



Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger

September 14, 1950 - July 1, 2021

Funeral services for Jan Spitzenberger, 70, of Plano, Texas, are scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 4, 2021, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, Texas. Rev. Steve Wagner, formerly of Jan's church, Prince of Peace Lutheran, will officiate. A private family committal service will be held in the Giddings City Cemetery on Monday, July 5, 2021.

Janice Claire (Dixon) Spitzenberger was born on September 14, 1950, in Giddings, Texas, the daughter of James Westbrook Dixon and Bernice Beatrice (Winkler) Dixon. She was baptized on October 1, 1950, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Max Studtmann and confirmed on March 22, 1964, also at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Her confirmation verse was Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Jan graduated from Giddings High School in 1968 and received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Sam Houston State University in 1971. On August 8, 1971, she was united in marriage to Donald John Spitzenberger, also from Giddings, at Immanuel Lutheran Church by her uncle Rev. Kenneth Studtmann.

In addition to her volunteer work with Girl and Boy Scouts as well as PTA, Jan was a longtime educator through private and public schools, church youth groups, Sunday school, Bible Study Fellowship, and Vacation Bible School, inspiring kids and teens across Columbus, Katy, and Plano, Texas.

She retired from teaching in 2015 and split her time between Plano and Clifton, Texas, a small town where she, Don, their kids, grandkids, faithful, freckled dog Rose, and many assorted house guests would enjoy morning coffee and sunset wine on their back porch, taking in the Hill Country view.

She courageously battled diseases of both the lungs and brain for many years, but fought until the very end, enjoying outings—from family weddings to winery tours, from a charity luau in Clifton, an art exhibit in Dallas, and a rustic campout in Mineral Wells to Thanksgiving break in New Orleans and an Easter potluck in Giddings—right up until her final hospital stay this June. Jan passed away surrounded by her family during the early morning of Thursday, July 1, 2021 at her home in Plano.

She was preceded in death by her parents James and Bernice Dixon.

Jan is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Don Spitzenberger of Plano; her two children, Amy Perry and her husband Kenon of Clifton, Texas, and Marc Spitzenberger and his wife Julie of Plano; three grandchildren, Anna Spitzenberger, Joseph Spitzenberger, and Ogden Perry; her brother Marc Dixon and his wife Roma of Hideaway, Texas; her sister Sarah Bremner and her husband Stuart of Palm Desert, California; three aunts, Jane Martens of Austin, Jimmie Burke of Laguna Beach, California, and Vernille Showalter of Liberty, Texas, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends across the state and country.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

(LWML), an organization Jan was deeply involved with for decades.

Cemetery Details

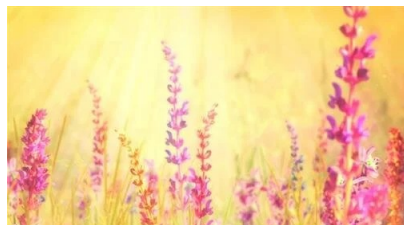
Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 04, 2021 at 03:05 PM

SR

Don, what a beautiful tribute to a much loved woman. Thank you for sharing.

Sue Ritch

Sue Ritch - July 07, 2021 at 12:08 PM

FS

I am so sorry for your loss.

Floyd Spenrath - July 09, 2021 at 12:49 PM

VR

What a nice tribute. We will miss Jan. God give you and your family peace and comfort. Our love, Gene and Vickie

Vickie Rosentreter - July 09, 2021 at 10:33 PM

LT

What a great way to celebrate a wonderful life--and lifetime of family and memorable times with family. I appreciate all the time, effort, and love that was put into creating this video. May the Lord continue to comfort all her family and friends.

Larry Tuttle - July 10, 2021 at 12:07 PM

GE

Simply Wonderful! A fine pictorial review of some of Jan's life. What a joy to have known her. A gorgeous wife to Don and a beautiful mother and grandmother.

George Bentley

George - July 15, 2021 at 12:01 PM

LM

What a wonderful tribute, Don. Thank you so much for sharing it with me. You have a beautiful family. Time goes by so fast. We are blessed that we live in a time where we can record and share our memories in photographs and movies. I am sincerely sorry for your loss. _ Larry MARRS

Larry MARRS - September 13, 2021 at 01:36 PM

GF

“ *So very sad to read Jan's obit this morning in the Plano Star Courier. Her's was a lovely soul who surely now is with our Lord. She will forever be a part of our family memories because of the time spent in our home through her work with the Chi Rho Women of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Plano. She came to our home many times to help my husband Larry and I with our preemie triplets during those first months after they came home from the hospital. I also spent time with her in church choir and VBS. Her legacy will live on through the lives of all that she touched. Our deepest condolences to all of the family.*

Grace and Larry Fulton

Grace Fulton - July 11, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Thank you Jan for being a patient loving teacher for my daughter Lilly Fox for both kindergarten and 1st grade. Chad Fox*

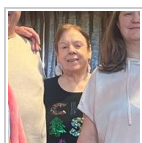
Chad Fox - July 08, 2021 at 06:18 PM

MA

“ Our prayers to family and friends in grief. Jan was one of our son's favorite teachers. She always worked tirelessly to make sure every student had the perfect instruction for their individual needs! She will be missed by every heart and soul she touched.

Sincerely,
The Anderson family

Mark and Tammy Anderson - July 08, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of such a beautiful and good lady. Praying for comfort for the family that only God can provide. You will be with her one fine day in heaven. God bless you all.

