



Janice "Jan" Duncan

March 3, 1949 - July 14, 2020

Janice "Jan" Rae Duncan, 71, of Cairo passed away Tuesday, July 14, 2020 due to injuries as a result of an automobile accident.

Mass of Christian burial will be 11:00 a.m. Monday at Resurrection Catholic Church of Grand Island. A gathering of friends and family will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday with a Rosary at 6:00, also at the Church. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Jan was born March 3, 1949, in Kearney, the daughter of Albert and Phyllis (Coulter) Hervert. She grew up on the family farm near Ravenna, graduating from Ravenna High School, Class of 1967. She then graduated from Grand Island School of Business. On February 15, 1969, following a huge blizzard that made many roads impassable, she was united in marriage to Ronald "Ron" L. Duncan. They made their home in Grand Island before moving to their acreage between Grand Island and Cairo, where they lived for 47 years.

Following graduation, she worked at Gamble Robinson for a few years before starting her own business "Duncan's Upholstery". In addition to running her own business, she was also a part-time instructor at Central Community College teaching upholstery for well over ten years. Jan was employed part-time as a crew leader for the United States Census. She worked the 1990, 2000, 2010, and current Census... and was making plans for 2030. Vintage and classic cars were a major part of Jan's life. She loved NHRA drag racing and supported Ron during his racing career when he ran Malfunction and Hellfire. She was a member of the National Nomad Club and helped establish the current Chevrolet Nomad Association, for a combined total of over 50 years affiliation with both clubs. She was a member of Vintage and Classic Wheels, as well as the Island Area Cruisers. Jan was also a 30+ year member of the Hall County Extension Club. While raising her children, Jan supported the Boys Scouts of America and 4-H. The connections she made through these affiliations afforded countless lifelong friendships.

Jan enjoyed antiques and garage sales, always looking for "a good deal". Her extensive collections include M&M's, Root Beer Mugs, Campbells Soup, California Raisins, Kool-Aid, Coca-Cola, Planters Peanuts, and Hot Wheels. Jan loved playing radio call-in contests and was well known by the local DJs for her knack of winning and her famous party mix at Christmastime. But, above all Jan's beloved grandchildren and great-

grandchildren were her pride and joy, never missing a school play, speech debate, or game.

Those who will cherish Jan's memory include her husband, Ron; and her children, Shawn (Megan) Duncan of Fort Lupton, CO and Lisa (Dustin) Duncan Butler of Alda, NE; five grandchildren, Kristian (Zach) Morgan, Dusty Rose Butler, Madison Duncan, Brock Butler, and Caden Butler; and two great-grandchildren, Amelia and Ariaah Duncan.

She is also survived by brothers, Mike Hervert of Rockville, NE and Don (Pamela) Hervert of Ravenna; sister, Jean (Don) Blaschko of Gibbon; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Carol McCarthy and brothers, Jerry Hervert and Brent Hervert.

Memorials are suggested to the family to provide scholarships for students in the Automotive Program at CCC Hastings Campus.

The family is requesting that those attending wear blue jeans and car attire to the services.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Resurrection Catholic Church
NE, US

JUL **Rosary** 06:00PM

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Resurrection Catholic Church
NE, US

JUL **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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Resurrection Catholic Church
NE, US

Comments



“ Ron and family,
We just heard about Jan's passing in the Post. We are very saddened. Jan was one of the kindest people we ever knew. We will never forget her kindness to our family at the Detroit Convention and our trip to Bablo Island. Our older daughter, Stephanie, was in a wheel chair at the time. Our younger daughter, Melanie, was a typical kid and wanted to enjoy the amusement park. Jan offered to take Stephanie around the park so that we could let Melanie have some fun. Jan made sure Stephanie had fun, too! Stephanie, now 45, has never forgotten this kindness, nor have we. Jan was always smiling and made the best of every situation. We will miss her!
Phil and Cathy Trask, #103



Cathy Trask - August 12, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Ron and family, George and I are saddened to hear of Jan's accident. Seeing you and Jan and the kids last summer at Omaha will always be a wonderful memory. Sending hugs and prayers of comfort to you.
KarAn and George Privette
Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Karan Privette - August 10, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ THIS world has lost a good woman! My deepest sympathy to the entire family. You don't know the fact that Jan was the only female to ever outrun me in a foot race! She was one FAST girl! It happened at District 106 when my mother, Ruby Wilke, taught there. I have been TOO EMBARRASSED to share this fact with anyone until now. I also "walked" with Jan during the graduation of the class of `67 at Ravenna High.

She was a woman who "CONTRIBUTED" to LIFE and WILL BE MISSED!

