



## Janet L. Barnes

December 22, 1947 - February 4, 2024

Janet L. Barnes, 76, of Bloomington, Indiana, peacefully passed away on February 4th, 2024. She was born on December 22, 1947, in Lafayette, Indiana, to parents Gene and Bessie (Basilka) Bratton. Jan was a beloved sister to Bob (Marylin), Maggie and Barb (Chris) Lincoln.

Jan attended Indiana University, where she met the love of her life, John Barnes. Their 53-year marriage was filled with happiness and cherished memories. They resided in Brown County initially and later moved to the Yellow House in Bloomington, where Jan found immense joy. Together, they raised their daughter, Julia Duke (Barnes), and son, Matt (Erica) Barnes. Affectionately known as "Granny Jan" to her grandchildren, Brielle and Brody, Jan showered them with love.

With a passion for art, Jan found fulfillment as an elementary art teacher at MCCSC, positively impacting the lives of countless students. Jan had an incredible eye for beauty, finding solace and delight in nature. She and John often embarked on bike rides and walks, appreciating the wonders around them. A talented watercolor artist, Jan translated her admiration for flowers and trees encountered during their many journeys onto canvas.

Janet will be deeply missed by her family by those whose lives she touched. Her legacy of love and artistic inspiration will live on in the hearts of those who

knew her. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests considering a donation to the Foundation of Monroe County Schools in Jan's memory.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 has been entrusted with arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. She was an extraordinary watercolor artist and a most beautiful human being. Kind and generous with her time and spirit and coincidentally neighbors with my dad in that yellow house. I've always admired her so and have many reasons to be grateful to her.

Timing is everything. Our times in this space seemed to cross when only she might hold the key to a door I needed to pass through. These serendipitous encounters held acute significance to a much younger me during challenging moments on this life path we tread leading to opportunities that seemed tailor-made for me! Truly a blessing.

May Jan's memory leave her loving family, friends and those she touched with a peaceful smile in their hearts.

Thank you Jan for your beautiful work.

Katie Wolfe

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**Katie wolfe** - April 10, 2024 at 04:40 PM

KS

“ 4/4/24 I just learned today of Jan's passing. We were best friends in high school and I spent a lot of time with her family. I have so many great memories of her that I could not begin to list them. Jan and her family will forever be in my heart - love you Jan

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**Kay Bergman Smith** - April 04, 2024 at 06:38 PM

LT

“ John, I'm so sorry to hear about this. I'm saddened by your loss and wish you a speedy recovery from the pain. Sincerely, Linda & Todd Thompson

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**Linda & Todd Thompson** - February 11, 2024 at 12:09 PM

RR

“ Jan taught art at Rogers for 17 years, and she kindly welcomed me when I followed her as an art teacher at Rogers and she began teaching at Binford. She was supportive and encouraging, as she had also been when she worked at the Waldron Art Center as an education director at the same time I taught classes there. I am saddened by her family’s and friends’ loss, and hope that an abundance of care and remembrances will help carry those who loved Jan through this time and the time to come.

*Robin Ripley*

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**Robin Ripley** - February 10, 2024 at 03:36 PM

BL

“ As I co-worker art teacher I have such appreciation for Jan who was one of the kindest, sweetest and most positive people to work with. I am so sorry for her loss to all her family members and friends.  
*Sincerely, Bess Lee*

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**Bess Lee** - February 08, 2024 at 09:37 AM

MY

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jan’s passing. She was smart, funny and a loyal friend. She was my “common sense “ friend in the Needmore days, always ready with good advice, and she was a great co worker. The world is a lesser place without her.  
*My sincere condolences to John and the rest of her family.*  
*Mary Young*

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**mary young** - February 07, 2024 at 02:37 PM