



Janice Rae (Graul) Holland

September 19, 1934 - September 29, 2017

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A visitation reception for Janice Rae (Graul) Holland, 83, Rushville, IN, will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Moster Mortuary in Rushville, IN. She passed away Friday, September 29, 2017 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis surrounded by family. She will be buried in Oak Hill Cemetery at Lawrence, KS.

Janice was born September 19, 1934, in Evansville, IN, the daughter of Alvin F. and Marjorie (Adams) Graul. She graduated from F.J. Reitz High School in 1952 and later enrolled as a nursing student in Deaconess Hospital, where she received her certificate in Registered Nursing in 1955. She then served as a nurse at various health facilities including Evansville State Hospital, Central State Hospital and Sunnyside Hospital in Indianapolis.

On December 21, 1957, she married George Thomas Holland after a 2 year courtship and engagement. They began their married life together in Evansville and later moved to Indianapolis in 1958. In 1961, Janice became a stay-at-home-mom. She raised two sons and served as a Cub Scout den mother. She then began to spread her entrepreneurial wings, selling craft and gift items before starting a stained glass manufacturing company, Holland House Stained Glass, with a gift shop and manufacturing facility in Broad Ripple. George and Janice were active in church work, first being members of

Carrollton Avenue UCC and later St. Peter's UCC in Carmel, IN. She retired from her business in 1989 and later moved with George to Rushville, Indiana, where they lived in an antebellum-style home built during the Civil War and became members of Main Street Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Rushville.

Janice was a strong, independent woman with many talents and interests. She was interested in horticulture and was a member of a gardening club, maintained her own fruit orchard and served as president of the Indiana Nut Growers Association. She became a court-appointed advocate for domestic violence abuse victims and was later named Executive Director of Rush County's Domestic Violence Unit. She also pursued her love of the arts and crafts through painting, making jewelry, writing and illustrating children's books and listening to classical music. She also wrote a weekly opinion column for the Rushville Republican. Janice was a long-time volunteer at the Indianapolis Public Library; she was always reading and biographies were her favorite. She was an exceptional cook and particularly enjoyed cooking for large family gatherings and holiday open house events. She also authored a number of cook books.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Tom (Barbara) and Chris; her four grandsons, Thomas (Courtney), Derek (Phoebe), Brandon and Christopher; her two granddaughters, Louisa and Julia; and her one great-grandson, Owen.

The family suggests memorials in her name to the Alzheimer's Association – Greater Indiana Chapter, 50 E. 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Rae (Graul) Holland*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Chris: So very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Janice was a true Lady. Please know Fred & I are thinking of you and your family. Anna Karen Pennington*

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