



## Dr. Leona K. Janda

October 7, 1963 - June 25, 2022

...and let it not be said, “she lost her battle to cancer.” For any battle fought with courage, dignity and grace is never lost, but serves as a lesson in humility and is an inspiration to all. It reminds us to live our own life to the fullest. - Erin Coriell

Dr. Leona Katherine Janda 58, of Grand Island passed away in peace with family by her side, Saturday, June 25, 2022.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 10:30 on Saturday, July 16th, 2022, at All Faiths Funeral Home, 2929 South Locust St. Grand Island, Nebraska.

Private gravesite prayers will be prior to the service at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Officiants will be Fr. Don Buhrman and Dan Naranjo. Arrangements are entrusted to All Faiths Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the Grace Foundation or the Grand Island Public Library Foundation in lieu of flowers.

Leona was born on October 7, 1963, to Edward L. and Clara R. (Skalka) in Hastings, Nebraska. Along with her parents she was welcomed to the world by a brother and three sisters. She grew up on a farm near Lawrence, NE.

learning the ways of raising sheep, turkeys, dairy, and beef cattle. While still in elementary school she moved with the family to Grand Island. Her parents established the Janda Tire Center and as she went through her teenage years, she took on more responsibilities in the business.

Leona attended Jefferson Grade School, Walnut Middle School and was a member of the Class of 1981 at Grand Island Senior High School. Leona excelled both academically and athletically. She participated in volleyball, basketball, softball and track. She then attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and participated in the rowing program for a period. Her greatest accomplishment was graduating with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1988. She was among Grand Island's first female dentists when she joined the dental practice of her brother. Together they formed Dental Health Care—Drs. Janda and Janda. In 2013 she left dentistry because of a chronic illness but she had practiced dentistry for over 25 years in Grand Island. She was a member of the American Dental Association and Hall County Dental Association.

Leona was a past member of St. Mary's Cathedral and served as an assistant RCIA instructor, Eucharistic Minister and Lectorate as well as participating in a number of committees. She also was a proponent of physical conditioning and good nutrition. She especially enjoyed traveling, hiking and photography. She could always be counted on to encourage her nieces and nephews in their school events. She was a friend to many and kind to all.

Dr. Leona's memory is cherished by her brother, Dr. David E. (Carol) Janda of Grand Island; sisters, Mary (Jerry) Shelton of Beatrice, Linda (Dan) Goodman of Norfolk and Alice (Dr. Norm) Grosbach of Gilbert, Arizona and Life partner, Gary Eilenstine of Grand Island. Her family also included niece and nephews, Gary's children and grandchildren, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Clara Janda, nephew Scott Goodman, and infant triplet nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUL 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Leona K. Janda*



---

**All Faiths Funeral Home** - July 16, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *Dr. Leona K. Janda*

---

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *OMG just saw in the Lincoln paper her passing She was the best person and dentist. I got to know her over the years and always enjoyed my appointments with her. She will truly be missed fly high Dr. Leona Sue Green*

---

**Sue Nelson-Green** - August 14, 2022 at 08:17 PM

PB

“ *Leona was such a sweet, caring neighbor & friend* ❤️



---

**Pam Buller** - July 16, 2022 at 12:18 AM

KF

“ *Leona be a peace the fight is over - rest easy!  
Family of Leona May God wrap you in his  
arms and hold you tight! God's prayers!*



---

**kendrq fitzgerald** - July 10, 2022 at 09:38 PM

KW

“ *Leona was fun, loving and competent. With drive, talent and a strong work ethic, she obtained many accomplishments in her life. By setting goals and accomplishing them, she gained confidence to fill her life full of fun experiences that some only dream of. Leona was a genuinely nice person with a huge smile that cared for and loved others. She will be greatly missed. May she rest in eternal peace.*

*Life is not measured by the number of breaths that we take, but the number of moments that take our breath away.*

*Kelly Kraft Williams, friend*

---

**Kelly Williams** - July 06, 2022 at 10:23 PM

DU

“ *My sister and I both remember Leona while we were growing up in Grand Island. She was always very kind. My sincere condolences to her family. May God grant you comfort, grace and peace during this challenging time.*

*Darrold Usher  
Cindy Dragoo  
Bob and Lea Usher*

---

**Darrold Usher** - July 06, 2022 at 06:23 PM

MM

“ *Dr. Leona was my dentist. She was great. Always took the extra step to make me feel at ease. She was kind and intelligent and fun. I saw her a few years after she retired and we had a nice visit. A truly good person. I'm sorry for her untimely passing. Condolences to her family. Prayers for peace and comfort in the days ahead.*  
*Maureen Mendyk and Lee Hoelck*

---

**Maureen Mendyk** - July 03, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Tammy Schwieger lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leona K. Janda*



---

**Tammy Schwieger** - July 01, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Leona K. Janda.*



---

July 01, 2022 at 12:24 PM