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Janet Gabrick Obituary

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DG

Diane M Gabrick posted:

diane m gabrick

May 14 at 4:03 AM

SB

Sarah Blaser posted:

Growing up in California was never easy when it came to being able to see Grandma and Grandpa often. I was actually jealous of my cousin Caton because he got to see them all the time since he lived in Hawaii. But my mom and dad figured it out, and I was in Hawaii in my childhood more than I can probably count on both hands. Grandma was always the first to call to celebrate a milestone with me, like getting the part in a school play or winning a cheerleading competition. I walked at my junior college graduation only because Grandma and Grandpa were in town. Otherwise, I wouldn't have done it. Grandma taught me how to enjoy life and celebrate even the smallest accomplishments. I grew up with two sets of grandparents, but Grandma and Grandpa Gabrick are my family, while my others are just related to me by blood. Grandma was my idol, and I looked up to her ever since I can remember. She was strong, loving, and so fun. I am a teacher now, and I love Halloween and green olives. I know I got all of that from her. She loved to decorate for every holiday, and I love to do that, too. I know that came from her, too. I rarely saw her without a smile on her face, and, man, could she tell the best stories. My favorite one was about her dancing on a table in white pants at a party. I can actually picture her doing that even now. When I was little, she and Grandpa used to send us boxes of goodies periodically, and I remember one year getting a pile of books and a cassette tape that she had recorded her reading the stories to me on. I played that cassette over and over and over, and my mom and dad probably got annoyed with my obsession with it. I still have one of the books, but I'm pretty sure I wore the tape out. Grandma loved angels, and I can still picture the guardian angel she had on the visor in the car. She was always my guardian angel on earth, no matter the distance. She now has earned her wings and will be watching me from above. I love you, Grandma, and I will miss you forever. Mahalo for choosing me to be your granddaughter. Aloha until we meet again.

October 29 at 11:42 PM



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DG

Diane Gabrick posted:

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November 7 at 10:07 PM



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KM

Kevin Mead posted:

Eulogy for Janet Gabrick I want to thank Diane for helping me with this eulogy. She gave me a basics to do this. Janet Marie Gabrick, 84, was born on September 28, 1938 in Leavenworth, Kansas. She is survived by husband, Charles Gabrick; sons, Charles Gabrick (Conni) and Keith Gabrick (Diane); daughter Lynn Gabrick; brother, Kevin Mead (Karen); sister, Mary Rae Harms; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Jan Gabrick was endlessly generous, kind, thoughtful, loving and good humored. She was a teacher for 30 years impacting the lives of so many in her career. She was a loving foster parent who nurtured relationships with her foster children into their adulthoods. Those who had the privilege of knowing her were made to feel like family in her presence. Those that she took into her care, experienced the gift of having someone in their court who encouraged and supported them in every endeavor. Jan was also an avid collector. In the course of her life, she had collections of pandas, teddy bears, angels, dolls and holiday decorations. Jan, along with her husband, Chuck, were the best tellers of captivating stories that you would ever meet: the stories that keep you on the edge of your seat, asking more and more questions, and stories that make you feel like you have met two people who lived life deeply and to the fullest. Janet and Charles were optimal hosts, knowing how to throw the very best parties and making people feel fully at home in their presence. They enjoyed endless adventures together, decorating for the holidays, constant joyful laughter and dancing. The world was fortunate for the opportunity to hold Jan Gabrick. She is deeply missed. Jan's family kindly requests that guests wear purple. Jan's favorite color, in her memory. Janet was the oldest of four children from Ulysses and Edna Mead. Janet was a caring people person, always willing to help others. She helped me a lot as I grew up, also helped Sharon and Mary Rae. She went to our parish grade school, St. Joseph, which was about two blocks from our house. After graduation from there, she went on to graduate from Immaculata High School. She was a good student and involved with school activities, like school dances and cheering at games. She also enjoyed being a part of family gatherings at our Grandparent's house, especially for Thanksgiving and the 4th of July parties. Janet met Charlie in high school and they married and became a Navy family. Once when Charlie deployed, she and baby Lynn came back to Leavenworth to stay with us while Charlie was out to sea. She told us about how [people on the train helped take care of Lynn. But it was funny that some of them were scared for her because they thought there were still Indian tribes and cowboy bandits that would attack her little village. After Charlie returned, Jan and Lynn went back to the San Diego area. One summer Dad, Mom and us kids went on a road trip to visit Janet and Charlie for a few days. Janet and Charlie showed us around San Diego and even Tiajuana Mexico. Their hospitality was great. I joined the Navy and at the end of boot camp, I was able to see and talk to them. When I got assigned to the USS Tripoli, a helicopter carrier, Janet and Charlie let me stay with them. They even let me invite Karen to have Christmas with them before I was to fly out to meet the ship. When Charlie was assigned to Midway Island, they arranged to have me stay with Bob and Ginny Brissey when I was in port. Janet and Charlie were great hosts for many people, and being foster parents for a number of children, helping them grow-up to be productive citizens. One thing in particular that I remember about Janet and Charlie, they recognized that they needed to depend on one another if their life together would be loving and caring and productive. That was also one of the things Karen and I



