



Jan K. Northam

November 11, 1948 - March 22, 2018

Jan K. Northam, 69, of Rushville, passed away March 22, 2018 in Rushville. Jan was born November 11, 1948 in Indianapolis to Elmer & Dorothy (McKnight) Brown. Jan was a 1967 graduate of Southport High School. She received her BS in Nursing from Indiana State University in 1974 and later received a BS & Masters in Anthropology from Ball State University. She married David E. Northam on December 28, 1974 and he survives. Jan worked many years as an RN at Rush Memorial Hospital and Major Hospital. She also had many Anthropology positions over the years and was involved in many archeological digs. She enjoyed her volunteer work with the Indiana State Museum, the Rush County Historical Society, Fort Michilimackinac on Mackinaw Island, her mission work in Haiti and most recently her involvement in the Ten Point Coalition. Jan loved spending time with her family and adored her grandchildren. In addition to her husband, David, of Rushville, she is survived by her son, Joe Northam of Mays and her daughters, Katie (Jeremy) Schutz of Indianapolis and Betsy (Patrick) Kraft of Haddonfield, NJ and grandchildren, Hudson, Finn, Emma & Maggie Schutz and Annie & Joseph Kraft. Jan was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John Brown. Services will be held at 1 PM Monday, March 26, 2018 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville where friends are welcome to visit from 10 AM until time of service. Chip West will preside. Burial of cremains will take place in the Arlington East Hill Cemetery at 1 PM Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rush County Community Foundation or to the Donor's Favorite Charity.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **26**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jan K. Northam*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Dave, I am so sorry to hear about Jan. Know that I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

Sheila Zwickey - March 27, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *Our condolences, may her light shine on The DeFerbrache*



Jan DeFerbrache - March 26, 2018 at 10:44 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of this amazing woman, she touched many lives. Your family will remain in our prayers*
Wendy Keck
& family



Wendy keck - March 26, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 26, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Greg Raike lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam*



Greg Raike - March 26, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ *Dave, so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts.*



Glenda Smith - March 26, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 26, 2018 at 09:03 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 25, 2018 at 11:25 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 25, 2018 at 11:12 PM



“ *Cindra Lynn lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam*



Cindra Lynn - March 25, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ *Madelaine Watson And Rosie Newman lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam*



Madelaine Watson and Rosie Newman - March 25, 2018 at 08:46 PM

JA

“ I just found my cousin Jan last September. She is from Bedford and her Grandmother was my Great Aunt who I adored. The last time I had seen Jan was when she was 5 years old and I was 9. I remember her with long locks of Shirley Temple hair. When my Great Uncle passed away in 1952 my Great Aunt Myrt left the farm and moved to Indianapolis to live with Jan's family. Our families just completely lost track of each other. A Dear Friend Kathy Schooley went to school with Jan and she knew that Jan had come to Bedford to bury her Mom's ashes in the old McKnight Cemetery here in Bedford. Kathy was asking me if I knew where it was. Was I ever shocked to know it was Jan and we are long lost cousins and the cemetery is a mile from my house. I went to the museum and got everything I could find for her on her family. They owned large farms here in Bedford going back to the mid 1800's. Jan and Kathy came down and we spent a wonderful day going thru old pictures of her family and mine back in the old days. She had found more pictures she was bringing down the next time she came. I am so glad I had that day with her. So sorry I didn't get to meet you kids ,grandkids and husband. I feel like I know you from her talking about all of you. Just can't tell you how sorry I am to hear this news. I will be praying for all of you.

Jan Adams - March 25, 2018 at 08:27 PM

SB

Jan Adams, Howard Lee Bodenhamer is Lorena's middle son. That is Grandma Myrtle's grandson. sueellenbodenhamer@gmail.com. Jan was his Fun cousin, great sense of humor.

SueEllen Bodenhamer - March 25, 2018 at 10:26 PM

SB

Jan truly was beloved by all.

