



Janice Arlene Anderson

December 20, 1945 - December 26, 2025

Janice Arlene Anderson left this earth on December 26, 2025 at the Madrone Hospice House due to kidney failure, and she passed peacefully in her sleep. She was 80 years old.

Jan was born to Tom and Ruby Desoza on December 20, 1945 in Yreka. She grew up on the family ranch at the end of Desoza Lane outside of Grenada, helping her parents work the ranch. She was very active in 4-H and competed in 4-H competitions at local and state levels.

Jan attended Grenada Elementary School and Yreka High School, graduating with the class of '64. After graduation, she attended Redding Beauty College and received her cosmetology license. Her first job was at Haydens Beauty Salon on Broadway Street in Yreka. She worked her adult life working at various salons in Yreka, and owned her own salon, "The Victorian Hair Salon." While in high school Jan discovered her love of arts and crafts. She devoted much of her spare time making craft items for friends and family and selling them in gift shops. She loved Christmas. She loved to decorate and made many of her own ornaments. She also loved to play the role of Mrs. Claus at Yreka's annual holiday parade. After retirement she joined the Fairchild Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed working at the front desk in the lobby meeting old friends and helping people with questions. While with the Auxiliary she and Judy Baker decorated the lobby's Christmas tree. Most of the decorations on the tree were handmade by Jan.

She loved kids. While her own children were in school, it was not uncommon

to have extras at dinner, provide rides to ball games, take kids to the coast and whatever else was needed. She also helped many young ladies plan and decorate for their weddings and receptions. She was always willing to help any kid that was having life problems.

Jan is survived by her husband of 59 years, Gary; daughter Julie (Brian); son Eric (Jessica); grandchildren Michaela, Jacob, Trent, Kaitlyn, Zane and Danika; her sister, Donna Soares of Gridley; and her yellow lab, Zoe. Jan lost her other sister, Evelyn Bontrager, in 2014.

A Celebration of Life is planned for May 2, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka, with a luncheon to follow at the Yreka Elks Lodge. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the staff and nurses at Madrone Hospice during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel
202 S. Oregon St.
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-3434
<https://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com>

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Such a nice lady!! I never saw her without a big smile on her face!!*

Kathleen Atchley - April 24 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *RIP sweet lady* ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Jackie Roy Churchill - April 15 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Our condolences to her family* 💔

Laurie Greenwood Helsley - April 15 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Our family adored Jan* 😊

Charlene Broce - April 15 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Please accept my sympathy to the family.*

Michael Gallardo - April 15 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *She was the nicest lady. Condolences to her family.*

Linda Keno - April 15 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *A gifted blessing, Jan was friend to a multitude of people and will be missed.* ❤️🙏

Liz Hockaday - April 15 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Jan you were a great person you were so giving to help others beside being a great hair dresser you will be miss very much my condolences to your family who loves you so much.R.I.P.*

Robin Gail Cordero - April 15 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My condolences to Gary and the rest of the Family!! She was a Wonderful Lady!!💕💕*

Judy Grensted - April 15 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family.*

Tat Chase - April 15 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Sending all the love to the family. She was a sweet lady. Big big hugs*

Brenda Heller - April 15 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *Sending prayers out to the family. She was the sweetest woman and definitely would make me laugh.*

Ellen Lowell Janson - April 15 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Deb Smith Wilson lit a candle in memory of Janice Arlene Anderson*



Deb Smith Wilson - April 01 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *You will always stay in my memories. Thanks for all your help. You, Evie, Su and Loretta will always be remembered!*

*love
deb*



Deb Smith Wilson - March 15 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. When taking care of Tom and Ruby, Jan and Evie treated me like family. Condolences to Gary and family.*



Cathy Mosqueda - February 21 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I have so many great memories of Jan, Evie, Su and Loretta it's hard to just pick a few. We started white water rafting and have so many memoires and laughs that made your belly hurt! We were a rare group of ladies that the rafting companies still talk about us! I couldn't of had a better group of ladies to help with my wedding to Tod. It was so very special and actually fun! Jan I will never forget you! Love Captain Rubber alas Deb



Deb Smith Wilson - February 10 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ My deepest condolences to Gary and family. My mom and dad loved spending time with Jan and Gary and appreciated how they both showed up to watch and support Timothy in sports

Noel Soletti Jones - February 08 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ When I think of Jan I always have to smile. She was such a sweetheart who brought smiles wherever she went. I have many fond memories of days gone by. You will be in my thoughts and prayers Gary.

Flo Barnes - February 08 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Such a wonderful, kind soul.
My condolences and prayers for the family.