Linda Russell - July 05, 2021 at 07:14 PM

LR

“ Linda Faske Russell lit a candle in memory of Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger



Linda Faske Russell - July 05, 2021 at 07:07 PM

AO

“ Don, I'm so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. Such a lovely and sweet person. You guys weren't in Columbus all that long, but you made a big impact. The members of the Columbus Cardinal band keep you and your family in our prayers.

Amy Evans Othold-Drum major 74-76

Amy Othold - July 05, 2021 at 12:58 PM

JB

“ Mrs. Spitzenberger taught our daughter Anabelle in kindergarten 12 yrs ago. To this day, we remember her as a kind, dedicated, warm and knowledgeable educator. We are so saddened to hear of her passing. She was a lovely soul and has touched so many lives. Peace be with your family.

The Barnard Family

Jennifer Barnard - July 05, 2021 at 12:54 AM

MS

“ Michael, Peter, John Studtmann purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger.



Michael, Peter, John Studtmann - July 04, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger.



July 04, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger.



July 04, 2021 at 09:39 AM

GN

“ Don, so sorry to hear of your loss. May God bless and comfort you and your family.
Your cousin,
Gladys Hermann Newsom

Gladys Newsom - July 04, 2021 at 09:11 AM

CF

“ Jan was very involved in LWML and that is when I really got to meet her. Her in-laws and my parents had been friends. She was very sweet person. I'm sure she will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and her LWML sisters.
Praying for the family.

Carolyn Loewe Faske - July 03, 2021 at 10:18 PM

CF

“ Carolyn Loewe Faske lit a candle in memory of Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger



Carolyn Loewe Faske - July 03, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ 82 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 03, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Barbara Schkade Gomez lit a candle in memory of Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger*



Barbara Schkade Gomez - July 03, 2021 at 05:24 PM

BC

“ How do you honor an angel like Jan? You strive to follow her example of love to others, belief in Christ Jesus, extending friendship to all, and supporting those in need. Jan was my friend for 53 years sharing college memories, marriages, births, and the loss of our family members. A great college roommate that always wished the best for her acquaintances. She touched many lives with her sweet personality and uplifting attitude. She left a precious spot on my heart and will be forever my special friend. My love to Don, Amy, Marc, and the extended family. God welcomed her to that perfect, prepared place promised to His children.
In God's precious love,
Bill and Becky Lincoln Cooksey
Newark, Texas

Becky Cooksey - July 03, 2021 at 03:48 PM

JP

“ My late husband, Richard, and I taught with Don and Jan in Columbus, TX, in the early seventies. We maintained that friendship even after our moving to Bay City and other towns later. Jan was a compassionate, dynamic teacher and a dear friend. I loved her. I know she will be missed by her sweet family and friends. My heart goes out to the family for their great loss. Ed joins me in these condolences.

With love,
Jan Gibson Provancha

Jan Provancha - July 03, 2021 at 01:38 PM

MB

Many sweet memories of Janice as we were classmates at Giddings High School in the class of 1968!
Heaven has definitely gained another sweet angel!

Marilyn Schulz Baca - July 04, 2021 at 09:43 AM

JP

“ *Donnie, my heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. You and Jan were a couple in high school and that love created your wonderful family and the great times that go with them.*

John Pieratt - July 03, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger.*



July 03, 2021 at 09:39 AM

ER

“ *I only briefly knew Jan and her family, but it was a great privilege. It was clear she was very deeply loved by her family and her dogs.*

Elizabeth Rittelmeyer - July 02, 2021 at 11:59 PM



“ *Jan was a warm, sincere, loving person. She was a beautiful woman but her real beauty came from the inner glow of her personality in dealing with the lives of her students, her family, and her friends!! God has prepared a beautiful place for her eternally!! God bless her family and comfort them as only an everlasting loving Creator can do!! We loved her so much!!*

Ronny and Sandy Jones

Ronny Gene Jones - July 02, 2021 at 11:21 PM

MS

“ To Don & family, My sincerest condolences to all of you in the passing of sweet Janice. She was so vivacious, happy, smart & beautiful. She was such a sweetheart to everyone when we were in school. My heart goes out to you as I know you have lost a gem of a spouse, mother, grandmother, friend & Christian soul. May her memories sustain you thru this trying time & may our Lord bring you peace & comfort knowing she's in His loving arms.

Mary Ann Gonzales Sudduth - July 02, 2021 at 10:33 PM

RS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Rebecca Sherrill - July 02, 2021 at 09:48 PM

VF

“ Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Janice "Jan" Claire Spitzenberger



Violet Frosch - July 02, 2021 at 06:27 PM

BM

Our deepest sympathies to Don and family. When young, we were blessed to be on the faculty at Columbus Texas ISD together. Brenda and I knew her as a kind and lovely Christian. God bless.

Bob McGregor

Bob McGregor - July 02, 2021 at 10:31 PM

CT

My deepest sympathies to Jan's family. We were sorority sisters at Sam Houston and I never pass by Giddings and not think of Jan. She was a very sweet and lovely person. Please know that she is remembered with love and affection by many.

*God bless you,
Cindy Jackson Taylor*

Cindy Taylor - July 03, 2021 at 11:58 PM

MD

Our Lord has another beautiful angel. My memories of cousin Janice were always nice and fun. I liked our families trips to Giddings and visiting with my cousins. She will always be in my heart and mind.

Michael R Dixon, Lawton, OK

michael r dixon - July 04, 2021 at 10:03 AM