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KM

also saw as what we wanted our marriage to be. Janet and Charie were a great model for us. Having a strong faith in God and a belief that He would always be with us. I jud

October 29 at 11:42 PM

KE

Keith posted:

Mom, I will forever be grateful for what you and Dad have done for me in my lifetime. You shared your Love and Passion to your family members and those who became family members. you taught me how to Love people, how to treat people and how to just be kind to whoever I meet. I would have never gotten this far in life if it wasn't for your positive talks, phone calls, and whenever I needed to talk. I am glad you are now able to be pain-free and can relax. You have done your job God gave you to do, on this earth. I know I, and so many others are Thankful that they got to share their life with you and you Loved each and everyone of us. I will forever have a piece of Heart missing for you. I am so proud to call you my MOTHER. REST IN PEACE, MOM I LOVE YOU

November 2 at 11:36 PM

DG

Diane Gabrick posted:

Jason thank you for posting your message and the photo. I just want you to know that Grandma and Grandpa are so very proud of all the grandchildren and they just adore all the great-grandchildren, she was always talking about how proud she is of her family. You are correct Living in Hawaii so far away from everyone was very hard on them as it is for us. We love you

November 2 at 8:54 AM

BK

Barry Kitsch posted:

Jan will always be know as a beautiful person. I remember going to visit Hawaii in the early 90â€™s and it was Christmas and last minute. We did not have a lot of money for presents but Jan made sure my family had some presents to open for Christmas. I will never forget her generosity and a heart of gold. She showed me how to be generous and always be there for your family. I will really miss you Jan. RIP

October 31 at 6:08 AM



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NA

Nathan Afoa posted:

Aunty Jan use to be my neighbor on Aikanaka Road when I first met her. She was the most beautiful person I ever met reminded me of my mother. I always enjoyed her company she was so cheerful all the time the sign of a good ʻōi person. I'm so sorry to lose her like this but now she is in a better place with God. You will and shall be missed dearly. Rest in Peace ʻōi, and Aloha.

October 30 at 8:22 AM

CG

Conni Gabrick posted:

Janet-Mom when I first met Jan I was a-little intimidated but it didn't take long to fall in love with her. Chuck and I were inseparable. We never knew then that we would end up married for 45 plus years. I married her son Chuck when I was only eighteen. She was always wonderful and helpful showing me how to be a military wife. We had two boys of our own and have three grandsons and Jan enjoyed being a grandmother and a great grandmother. And I enjoyed watching her love all of those boys. I lost my own mother 12 years ago and Jan stepped in to tell me I still had a mother. She was always a second mother to me but now she was my only mom and loved her more for it. She will forever be in my heart as my mother and I hope now she can rest in peace with the lord.

October 30 at 5:48 AM

KM

Karen Mead posted:

Hi Jan (and Charlie). Can't think of one of you without the other. My first encounter with your family was in Imperial Beach, when Kevin and I were first dating. May not have been officially a member of the Mead family yet, but it was like we had always known each other from the very beginning. Even though we were not able to be together very often, every time we were I am so thankful for. Your hospitality is beyond comparison. It didn't matter how many in our family came to visit, your door was always open to all of us and you made us feel at-home. Every time we visited long-distance and you would ask when we were coming to see you all, I knew that was not just a polite question, but you fully meant it and would be ready to welcome us, if it were the next day that we would be there. Kevin has always had a special place in his heart for you and that place in mine developed very quickly after our first meeting. It is very hard to see you leave us all, but knowing how horrendous dementia is, I am so glad that you are at peace Please tell my Mom and Dad and Kelin Hi for us. Love and prayers go out to Charlie, Lynn, Chucky and Keith and extended family. What a joy and blessing for all of us to have experienced Jan in whatever way we did. Love you, Jan

October 30 at 3:37 AM



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Jason Gabrick posted:

Grandma, Hawaii felt so far away as a kid, but your constant visits and the most memorable Christmas and New Years in Hawaii made you feel close. I was the grandchild who tracked red dirt into your house with my bare feet and once caused a fight because I threw a rock at the house and almost hit Grandpa. Between then and adulthood, sadly, we didn't get to see each other much. Then, when I was an adult and a brand new Airman, you and Grandpa moved back to California at the perfect time for us to meet again. Those years gave me an opportunity to show you that I've grown into a man you can be proud of, and it gave me an opportunity to really get to know you and Grandpa in a whole new light, and for you to meet my beautiful wife and our first son. I wish we'd had more time together, but the time we had was rich. You lived such a long and meaningful life, and I can only pray that we meet again in Heaven. I love you Grandma. Rest in peace with the love of Jesus for eternity.

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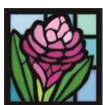


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