



Mary Janice Andrews

April 15, 1933 - January 13, 2022

Mary Janice Andrews age 88, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 13th, 2022.

The daughter of James and Norma McCarthy, she was born in the small town of McComb, Mississippi on April 15th, 1933. She is survived by her three children: daughter Stacey Ann Oswald and her husband Kelly; son Paul Murray Andrews and his wife Melissa; daughter Norma Kathleen Podlin and her husband David; and her seven grandsons, Joshua Mathew Podlin, Jacob Andrew Podlin, James Paul Andrews, Jack Ryan Andrews, Avery Joseph Oswald, Joseph Daniel Andrews, and Jonathan Thomas Andrews. She is preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Paul Kimball Andrews, her sister Norma Monier and her brother James Martin McCarthy. Working her way to better her education, she began at the local junior college and then attended The University of Southern Mississippi where she earned her teaching degree.

Janice left Mississippi to start her first adventure as a teacher in New York City. While there, she was offered a 2-year contract to teach in Kyoto, Japan with the US Air Force. Shortly after her return from Japan, she began teaching in Houston and later married Paul in 1960. While she worked in a few other school districts, she worked for the Galena Park School District for over 30 years. She was a member of the Zeta Upsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gama

Society and the Classroom Teachers Association of Galena Park. She was in several bridge clubs, was an avid reader and she participated in all her children's activities throughout their lives. She gave her children the love of travel with many summer vacations to different states, which often included amusement parks, but always history.

After retirement she and Paul moved to Elkins Lake where she learned to play golf, continued her love of bridge and reading, and joined many other game and social groups. They traveled to many golf courses in the United States and went on several overseas adventures. As a child of an Irish immigrant, she was most proud of her trip to Ireland where she kissed the Blarney Stone.

She was a faithful member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Huntsville, TX.

She was much loved and will truly be missed by her family and friends, but in her own words, "I lived a great life".

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Macular Degeneration Association <https://macularhope.org> or to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Huntsville, TX. <https://saintthomashuntsville.org>

Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77038
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as
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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Rosary

JAN 19. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Mass

JAN 20. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Thomas the Apostle
1323 16th St
Huntsville, TX 77340

Graveside Service

JAN **31**. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr
Houston, TX 77038

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Janice Andrews*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Norma,*

Being cast into the current configuration of how life has evolved outside the walls of the place I live, very little information from my past or anyone else's for that matter, can get through to me. I've simply learned that everyone else's lives are a far cry better off without me around. Till this day I can enter a Bar, A room or anywhere and witness as all begin to go good to bad, bad to worse, worse to evil, evil to genius and genius to Kirk.

When I were anywhere near your Beautiful Mother, none of this seemed to ever occur. I was on my best behavior, kept stupid under wraps and generally painting myself in a much better picture than I could ever deserve; all due to your Mom. She was a Force! I could have a mind full of bad ideas that never reached my mouth around her, ands somehow find good Intentions. Very Very few have had this influence on me, she did. I probably had more respect for her than anyone else. Truth. I rarely ever find, as no one knows how to tell me.

I'm not attempting to gather your attention or anything, I couldn't possibly even attempt with her picture staring right at me as if she were watching.

*Kirk Wane Gant, AIA
30 June 2022*

Kirk Gant - June 30, 2022 at 11:10 PM

JG

“ *Such a sweet lady! Enjoyed so many conversations with her when scheduling a/c service at her home. So sorry for your loss.*

Janet Gunn

Janet S Gunn - February 01, 2022 at 01:12 PM

AP

“ *We have so many memories of our friendship with Janice. It started with golfing trips and vacations with her and Paul. They were the best couple ever to have as close friends and we were very blessed in that regard..*

Our best of all was a trip to Puerto Rico which Janice would mention to me time and again.

We will miss her as we have missed Paul for quite a few years now..

Our condolences to the family.

Annella and Ray Portalatin

annella portalatin - January 27, 2022 at 04:30 PM

HG

“ Our thoughts are with you as you grieve the loss of your mother. She was a very special lady as was your father. We moved to Elkins in 2005 and your parents played a major role in making us feel a part of this great community. They invited us into their couples golf group, had us into their home many times and we even took a group trip to Vicksburg. Those are memories we will always cherish. Sorry we did not attend her service as we are strictly adhering to social distancing due to covid. Day by day may your special memories heal your sorrow and bring you peace.

Harlon and E. J. Gerhold

Harlon & EJ Gerhold - January 21, 2022 at 01:51 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry about Janice leaving us, but happy she will again be with her beloved Paul. She was a dear friend, and such a wonderful person. We will all miss her so much, but I believe she is in a better place now. I know you will miss her as well. I apologize that I was unable to attend her service today, but I was exposed to COVID last Sunday, found out on Wednesday, and was asked to quarantine until Saturday. My deepest sympathy to your entire family.

Cynthia Harris - January 20, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.



January 20, 2022 at 02:37 PM

JD

“ *Janice was a good friend. We played bridge with Janice and Paul and went on several trips to Europe with them. After Paul's death, Janice went with us to California to see a mutual friend. Janice always had a smile and a positive outlook on life. We will miss her.*
Jim and Margie Delbert

Jim and Marjorie Delbert - January 19, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 19, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 19, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 18, 2022 at 09:43 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 18, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 18, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 18, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *The Cardwells purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



The Cardwells - January 18, 2022 at 12:16 PM

TF

“ *The Stachowiak and Moreno Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



The Stachowiak and Moreno Family - January 18, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 18, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 18, 2022 at 08:32 AM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Janice Andrews*



M. Hyvl - January 17, 2022 at 11:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 17, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Andrews.*



January 17, 2022 at 07:55 PM