



## Janet McDermott

January 23, 1945 - January 16, 2026

Janet McDermott (nee Quade), age 80 of Merrillville, IN, passed away on January 16, 2026. She was a member of the first graduating class of Andean High School 1963, “An Original 59er”. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years Robert J. McDermott; her parents, Jack A. and Marie M. Quade; and her brother, Jack A. Quade, Jr. Janet is survived by her children: Colleen McDermott, Eilleen (Kevin) McCulloch, Sean (Kirsten Klinghammer) McDermott, Correy McDermott, Erin (Greg Vanderstel) McDermott; 8 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren. Janet was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and attended her one and only Cubs game in 2025. She was very passionate about music of all genres. Her “music phone” played continuously from September 2020 until her passing. Janet attended numerous concerts of national and local talent – Andrea Bocelli, Elton John, Northwest Indiana Symphony, Garth Brooks, Celtic Woman, Lakeside Artist Guild, IL Volo, and Ed Sheeran just to name a few. And yes, she did see Bocelli twice within three weeks, Chicago 10-14-21 and Seattle 11-4-2021, because “His son Matteo will be performing with him in Seattle! We must go!”. Leading to a whirlwind week of booking flights, hotel, rental car; purchasing 4th row concert tickets and scheduling a day long “side trip” to Puget Sound. Lastly, Janet was unique in that she was born 01-23-1945, married 01-23-1965, and we will now gather on 01-23-2026 to celebrate her life. Friends may visit with Janet’s family on Friday, January 23, 2026, from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. The memorial service

will begin at 2 p.m. and will be livestreamed. Please like Burns Funeral Home on our Facebook page and livestreaming will begin at 2 p.m. Memorial visitation will continue after the memorial service and end at 6 p.m. At Janet's request, this will be a celebration of her life. In line with this wish, the family has suggested that attire be casual and with concert, Notre Dame, or Cubs apparel. Contributions on her behalf may be made to Autism Society of America, the Fisher House Foundation or American Cancer Society. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN **23**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Janet McDermott.



January 22 at 08:31 PM



“ I was so sorry to learn of Janet's death. I was the new kid in Sister Brendan's 6th grade class at St. Lukes school in Gary in 1956. I'll never forget Janet helping me with my spelling! Later we were classmates in Andrian High School's Primer Class of 1963. I can only be happy for Janet as she begins her joyful eternity!  
Sue Albin Watson

**Sue Watson** - January 22 at 04:06 PM



“ C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet McDermott.

**C.** - January 22 at 12:05 PM



“ The Turley family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet McDermott.

**The Turley family** - January 21 at 06:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet McDermott.*



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January 21 at 06:40 PM



“ *I remember Jan as a devoted wife and mother. She was my friend and neighbor, until my family moved in the late 70's. She was a kind lady, and she often to listened to show tunes. Sorry to hear she is gone.*

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**Char Coleman** - January 21 at 09:42 AM



“ *George & Kelli Fisher; Dick & Peg Bousum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet McDermott.*

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**George & Kelli Fisher; Dick & Peg Bousum** - January 21 at 07:51 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Janet McDermott.*



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January 21 at 07:51 AM

FS

“ From your NAND family at Solidigm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet McDermott.

From your NAND family at Solidigm - January 20 at 06:48 PM

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“ From your NAND family at Solidigm purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janet McDermott.



From your NAND family at Solidigm - January 20 at 06:48 PM

BB

“ I first met Jan in 1988 when we moved into the neighborhood. We became soulmate sisters immediately. Had babies together. Raised all our children together. Cried together. Laughed together, Spent hours just sitting and visiting together. Advised each other on family matters together. Drank barrels of coffee together. Took care of each other. Helped each other get through life for years. Her family became mine and my family became hers. Our love and care for each other went beyond friendship.

Bobbie Brooks - January 20 at 04:06 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Janet McDermott.



January 20 at 03:12 PM

PW

“ Janet started off as a neighbor, who was always friendly with me when we first moved to the neighborhood in 2000. Gradually our paths crossed more often when I learned how much she loved and appreciated music. I am a musician. She would come to concerts and she would share with me recordings of artists that she really loved. We became even closer when a group of friends and I started a nonprofit musical organization and Janet was an avid supporter along with her daughter Colleen. I will miss Janet so much and I will feel the loss deeply. So grateful that she's in a better place!

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**Pat White** - January 20 at 02:30 PM

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**Bobbie Brooks** - January 20 at 04:06 PM

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I meant to put this as an original comment. sorry I put it under someone else's

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**Bobbie Brooks** - January 20 at 04:08 PM

EM

*As a relatively "recent" & "13ft coast" friend of her adult children, I never met Janet. But it's remarkable how much common musical interest Janet & I share (regardless of her offspring's influences). No snub intended.*

*I hope "Mama" McDermott would've at least tolerated a Springstein tribute? (in person, or in memorial...)???*

*Regardless, love.*

*-Eduardo Montoya, #3...*

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**Eduardo Montoya** - January 24 at 09:57 PM