



## Janice Galusha

August 20, 1940 - December 23, 2023

A Memorial Service for Janice was held on Thursday, January 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in York, Nebraska. Pastor Trudy Hanke presided over the Memorial Service.

Private family inurnment will take place at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Janice Galusha of Fairmont, Nebraska died on December 23, 2023 at the age of 83 at Ridgewood Rehabilitation & Care Center in Seward, Nebraska. Janice was born August 20, 1940 to Willard and Edith (Boden) Hulse in Friend, Nebraska.

Janice moved from Friend to Fairmont, Nebraska at age 2, later attending country school and graduating from Fairmont High School in 1958 as Salutatorian. After graduating, she moved to Lincoln and worked for State Farm Insurance, transferring to Grand Island and finally to Boulder, Colorado. She held a life-long affection for the front range of Colorado, returning many times on vacation over the years. She moved back to Fairmont, Nebraska in 1961 and on February 12th was joined in marriage to Del Galusha. To this union four children were born, Dana Del, Daren Don, Jina Michelle and Joni Janelle.

Janice started waiting tables for her lunches at the Tower Cafe at 12 years old and continued to work most of her life except for a couple of periods when her children were young. She worked as a secretary in insurance offices, as a bank teller at Farmers State Bank, a real estate assessor for Fillmore County, pastry baker for Chances R in York and cleaned houses. Hard-working and thrifty – often scouring clearance racks for bargains, always looking for the best deals and clipping coupons - she managed to grow enough savings to build a new house in 1993, her life-long dream.

Janice spent many happy hours in her yard, garden and flower beds. She loved going to nurseries and arboretums, was a member of Audubon Society and the Geneva Garden Club. Many a bird or squirrel enjoyed the banquet she put out in her backyard. Janice loved fresh vegetables and fruit! If anyone had extra tomatoes or zucchini or a fruit tree ready to be harvested, they knew they could call Janice and she would come help pick, eat, distribute or can the abundance.

Family was always the most important part of Janice's life. Growing up in a close-knit family where material possessions weren't always in abundance instilled in her many core values and shaped her character. Being the third of ten kids, she felt blessed to have a large family - seven sisters and two brothers - all of whom she maintained close relationships. Vacations and day trips were often to visit one or more of her siblings. The Hulse family picnics in Friend or later, at Harrison Park in York were always attended with great joy by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Holiday gatherings of Janice's siblings grew as their families grew to the point where Christmas was held at the Fairmont Legion Hall and the Summer Hulse family reunions were wonderful

multi-day camping trips to Yankton, South Dakota.

Janice was known for her independent fun-loving spirit, welcoming smile and infectious laugh, as well as her caring nature and generosity. She always made a special effort to mark every birthday, significant milestone and holiday with a whole family get-together whenever possible. She made sure everyone's birthday was properly celebrated and holidays were special, especially Christmas. Her kids and grandkids looked forward to receiving their uniquely curated "Christmas box" full of all the thoughtful bargains she collected throughout the year. In fact, the invitation was always open to everyone to come for a visit as often as they could for whatever reason. She made a special effort to make all - boyfriend, girlfriend, or guest - feel like they were part of the family. Janice's love for people and life was obvious to everyone who got to know her. Time spent with her grandchildren was dear to her heart. As much as was possible, she attended the events and extracurricular activities of her grandkids and praised every award, no matter how big or small. She made sure everyone knew they were important and appreciated.

Fishing, camping and vacations with as many of her children and grandchildren as possible made many happy memories for everyone. If anyone even hinted at wanting to go somewhere or do something, she had tickets bought or a condo reserved before going to bed that night. Many trips to Branson and Orlando grew to include multiple extended families which started each day with Janice preparing breakfast for all. Janice had a wide variety of other interests including a love for music, reading and watching sports – especially Husker volleyball and

basketball.

After retiring, Del and Janice did a lot of traveling together including Hawaii, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Arizona, Washington D.C., New England, the Carolinas and Caribbean Cruises.

Many locations were destinations that they had long wanted to see, made even better by a special fare, Amtrak 30-day passes, last call condo sales, BOGO or sometimes just free breakfast. Often these destinations included a stay or visit with a friend or family member.

