



Janet Marie Edwards

March 9, 1950 - April 23, 2025

Janet Marie Edwards, 75, of Louisiana, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at her home.

A Celebration of Life for Jan will be held Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Louisiana. Cremation rites are under the direction of Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The family invites everyone to bring pictures of Jan to share.

Jan was born March 9, 1950, in St. Louis, Missouri to Raymond and Madeline (Volmert) Ritchey. She was united in marriage to Dennis “Denny” Lee Edwards in November 1982. He preceded her in death on August 9, 2017. Jan grew up in the St. Louis area. Her family, impressed with the booming river town, moved to Louisiana in 1971 to take advantage of the many opportunities the town held. Jan still resided in that same house at her time of death. She was proud of her town and liked to help support it whenever she could. She had just recently been elected as Alderman for Ward 2, though she never got the chance to fulfill her duties.

Jan, affectionately known as “Granny” to the many people whose lives she touched, operated an in-home daycare for over 50 years. She lovingly cared for and nurtured many young children during that time.

During her 75 years, Jan was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Elkettes 791. She was involved in the Louisiana Khoury League for many years in the 1970s - 90s. Jan was a member of the Louisiana Fire Department for 25 years and was the first woman firefighter on the force.

Jan loved to bowl and traveled to State and National bowling tournaments often. She loved to spend her free time cooking and baking. Jan was known for her banana muffins, variety of homemade cookies, and popcorn balls on Halloween. She always enjoyed a good firework display and loved to sit on her front porch watching the neighborhood kids. Jan was a caring person with a huge heart, and she will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to be a part of her life.

Jan is survived by her son, Michael KinKade Jr. (Hattie) of St. Charles; daughter, Kimberly Reid (Phillip) of Bowling Green; step-daughters, Christina Edwards (Tony) of Cedar Hill, Missouri, Delcie Smith (Mark) of Louisiana, Audra Grimmatt (Alan) of Curryville, and Bridgette Worley (Kyle) of Bowling Green; grandchildren: Emily Clemons (Derrick), Bryson KinKade (Madison), Madeline KinKade (Zach), Braxton Wallace, Bailey Wallace (Tom), Bethany Wallace, Kirsten Buchanan (Cole), McKinley White (Michael), Brock Reid (Kelly), Megan During (Andy), Nicholas Homan (Lindsey), Kelsey Quattrocchi (Philip), Shelby Splain (Bobby), Tylor and Taylor Darnell, Kaleb Worley (Jamie), and Kameron Worley (Quinn); 17 great-grandchildren with one due in June; along with several nieces and nephews and a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brothers, Ron Ritchey and Steve Ritchey.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice or the Trimble House of Louisiana.

Online condolences may be made at www.collierfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

American Legion Post 370
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Melinda Brooks lit a candle in memory of Janet Marie Edwards*



Melinda Brooks - April 29, 2025 at 09:56 AM

CB

“ *Cheryl Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Janet Marie Edwards*



Cheryl Bradshaw - April 28, 2025 at 09:25 PM

RE

“ *Rita Elder lit a candle in memory of Janet Marie Edwards*



Rita Elder - April 28, 2025 at 07:59 PM

CW

“ I was so sad to hear about Granny Jan’s passing!😞💔 She was such a godsend to our family. When we got to start taking Matty to stay at her house! Matty loved going to Granny & PaPa Denney’s! Granny treated all the kids like they were her own grandkids! We never had to worry about leaving her with Granny. Matty is broken hearted over the loss of Granny. She will truly be missed!😞 RIP MY DEAR FRIEND!❤️❤️❤️❤️



Chrystal Walker - April 28, 2025 at 07:07 PM

BL

“ Bryce Doris Love lit a candle in memory of Janet Marie Edwards



Bryce Doris Love - April 28, 2025 at 04:16 PM

KP

“ Kenny & Lil Peabody lit a candle in memory of Janet Marie Edwards



Kenny & Lil Peabody - April 28, 2025 at 03:27 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Janet Marie Edwards*



Cindy Poyser Osborne - April 28, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JR

You were a great step-mother & grandmother to my nieces and nephews. I know they will miss you bc you were such an important part of their lives. Thank you Jan for loving and caring for them..I think they will find comfort knowing you are now with their dad and grandfather. RIP.

Janie Robinson - April 28, 2025 at 02:24 PM

EO

“ *Ellen Orf lit a candle in memory of Janet Marie Edwards*



Ellen Orf - April 28, 2025 at 11:37 AM

EO

“ *I only just met Jan in 2023, sure wish I had met her sooner. She was a fun lady. I'm sure her family and friends have alot of good memories.*

Ellen Orf - April 28, 2025 at 11:37 AM

SM

Sorry for your family's loss

Sammy meyers - April 28, 2025 at 01:41 PM