



Janie Lay

March 28, 2020

Patricia "Janie" Lay, age 69 of Spring, passed away March 28, 2020. The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to her family and friends during this difficult time.

Due to the COVID 19 virus all services are private and by invitation only.

Patricia Jane Lay, known to all of us as Janie, at 69 years of age, of Spring, TX was taken to her heavenly home on Saturday, the 28th of March, 2020. After 14 months of fighting cancer, enduring mini-strokes in November of 2019, and finally after a recent night of crisis she spent a week in hospice care before passing from this temporal life into eternity with Christ.

Janie was born in Houston to Barbara Mae Wilson and Milton Fehrle Sr. on December 31st, 1950 in Houston, TX. She attended Trinity Lutheran Parochial School until 9th grade where she was confirmed in the faith. Janie then transferred to Reagan High School graduating in 1968. While at Reagan she performed a year as a cheerleader and also in the Women's Bugle Corp. She married Dave Lay on August 11th, 1979 at River Oaks Baptist Church in Houston. In their early marriage they were members of Fairbanks Baptist Church where Janie was baptized. After they moved to Spring the Lord led them to North Oaks Baptist in 1992 where Dave was ordained as a deacon in 1996. She also was an invaluable employee at Texas Systems & Controls in

Spring for 21 years as the Accounting Supervisor.

Janie was preceded in death by her mother Barbara Mae Wilson Fehrle, her father Milton Fehrle Sr., her brother Milton Fehrle Jr. and her brother Tom Fehrle.

Janie is survived by her beloved husband Dave Lay, her brother Michael Fehrle, sister-in-law Susan Bradley, sister-in-law Terry Fehrle, nieces Jennifer Perrin and Jana Mayfield, and nephews James Fehrle and Patrick Fehrle.

Those are the facts about Janie but there is so much more. Janie served faithfully alongside her husband at North Oaks Baptist for 28 years. When Dave was ordained as a deacon and later appointed as an elder at North Oaks she served willingly in any way that was needed, including diligently calling and visiting their flock members-even as recently as 3 weeks ago. Janie had a heart of compassion for the elderly, those who had a disability, and for children. On Sundays you had to look for her because she was always sitting in a different place with a different member who may be alone or needing assistance. For years Janie accompanied a female youth with Down Syndrome to her classes. She also co-taught with her husband in a middle youth Sunday school class for years and helped with their service projects. Janie served annually in VBS, as well as, for decades with Dave as a head judge in annual Bible drill tournaments. What you may not know is that Janie enthusiastically led an ESL program for years at North Oaks where many were witnessed to about Christ. Those who worked with her were blessed just like the ESL students who loved Mrs. Janie. She was always working behind the scenes as well, such as in the kitchen at church events, always quick to provide food for events or for those in need, and without hesitation shared recipes and tips like drizzling chocolate syrup over the top of brownies before baking! Janie was quite the animal lover so that their household includes indoor pets of a dog named Cookie and three cats. Janie's ready smile,

intentional listening ear, and whole-hearted laugh encouraged everyone she encountered. Imagine her welcome into heaven's gates!

Tribute Wall



“ We love you and wish we could be there through this. Hopefully, we can see you soon!

Jennifer Fehrle Perrin - April 14, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Praying for you, Dave. I hate that you are going through this. Janie always had such a kind servant's heart — she was quite a blessing to me during my time as Youth Pastor at North Oaks. She was reliable but never wanted any credit — always upbeat and willing to help! She truly understood what it meant to wash feet. I have so many fond memories of the both of you — I will be praying for you, dear friend, as you write this next chapter without Janie by your side. Know that she is cheering you on & you'll see her again — but not yet. You have a story to finish — one you have been writing with the Lord since the day you were born — and He has something left for you to do.

Praying for you,

Ryan Reitzammer

Ryan Reitzammer - April 06, 2020 at 01:48 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Janie Lay.



April 01, 2020 at 11:50 AM

EW

“ Dear Dave,

Please know that our hearts are saddened that we will no longer see Janie's wonderful smile.

She always had something nice to say even when she was in pain. We know that she is with our Lord Jesus. What a beautiful place to be especially during this time.

We all will miss her. But we know you will miss her more. Our hearts are with you as you go through this journey without the love of your life.

May God continue to bless and heal your heart.

*Love,
Clovis and Edna Watkins*

Edna Watkins - March 31, 2020 at 05:43 PM

DL

“ Dear Dave,

Please know that my heart and thoughts are full of special condolences for you. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Reading Janie's obituary, I gained the knowledge of her warmth, love of life and unique gift of giving to others. The two of you were so fortunate to be able to live a life of sharing your talents and love with others.

As you go forward with all of your fond memories, know that you have friends in Ohio that are thinking of you now and always. We share in your sorrow and hope that you will continue to let us be a part of your life.

Take care Dave and keep safe in the midst of the coronavirus. I know your faith guides and strengthens you each day.

Prayers,

Donna Lansing

Donna Lansing - March 31, 2020 at 02:58 PM

LC

“ *Dearest Dave & Family*

Our love & prayers are with you in this difficult time. Our hearts are broken too as we celebrate Janie's loving Christian life.

Both of you were so dear to our family as we attended North Oaks Baptist Church.

We pray God will keep His loving & healing arms around you as we celebrate

Miss Janie's walk on earth.

*We love you & will continue to pray for you,
Jack, Linda & Lindsey*

L Carter - March 31, 2020 at 12:47 PM

JM

“ *Dear Dave,*

Seeing you and Janie at church on Sundays was always a blessing. Her kind words and loving smile would always make the day a little brighter. She was a precious lady who deeply loved the Lord.

Although we grieve the loss of such a wonderful person we are comforted in the knowledge she will be spending Easter with Jesus.

Our Love,

Dale and Jill McGraw, McKenzie and Sammie Cain

jill mcgraw - March 30, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Janie Lay.*



March 30, 2020 at 05:18 PM

DP

“ Dear Dave, brother in Christ: How is it possible to grieve and rejoice at the same time? We had a most delightful visit with Janie two weeks ago as we brought potato soup and cornbread to your home. She was delightful to see and showed us all the wonders of that fantastic refrigerator (!) Our spiritual arms are around you as we grieve for her absence and yet, rejoicing that she is with our Lord and Saviour! Much love.
Dave & Jane Posey

Dave & Jane Posey - March 30, 2020 at 10:36 AM

SA

“ Dave, our prayers go out to you at this time of sorrow. We know that one day Janie will meet us at the pearly gates with a smile. Christ promised us peace in the storm and I am praying this for you today, my friend and brother in our Lord. Sandra Kegerreis

Sandra - March 30, 2020 at 08:47 AM

EH

“ Janie Lay, a servant of the Lord, whose life was a vessel made wonderful by the Master's hand.

Ed Huber - March 30, 2020 at 02:01 AM