

Janis Kay Seifert

July 06, 1944 – July 12, 2022

Janis was born on July 6, 1944, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Albert and Genevieve Van Buren. Janis was the second of three children.

As soon as Janis began to talk, she would greet everyone with a smile and happy and kind words. She had family and friends from the St. Louis neighborhood that she continued to love and stay in contact with throughout her life. If Janis knew you, you were her friend and part of her life. Janis attended Long Elementary School and Cleveland High School in St. Louis and Southeast Missouri State College in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. It was at “Cape” that Janis and John met. John asked Janis if she would like to go out within minutes to a fraternity party annually for two years and was rejected. A request for a date for the third year was, “Did she want to go for BBQ?” She did, and that was it. Janis and John were together from September 1964 until July 12, 2022, when she was taken to her Lord and Savior in a traffic accident.

Janis worked as a creative director’s secretary at Gardner Advertising in St. Louis before trading it for favorite roles as mother, grandmother, and wife. Janis’ family includes her son Scott, daughter Shari Fitzgerald, son-in-law Mike Fitzgerald, grandchildren Aidan, Emma Grace, and Sully Fitzgerald, brothers Jim Van Buren and John Van Buren (who preceded her in death), sister-in-law Karen Van Buren, and nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces. Janis had many friends that she cherished and considered her extended family. If you were a friend of Janis, she held you close forever.

Janis loved. She “loved” - the Lord, her family, and her friends. She enjoyed softball, bridge, games, Tri Delta Sorority sisters, movies, dinners, and vacations coast to coast. So many trips to the zoo, the North Pole, the beach, horseback riding, and white river rafting just last year. She always made time to enjoy family and friends. Among the gifts God gave Janis were the gifts of caring and hospitality. A smile, a greeting, wanting to know about “you,” loving you were part of Janis. A meal, cookies, tapioca, soup, an invite to a holiday celebration at her home, etc., were her ways of showing love and comfort to many of her friends.

Janis was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Pathfinders Sunday School class, and Daughters of the King Bible study. She enjoyed doing, greeting, and caring. She served.

God and her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ blessed Janis to be a blessing to her family, her friends, and others. Janis loved the song and lived into its title, “God is Good – All the Time.”

Janis’ celebration of life service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, CO, on Tuesday, July 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.