Janice is survived by children Dana Galusha and wife Sue (Sullivan) of Seward, Daren Galusha and wife Robin (Schake) of Fairmont, Jina Gibbs and husband Michael of Greenville, North Carolina, Joni Powers and husband Troy of Henderson; sister Donna Thompson of Fairmont; brothers-in-law Rex Becker of Kingman, Arizona and Donald Languis of Panama; sister Gloria Swartz and husband Jim of Marshall, Minnesota, brother Marvin Hulse and wife Corrine (Korbelik) of York, sister Cynthia Rethwisch and husband Jon of Wayne, sister Crystal Davis and husband Kevin of York; grandchildren Ben Galusha of Kansas City, Kansas, Chris Galusha of Valparaiso, Adam Galusha of Seward, Ethan Galusha of Seward, Jacob Galusha of Hastings, Madison Galusha of Lincoln, Samantha Korbelik of Greenville, North Carolina, Heather Korbelik of Greenville, North Carolina, Sarah Korbelik of Greenville, North Carolina, Hayden Powers of Henderson, Lane Powers of Henderson; and great-grandson Brayden Korbelik of Greenville, North Carolina; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other special extended family members and friends.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband Charles Del Galusha; her parents Willard and Edith Hulse; sister Beverly Ely; brothers-in-law William Ely and George Thompson; sisters Judy Becker and Suzanne Languis; and

brother Charles Hulse.

The family would like to thank the staff at Ridgewood Rehabilitation & Care Center in Seward and Horizon Hospice for the compassionate care and support they provided to Janice and our family during the last months of her life.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
309 East 7th Street  
York, NE 68467

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ Jan and Del and their kids lived a few miles away from my family growing up and I wish there could have been more interaction while living out on the farm but I know everybody was busy, whenever I saw Jan she always was so smiley and friendly and had a love for life and I remember she made popcorn balls at Halloween and I know she was talented in many things. My thoughts go out to the family

Kristen Anderson - January 12, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 11, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Galusha.



January 09, 2024 at 12:37 PM

RF

“ Rod and Ruth Schake and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Galusha.

Rod and Ruth Schake and family - January 09, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Janice Galusha.



January 06, 2024 at 08:24 AM

LM

“ Jina, Janice's daughter, has become known as "Little Sister" to me. My heart aches for her, and her family, as I know this is a heart wrenching time for them. I send my love, and prayers, to each and every one of the family members. May God grant you peace, comfort and strength as you walk through this path on life's journey. May her memory be a blessing.

Linda Manthey - January 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Linda Manthey lit a candle in memory of Janice Galusha

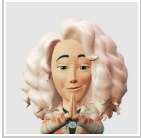


Linda Manthey - January 01, 2024 at 11:51 PM

MR

“ Our Sympathy to all. Janice was a very kind lady who always liked to visit and had a smile on her face❤️ She will be missed

Mark & Sarah Reinsch - December 29, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ I have come to feel like Jina ,Janice Daughter, has become my Sister , I love Jina and her Family like my own, so my heart hurts for them all. Love, Lola

Lola Friedhoff - December 29, 2023 at 08:07 PM

KG

“ Kim Gundrum lit a candle in memory of Janice Galusha



Kim Gundrum - December 28, 2023 at 11:04 PM

RB

“ Janice was not just a neighbor and friend she was much more. We both have very special memories of our times with Janice. We shared so many things together. Janice came for coffee, and we would just talk of everything good and not so good. Janice would call me when Spring came and ask, "Do you have lemonade?" I would say come on over and we would all sit out drinking lemonade and just sharing. Janice loved to walk around our yard to see what new plants and trees my hubby planted. We would also walk around Janice's yard and see what she was growing, and often we share plants, from each other's yards with each other. Janice really loved our Christmas decorations inside and outside. My hubby would talk to her about Nebraska volleyball which she loved to watch. He also enjoyed teasing her and she would get a look on her face and just stare at him, and we would all just laugh together. We both feel a loss and pray Our Lord helps us to accept this loss. We pray also for Janice's family that they too can find peace from Our Lord in their grief.

Robert and Clare Burke - December 28, 2023 at 03:56 PM

LM

“ Linda Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Janice Galusha



Linda Mitchell - December 28, 2023 at 07:57 AM

PB

So sorry to hear about your mother. Praying for you and your family 🙏

Pat Boeka - December 29, 2023 at 01:23 PM

NW

“ So many memories with Aunt Janice. She was quite the lady. Always smiling and laughing. I think growing up her and my grandma (her sister Donna) talked on the phone at least 3 times a day. She definitely had a full life and will be greatly missed with lots of cherished memories. My condolences are with her family ❤️

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**Nicole Wissing** - December 27, 2023 at 10:31 PM