



## Jane Therese Harnett

February 24, 1936 - January 25, 2021

Jane Therese Harnett, 84, of Bloomington, formerly of La Porte, Indiana, passed away on Monday, January 25, 2021 at her home peacefully, surrounded by loved ones. She was born February 24, 1936 to Alyce Mary (O'Toole) and George Joseph Leitsuh in Muncie, Indiana.

Janie attended St. Lawrence School in Muncie and graduated from Farmland High School in Farmland, Indiana in 1954. She graduated with a BS in Ed degree from Ball State University where she was active in Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Angel Flight Drill Team, and Student Center Recreation Committee. She graduated from Purdue University with an MS in Ed degree and taught elementary school 33 years in East Chicago and La Porte, retiring in 2001.

In 1960 she married her husband of 45 years, John F. (Jack) Harnett of Gary, Indiana, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Winchester, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, brother Joe Leitsuh, and infant sister, Elodie Leitsuh. She is survived by one daughter, Kathleen Barker of Wyandotte, Michigan, and three sons, Christopher of Fontana, California, Kevin of Chicago, and Cary of Indianapolis. She is also survived by four grandchildren and one great granddaughter and one great grandson.

While living in La Porte, Janie was active in Historic Preservation Review Board, La Porte Service League, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, St. Teresa Church Circle of St. Peter Church, and Alpha Chi Omega Dunes Alumnae Club.

Upon retirement, the couple moved to Bloomington where she was an active member of University Club, Newcomer's Club, P.E.O. Sisterhood, Sorosis Club, and St. Charles Borromeo Church. She also volunteered services as a docent at Wylie House Museum, and as a greeter at Cook Hall and Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall welcome desks.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10a.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2222 E. Third Street, Bloomington with Father Thomas Kovatch officiating. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. A rosary will be livestreamed at 5 PM via Allen Funeral Home's YouTube Channel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Monroe County Humane Society or Wylie House. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church  
2222 E 3rd St  
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385  
(812) 336-6846

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ *What a wonderful friend and neighbor I had in Janie Harnett. I will miss her and think of her every single time I walk by her house. Her smile, her heart and her sense of humor will be missed by many. Kathy, Kevin and Cary please take care and keep her memory close always.*

*Charlene Sykes*

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**Charlene Sykes** - January 29, 2021 at 06:55 PM

JP

“ *Janie was a regular at the football and basketball shows where we first met her. She was such a sweetheart. She will be missed by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

*Dave and Jeannie Pratt*

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**Jeannie pratt** - January 29, 2021 at 03:50 PM

BM

“ *To you Harnett children who lived across the street from me for many years I send my prayers for you to feel the presence of the living God giving comfort, and strength, and peace at this time of sorrow. Your Mother was a joy to know, always cheerful and oh so kind! We used to exchange Christmas cookies, many years ago! She had a contagious enthusiasm for anything she thought was important to support. You have my heartfelt sympathy over the loss of your mother, and grandmother. God bless you all.*

*I am donating 10 Gideon Bibles in Jane's memory. ❤️🙏*

*Mrs. Barbara (Dr. William) Moore, 1532 Michigan Avenue, La Porte*

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**Barbara Moore** - January 29, 2021 at 02:46 PM

DG

“ *Janie impacted many lives in a positive way. Her influence lives on. May God comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

**Dortha Gower** - January 29, 2021 at 08:45 AM

LF

“ *Janie was loved and respected by her Handley staff family and the students whose lives she touched. She is the type of person one never forgets! Thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Because of the Covid and distance we will not be able to attend the viewing/service but know our hearts are with you! ❤️ Lana and Terry Fenstermaker*

**Lana Fenstermaker** - January 29, 2021 at 07:52 AM

JA

*Loved teaching with Janie at Handley. She was a wonderful mentor to me and loved by all. My thoughts and prayer go out to her family.*

**Judi Alcorn** - January 29, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jane Therese Harnett.*



January 28, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jane Therese Harnett.*



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January 28, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ *John O'Toole and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jane Therese Harnett.*



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**John O'Toole and family** - January 28, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jane Therese Harnett.*



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January 27, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ *My favorite teacher...Loved Mrs.Harnett from Handley school... Nothing but fond memories.."job well done good teacher, well done"...God speed!!*

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**Matt Towne** - January 27, 2021 at 01:05 PM

BA

“ I met Janie through Newcomers Club when we moved to Bloomington 10 years ago. Her sunny personality was infectious. She was always positive, stayed constantly busy, and never complained. She was a joy and inspiration to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Janie will live in our hearts forever.

*Brenda Aschliman*

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**Brenda Aschliman** - January 27, 2021 at 12:33 PM



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**Allen Funeral Home and Crematory** - January 27, 2021 at 11:22 AM

AL

“ My condolences to the family of Janie. She was a lovely person who will be sorely missed in the community. I worked with her in the University Club and she was always so positive in her outlook. I am heartsick at her passing. April Legler

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**April Legler** - January 27, 2021 at 10:32 AM

DM

Jane was such a lovely outgoing person. We always saw her at IU sporting events and Cook Hall and Assembly Hall as a volunteer at the front desk. I don't think that I ever saw her when she wasn't smiling. She was such an asset to Bloomington.

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**David and Cheryl Moeller** - January 27, 2021 at 05:57 PM



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**Allen Funeral Home and Crematory** - January 27, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Therese Harnett.*



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January 26, 2021 at 10:37 PM