SueEllen Bodenhamer - March 25, 2018 at 10:32 PM



david, kitten and i are so sorry to learn of your loss. she was a very nice lady. if there is anything i can do just let me know. michael and kitten hess

Michael Hess - March 27, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ *Beth Clifton lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam*



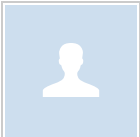
Beth Clifton - March 25, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 25, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 25, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 25, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ *What a blessing it is to have known you. You brought such joy to every event we were at together; I will never forget your smile. You will be greatly missed. Rest easy, sweet Jan.*

Brianna Coyle - March 25, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ *My condolences to Jan's family. "Brownie" was my sorority sister and roommate and we just recently reconnected via FB; always adored her smile and her spirit.*
Sydney

Sydney - March 25, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ *Amy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam*



Amy Johnson - March 25, 2018 at 11:49 AM

RH

“ Oh Jan, you will be missed here on earth! I worked with her at Major Hospital & I always looked forward to the weekend staff in the ICU! Your humor, smile & compassion was very contagious! Condolences to your family!

Rita Harrison - March 25, 2018 at 11:17 AM

JA

“ Dearest Jan... did you know you will be missed by so many? You were a special person.. always supportive of my creative endeavors. My work has been shared with others because of you. Whether we were dancing together, sneaking off to shop in Madison.. the times spent with you were special. We ALWAYS had fun. My heart goes out to Dave & all the family. xxxx

jane - March 25, 2018 at 10:55 AM

MA

“ Heaven has a beautiful angel today. I worked with Jan in ICU at Major Hospital every weekend for many years. Her great humor and kind soul made the good times a pleasure and the challenging times tolerable. It has been and will always be an honor to have shared part of Jan's life.

Mary Jo Arney - March 25, 2018 at 10:19 AM

MM

“ Dave and family, sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.

Mike Miller - March 25, 2018 at 10:04 AM

LV

“ I am both heartbroken and eternally grateful. Jan and I were long lost cousins. Due to family issues, we had not seen each other, nor communicated with each other, for over 53 years, until about a month ago. Neither of us knew how to find each other. Thanks to Ancestry.com, Jan, our mutual cousin Mary Lou Sudbrack Duncan, and I reconnected in early February. Jan and I immediately made plans to meet on February 19th for dinner. Our four hours together flew by, and plans were made to meet again, with our spouses David and Patti, on March 31st. I am heartbroken that this won't happen. There was so much more which I wanted to share with her, and learn from her.

Having her back in my life for the past month has meant so much, and I am grateful for that experience. She was such a remarkable person. I am so proud of all that she accomplished, and all that she did for others. I envy those of you who were close to her for these past decades.

To David and your extended family, I am sorry that I never got to know you. She beamed when she talked about all of you, and as we looked at her photos of you. Patti and I were so looking forward to our dinner together next Saturday.

Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this experience. I ask God's blessing on all of you at this difficult time.

*Larry G. Vaughn,
Cousin*

Larry Vaughn - March 24, 2018 at 11:17 PM

RC

“ *Cousin or sister, not sure which we were, but life without Jan will be so much emptier. Sleep in the heavenly arms of Our Father, dear one.*

Ruth Campagna - March 24, 2018 at 10:20 PM

RD

“ *I am in total shock after learning that Jan is no longer with us. We had become friends in just the last 6 months. Jan came down to New Harmony and visited my shop a few times, and then participated in my Rug Hooking Class in January of this year. We connected on many levels. She was so supportive of me, and we had fun together and laughed and joked when we saw each other. She sent me such loving and caring texts. I was even going to consign a few of her old things in my shop. She told me after my first workshop this year that anytime I wanted to have another workshop to be sure and let her know. So she came down just two weeks ago and we had a one to one session on Proddy Rug Hooking together in the shop. She started to make a beautiful Proddy Flower and I remember she chose pretty Spring Colors. It was such a lovely and cozy time on a cold winter day. In our last text the night Jan died we talked about antiques and when we might get together again. Have lunch, etc. ... My prayer is that Jan is resting in eternal peace in the Loving Arms of God. Love you Forever Jan. I send my heartfelt condolences to all of her family.*

Rita Davis - March 24, 2018 at 10:11 PM

DC

“ *Dot And Dave Clevenger lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam*



Dot and Dave Clevenger - March 24, 2018 at 08:50 PM

DC

We send our caring thoughts and prayers to you and your family, Dave. We are so sorry for your loss.