DaveSuzanne Liddick - February 07 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Jan was such a bright light in this world. I loved her laugh!!! She will be missed! Prayers for strength and healing for family during this difficult time 🙏💔😔

Carla Truttman - February 07 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Jannie and I became friends in early 1950s as our parents played pinochle on Friday nights with a fairly large group...We rode horses into Bull Meadows ,Martin's Dairy and deer hunted with picnics and Family gatherings..Learned to water ski behind Uncle George's.boat..great memories...true friends for life...Jannie decorated a lot of Weddings and made spectacular bows .Always willing to help wherever..whenever..We worked together in the Beauty Business for many many years...lots of laughs..a kind and special fun loving Soul..Will always miss you..My Dear Friend..XOXO

Doris Callison - February 07 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I was so happy to have a partner that loved Christmas as much as I did. Many years of wonderful memories have been made with Jan, decorating the FMC Christmas tree. So creative, big hearted, generous and funny. Gary always helping and their son Eric. She is, The Christmas Tree Angel 🎄🌟
Thank you, partner....Judy Baker❤️

Judy Baker - February 06 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Beautiful Janny, Liz is there to meet you! 🙏💔🙏

Jeanne Lewis McKown - February 06 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I am so sad to hear of Jan's passing. I used to love when I would when she would come up to Medford & shop where I worked. Always a smile and a laugh

Theresa Tallerico - February 05 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Jan was a wonderful friend to me and my family. I am going to miss her so much but have great memories of our raft trips, Reno trips and going to Diamond Lake. She was so fun and loving!! Heaven received an angel and she is probably redecorating at this moment. Love you lady!! Remember our plans to meet!!
Marsha

Marsha Chambers - February 05 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ Jannie loved the apple dumplings my mom would make for her. She styled our hair for years...she was the best. Loving thoughts to her whole family. Ruth

Ruth - February 05 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Jan was wonderful. My deep condolences to the family. 🙏❤️

Catherine Olivolo - February 05 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Many happy years of knowing Jannie. One of the sweetest people I have ever known. She will be missed by many!

Sharon Graves - February 05 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Sweetest person ever with the kindest heart.. the world lost an angel but heaven gained one. ☐

Rebecca Karr - February 05 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ So Sorry Eric n Jess... I loved Jan , RIP
☐ 🙌❤️🙏

KimLen Perreira - February 05 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ So sad to hear this. She was a very special lady with a huge heart!

Sara Hayden - February 05 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ o sorry to hear about Jan passing and your loss.I went to grammar school with Jan and her sister's.Our parents helped each other out.Jan always had a big smile and would help you out when you needed help.Jan will be greatly missed by all of us.RIP Jan until we can be together again.

Ruth Hurd - February 05 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ What a wonderful talented soul. She had her own kinds of laugh. Known Jan and Gary from high school. Goodbye for now. Prayers for the family. Earlene Gibson

Earlene Gibson - February 05 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ So sad to know she is gone. What a funny sweet lady she was.

Carol Hockaday Forneris - February 04 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ So sad. Such a sweet lady 😞

Sonyua Lemos - February 04 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Rest in Peace. I'm so very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - February 04 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Such a cutie pie. Full of fun

Greta A Hockaday - February 04 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Such a lovely person. She always made me laugh.

Ellen Lowell Janson - February 04 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Saddened to hear this. She did my hair for years & the wreaths & flower arrangements were so beautiful, such a talented lady. My condolences to Gary & family, she for sure will never be forgotten
💔

Janis Crawford - February 04 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ This makes me so sad. Rest Easy Jan

Melissa Wishart - February 04 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Sure a wonderful sweet lady. Condolences to her family.

Linda Keno - February 04 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Gary , the family and friends.
She is one of a kind and will be greatly missed by all who know her.

Kathy Perdue - February 04 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ She was a beautiful soul that will be missed by all. I am so sorry for your loss. 🥺

Rachel Moore - February 04 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ She was a friend I'll never forget. A beautiful lady.

Helen Blackston - February 04 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ She was always so fun & sweet❤️ Sending prayers & hugs to the family 🥺💔

Betty Awbrey - February 04 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ She was one of the best, and I have many memories of her! Lots of love to all of the family.

Linda Lee - February 04 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *She was such a beautiful soul. She will be missed*

Lisa Toms-Shafer - February 04 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *She was the kindest* ❤️

Candi Brooks Mott - February 04 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Janny was a Yreka treasure and a true, sweet friend for 64 years whom we loved and miss. ☐ Our condolence's to Janny's wonderful family. ☐ 🌸 ☐*

Charlene Broce - February 04 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *LOVED her & her family. She was always a blast to be around. She'll be missed dearly..Smoke & I want to extend our deepest condolences to the family. RIP Janny* 💔

Vicki Currie - February 04 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Lovely woman ,*

Linda Jones - February 04 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Jan was a wonderful woman always happy with a big smile* 💕💕
Sending condolences to the family ❤️🙏❤️

Janine Ling Kimball - February 04 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Jan was one of the kindest sweetest most amazing people I was lucky enough to have as a friend. She is missed by many but never forgotten. ❤️

Kathy Hagedorn - February 04 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I'm so sorry. My children called her grandma #3 For all the sleepovers and coast trips with her ! She will truly be missed sending all the love to the whole family

Brenda Heller - February 04 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jan was a hoot one of a kind funny as hell enough energy to keep all of us entertained having the time of our lives. I will always remember her smile laugh and zest for whatever!!! We had some super special raft trips and so much fun! God has his hands full now:)
Mary Morgan

Mary Morgan - February 04 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Janice Arlene Anderson - February 04 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *My beautiful and lovely other sister. Friends for many many years. I will miss her. My sincere condolences to Gary and the family*



Marsha Farley - February 04 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *She & Gary are the best neighbors EVER! She was hilariously fun to be around. So sad..our deepest condolences to the family. She will be missed. Smoke & Vicki*



Vicki Currie - February 04 at 12:00 AM