AM