Dot and Dave Clevenger - March 24, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 24, 2018 at 07:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 24, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 24, 2018 at 01:41 PM

RC

“ *Renee Cotterman lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam*



Renee Cotterman - March 24, 2018 at 01:20 PM

DG

“ *Jan meant so much to the entire Gilchrist Family. Both her wonderfully funny and serious sides blended to show that she truly cared about every person who knew her. We extend our heartfelt sympathies and prayers to David and his family. Duane and Diane Gilchrist*

Duane Gilchrist - March 24, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 24, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 24, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 24, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ *Jan was a wonderful person, always a kind word and a smile. Thoughts and prayers to Dave and his family.*



Ron D. Cameron - March 24, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ *Dave,
May Christ comfort you, in the passing on of Jan!*

Jeff Klein

JEFF KLEIN - March 24, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ *Jan was a wonderful and caring nurse and co-worker. Her smile was addictive, and could brighten anyone's day. She will never be forgotten.*

Tasha - March 24, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.



March 24, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of the family.
From the Kirk Hazelett family

Kirk Hazelett - March 24, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ Bethann Pottet lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam



Bethann pottet - March 24, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ We will always treasure our time together and how you brought so much joy, laughter and love into the lives of so many. Love, Phil and Jane Mullins

phil mullins - March 24, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ Sorry for your loss, Prayers and well wishes.

Wanda Copley - March 24, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 24, 2018 at 07:14 AM



“ *David in family so sorry for ur loss thinking of u all in my prayers*

Carla Neuman - March 24, 2018 at 07:11 AM



“ *So sorry that you lost Jan! She was amazing! Last year during my recovery time she was so caring, loving and helpful! Jan counseled me with her medical knowledge and we had so much FUN when she was so gracious to drive me to Ball State for a board meeting! Many, many HUGS for the Northam Family! Prayers also for each of you! See you soon!*
Love,
Jean Ann Harcourt

Jean Ann Harcourt - March 24, 2018 at 06:56 AM



“ *Dear Northam family,*
I sincerely send my utmost sympathy to you. What a joy and great memories to know and love Jan and your family. Please know that you are surrounded by a very loving and caring community. In Hope!
Blessings,
Mick Saunders
Ps. I am sorry I will not be able to be there for the service.

Mick Saunders - March 24, 2018 at 06:15 AM

AN

*I echo Dad's message. Love you all! Jan was 'One of a Kind'! Fond memories of the time I spent there in high school w you, Katie! As well as an amazing mentor she was to me when I was going through nursing school & working at Rush Memorial. Love & Hugs to all! ❤️
XOXO ❤️*

Amanda (Saunders) Niedrach - March 24, 2018 at 08:38 AM

AC

“ Amy Conover lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam



Amy Conover - March 24, 2018 at 01:53 AM



“ Betty Webb lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam



Betty Webb - March 23, 2018 at 11:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.



March 23, 2018 at 11:42 PM

CS

“ Carol And John Stumpf lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam



carol and John Stumpf - March 23, 2018 at 11:07 PM

CS

We are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

carol and John Stumpf - March 23, 2018 at 11:12 PM

MH

“ Jan was an amazing woman! She will be missed by so many. My prayers are for peace, comfort, and wonderful memories for all of you.

Mindy Leisure Hoffman

Mindy Leisure Hoffman - March 23, 2018 at 11:04 PM

DR

“ Donna Reed sent a virtual gift in memory of Jan K. Northam



Donna Reed - March 23, 2018 at 10:43 PM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Jan at MHP in ICU. I always looked up to her as a mentor. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Michelle Watson - March 23, 2018 at 10:01 PM

SU

“ Susan lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam



Susan - March 23, 2018 at 09:57 PM

KM

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire family. Jan will be missed by so many who loved her.
Kel/Susie McClure

Kel & Susie McClure - March 23, 2018 at 09:43 PM

BH

“ Bill Beth Holman lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam



Bill Beth Holman - March 23, 2018 at 09:00 PM

TL

“ My condolences to the entire Family.

Tom Lee - March 23, 2018 at 08:35 PM

JD

“ *Jacqueline Duke lit a candle in memory of Jan K. Northam*



Jacqueline duke - March 23, 2018 at 07:54 PM

CN

“ *Ceilia Johnson Nigh sent a virtual gift in memory of Jan K. Northam*



Ceilia Johnson Nigh - March 23, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ *The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Jan K. Northam.*



March 23, 2018 at 07:34 PM

SS

“ *What a wonderful woman we will all miss you Hugs and Prayers forever! The Southerlands*
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Scott Southerland - March 23, 2018 at 07:32 PM