Rod Wilke



R. Wilke - July 21, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ To Ron and Family, we were heartbroken to hear of Jan's passing. So sad that she was still in her prime and active doing the things she loved. The memories came flooding back of our days drag racing with you in Kearney. That's how we met you guys and probably hung out at Bob Dickson's also. I loved going to the dragstrip and hanging out and racing. I remember Hell Fire well and was always amazed at what you could build and fix. We always enjoyed being around Jan. She had a smile for everyone and accomplished so much in her life. Our deepest sympathies to your family. May you find strength and peace and cherish the memories of Jan. Take care and God Bless.

Dick and Conni Bales
Omaha, NE

Dick and Conni Bales - July 20, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Jan was indeed a "Classic" just like the cars she loved. She was a great co-worker and always a friend to everyone. The Census group will miss her and remember her always.

Rhonda Carritt - July 20, 2020 at 05:37 AM



“ Ron, I'm not sure if you will remember me, I am Roland VanWey's little sister Becky. I have very fond memories of you and Jan from my childhood and wanted to express my sympathies to you and your family. Seems like those times were so long ago, but came flooding back when I read of Jan's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Becky Janes - July 18, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ Ron, so sorry to hear of Jan's passing, done many a car show with you guys. Take care Arnie



arnie E sommer - July 18, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ I have only known Jan since her and I took training in Lincoln for the 2020 Census. Also, we just recently gave training together in Grand Island. She came to my motel room and we prepared for the training and also talked about our lives. I could tell she "loved" their upholstery business, restoring cars and their prized "Nomad". I really liked Jan and could tell we were going to be friends. Thoughts and prayers to all her family at this difficult time. She will be sadly missed by all of us at the Census. Carol Zak, Seward, NE

Carol Zak - July 17, 2020 at 10:43 PM



“ Ron worked with Howard in their earlier years. Jan and I became Friends. We had two children, they had Shaun and Lisa was on her way. Jan had us over for lasagna, it was like no other we had ever eaten. She was a great cook. We used to go to Kearney every weekend to the drags. Ron would stop and get Howard early and Jan, the kids and I would come later. We had to stop due to Ron's health issues. Time just gets away from you. We still would see them at car shows. The Nomad, which was a beautiful car finished by both Ron and Jan! It is so hard losing a friend you have made from the past. Ron & Jan's lives really touched our lives! Just so sad for Jan to lose her life on my birthday. With deepest sympathy. Howard & Judy Bunner

Judy Bunner - July 17, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ We were so sad to hear of Jan's accident. We will all miss her so much, especially at conventions. We always looked forward to seeing the Duncan's.

Paul & Linda Carter - July 17, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Ron! I have such sadness to hear of Jan passing away. We take so much for granted each day not knowing it may be the last we will see our loved ones. Jan called a while back to get a telephone number, how I wish we would of talked longer, not knowing that would be the last time we would have a conversation..... So many years have passed since that one Saturday night when Ken and you picked Jan and I up to go for a coke out at Scotti's. Little did we know that one day you and Jan would be married. Glad destiny was on our side that night. Jan had so many talents, which I am sure she has passed along to your children... My heart goes out to you and your family, for Jan passing too soon, prayers to all. La Rhae Strohmyer

La Rhae Strohmyer - July 17, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ Oh my Jan. What all did we do together besides take our children to school? We cooked up the Sloppy Joes then served them on our scheduled days at 1-R School. When I make Chex Mix, it is from your recipe. I think I assisted you at your home while you taught me the first time around on that one. We rode to MNO Extension Club together. Did you give me your recipe for the Caramel Candy that needs to be wrapped in wax paper when cooled? IF so, my family requests it every year at Christmas. I always appreciated the patience when I took your upholstery class at CCC. It was hard work pulling all those staples out. How I admired you for the fine work that you did. We did the Boy Scouts together until we moved to across from NWHS. I recall Shaun, Lisa & Tom JR riding their bikes to the Cairo Pool & back home at the end of the day. I don't think either one of us ever had to go pick them up because they were too tired. Thank you & Ron for being at Tom's funeral in January. We all need to live our lives as you did dear Jan. As though it may be our last moment on earth. Bless you for you surely blessed me with as true a friendship as I have ever had. Linda J Atkins

Linda Atkins - July 16, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ Dear Ron & Family - Our thoughts are with you at this really sad time - wish we could be with you to give a hug. Jan will live on in our memories as an amazing friend. We are so glad Jan got to come to NZ early last year with Ron and that we had the chance to spend time with them in July when the Nomad convention was on in Omaha. Jan was so proud of her family and loved her grandchildren - she will be missed by you all



Brenda Dajlish - July 16, 2020 at 06:55 PM