



## Janice Barr Kelly

April 30, 1948 - June 1, 2017

Janice B. Kelly, aka Sweetie, Mama, Sis, Aunt Jan, and definitely her most prized title, Grandma, passed away June 1, 2017. She lived in Bainbridge, Georgia at the time of her death, with her husband of 32 years, Remus W. Kelly, but she was loved by friends and family from all over the United States.

She was born to James and Marie Barr in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, April 30, 1948, at 12:50 p.m. From the beginning, she was classified as "the good one" and "the favorite" according to her brother, Jimmy, and sister, Melba. Perhaps her parents were prolific because Janice turned out to always be the good one in other's lives. She was always someone you could count on for a positive word and uplifting spirit, despite what life might have dealt her that day. And it was this attribute that made many people think of her as a favorite in their world.

Janice was an independent woman with strong work ethic, who worked her way into management in her administrative career. She loved to work and found a great deal of pride in a job well done. Unfortunately, her working days were cut short by a debilitating disease in the late 90's. Her illness, and subsequent strokes, severely limited Janice's physical life in the last 20 years, but her spirit, perseverance, and sense of humor would never fail.

Outside of work, Janice enjoyed low-key activities such as cross-stitch, a good game of backgammon, cribbage, or cards. On a lazy afternoon, one might find her constructing puzzles or reading a book. However, if you needed her on a Saturday afternoon in the fall, it might not be so low-key. Like most people born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Janice was an avid Crimson Tide fan. Although she was not able to attend, she never missed a game on television and took tremendous pride in her ability to help them pull out the wins!

Janice's family is planning to celebrate her life Saturday, June 3rd, 4-6 pm, and welcomes you to attend. The celebration will be at Cox Funeral Home, 202 West Street, Bainbridge, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, Janice asked for love and support for her husband in the

difficult weeks to come.

Janice is preceded in death by her parents, James and Marie Barr, and her brother, Jimmy Barr. She is survived by her husband, Remus W. Kelly, son, Vince Hunter, daughter, Natalie Avant (Mac), those thought of and loved like daughters, Kathy Hunter, Colleen Kaelin (David,) Christy Dwarika (Robert,) and Delayne Kice, her sister, Melba Down (Wally), and seven grandchildren, Hunter and Hayden Marinaro, Jackson Avant, Kalee and Bria Hunter, and Matthew and Gabriella Dwarika. She is also survived by her precious shih-tzu, Sadie.

# Comments

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, I am Janice's cousin in Tuscaloosa. I just found out from our cousin Nita. Janice was always such a joy growing up. I always loved going to their house as a child. We would take family vacations together and really spent a lot of time together as a family. I have thought of her often, I lost touch with her when she left T-town. My prayers are with you all.

**Lori Barr Hall** - June 18 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sad to hear about Janice's passing. I'm a cousin from Tuscaloosa but I now live in Newnan, GA. I would love to hear from Melba or Vince or Natalie. I'm so sorry I did not know until today about her death. It's been years since I've talked to her but remember our childhood together fondly. Hope to hear from some of you soon. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.

**Nita Rodenberry Morris** - June 18 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences on your loss of a lovely lady. May you find comfort in the words of Isaiah 33:24

**Sckerra** - June 18 at 12:00 AM

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“ Remus, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you and if I can do anything for you please call me.

**Kenneth & Brenda Cloud** - June 18 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Janice's family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Will always remember the many times we shared with great fondness. Melba, some of my best memories are the spend the night parties at your house on Cherokee Avenue and Annie Mae's fried chicken. It is hard to loose as sister, my heart goes out to you.

**Cherry Coryea Mattison** - June 18 at 12:00 AM



“ Janice was a classmate, a school friend. Loved her. Prayers for her family for Northport/Tuscaloosa.

**Betty Black** - June 18 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear this news. Janice was a dear friend to me way back in West End Elementary School in Tuscaloosa, AL. God bless her family.

**Brenda Bell Patrick** - June 18 at 12:00 AM

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“ Janice was a sweet person. She & I were friends when we were young girls attending First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Throughout our school days, she was always kind with such a sweet smile & disposition. Prayers of peace & comfort for her family & friends.

**Judith Armstrong Boswell** - June 18 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vince, Natalie, Melba and Kelly, My heart is breaking as I remember the good times I had with Janice during our school years in Tuscaloosa, our visits in Birmingham at my house and our long telephone visits in recent years. She was a dear friend to me and my family and we will always remember her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all . God Bless.

**Brenda West Pate** - June 18 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Prayers for your family. Rest peacefully old friend.

**Sam (Sammy) Muchia** - June 18 at 12:00 AM