



Janette S Brown

February 5, 1953 - August 21, 2025

Janette S. Brown, age 72, of Lake Station passed away on August 21, 2025. She was born on February 5, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois to Charles Watts and Rochelle (Ryckaert) Bristol.

Janette was a United States Air Force veteran who served our country for over 20 years. She received her Bachelors in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Special Education from Indiana University Northwest. Janette was an educator for the Gary School Corp for over 15 years before she retired. Teaching was a passion in life, even closer to her passing she talked with her daughters about wanting to continue teaching and her love for learning new things.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, William Watts; brother-in-law, David Beaudry; and a nephew, Brandon Hahn.

Janette is survived by her daughters, Jennifer and Jacqueline Schreiber; siblings, Nanette Beaudry and Annette (Ted) Nelson; sister-in-law- Sharon Watts. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, William (Tina) Watts Jr., Christopher (fiance Stephanie) Hunthrop, Michael (Lisa) Watts, Annette Hunthrop, and Marc Hahn; and many great nieces and nephews.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday August 29, 2025 from 4 to 6pm at Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, 701 E. 7th Street, Hobart, IN 46342.

Military Honors will be held at 6pm at Burns Funeral Home. Janette will later be laid to rest at Abe Lincoln National Cemetery in Joliet, Illinois. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Janette S Brown.*



August 26, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janette S Brown.

August 26, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Love, Aunt Elaine and Cousin Michelle purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janette S Brown.*



Love, Aunt Elaine and Cousin Michelle - August 26, 2025 at 03:13 PM

SA

“ To honor my friend Jan in just a few paragraphs feels impossible. But I hope to convey even a fraction of what she meant to me and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

We lived in the same neighborhood during high school and met while walking to school. We became fast friends and navigated the excitement, disappointments, and uncertainties of teenage life. We shared our interest in music, clothes, the outdoors, and boys. I was the shy one, and Jan, with her vibrant, wild, and fearless spirit brought me out of my shell. We laughed endlessly, talked about everything under the sun, and simply enjoyed life growing up in South Florida.

After high school, Jan embarked on an incredible journey, joining the Air Force and serving for 20 years. Her adventures took her across the US, living in Florida, Arizona, Alaska to Montana, to North Dakota, Ohio, and overseas to Okinawa. Despite the miles that separated us, our friendship never wavered. We kept in touch through letters, occasional visits, and later, calls filled with laughter and updates about our families.

When Jan retired from the Air Force, she didn't slow down. Instead, she pursued her lifelong dream of becoming a teacher – and she did love teaching, and was always striving to learn. Raising her two daughters, mostly on her own, Jan balanced motherhood, studies, and a career all in stride. She built a home filled with love for her daughters, Jennifer and Jackie, who were the light of her life.

Jan was more than just a friend, she was a constant presence in my life. She was generous, always trying to find the perfect gift, and thoughtful, always checking in to see how my family was doing. Through every milestone, every joy, and even every sorrow, Jan and I shared our lives. We laughed more than I can ever remember, cried and leaned on each other when times were tough, and celebrated each other's triumphs.

I am endlessly grateful for the years we shared, the memories we created, and the love that will forever live in my heart. Goodbye Jan, you will be missed more than words can express, but your spirit, laughter, and love will remain with us always.

Sharon Ackerman - August 24, 2025 at 09:32 PM

KC

“ Karen C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janette S Brown.

Karen C. - August 24, 2025 at 09:10 PM

SA

“ Sharon A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janette S Brown.

Sharon A. - August 24, 2025 at 09:01 PM

PV

“ PAQUIN RODRIGUEZ Norfolk, VA lit a candle in memory of Janette S Brown



PAQUIN RODRIGUEZ Norfolk, VA - August 23, 2025 at 11:48 AM

PV

“ PAQUIN RODRIGUEZ Norfolk, VA sent a virtual gift in memory of Janette S Brown



PAQUIN RODRIGUEZ Norfolk, VA - August 23, 2025 at 11:46 AM

PV

“ My most sincere & heartfelt condolences to the Janette Brown families. Praying our Loving & Merciful GOD give you all the COMFORT, STRENGTH, and PEACE you need. May you remember & cherish precious memories of your time together forever in your hearts. May our Loving & Merciful GOD grant her beautiful soul eternal peace! (MATTHEW 5:4 PSALMS 147:3 2CORINTHIANS 5:8)



PAQUIN RODRIGUEZ Norfolk, VA - August 23, 2025 at 11:45 AM

PV

PAQUIN RODRIGUEZ, Norfolk, VA

PAQUIN RODRIGUEZ Norfolk, VA - August 23, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janette S Brown.



August 23, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janette S Brown.

August 23, 2025 at 10:22 AM

MS

“ *Michelle Smith purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janette S Brown.*



Michelle Smith - August 22, 2025 at 06:48 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janette S Brown.*

Michelle Smith - August 22, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janette S Brown.*



August 22, 2025 at 05:30 PM