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Janice Lyons Obituary

Janice “Jan” Lyons (nee Carignan), 83, of North Ridgeville, passed away peacefully surrounded by family April 13, 2026 following a long illness. She was born May 22, 1942 in Providence, Rhode Island. She was a 1960 graduate of Warwick Veterans High School where she excelled academically and graduated from The University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor’s Degree in English.

Jan found the church early in life and it served as her guiding force. She was a devout Christian and spent her life in the service of others. She was a devoted member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church congregation for more than 40 years. She found strength through her faith and was simply the epitome of a good person.

Jan met the love of her life James “Jim” in high school. He was the popular jock and she was the smart girl. They fell in love, married soon after high school and started their family. Their 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren were the pride of her life.

Jan was a tireless worker and instilled that work ethic in her children. She balanced her career and taking care of her family making it look effortless. There was always a hot meal on the table and spaghetti sauce and chicken salad in the refrigerator.

Her children’s friends were always welcome in her home and many an Elyria High football player enjoyed a spaghetti dinner before a game. She never knew which of her children’s friends might be sleeping on the living room couch on a weekend morning but they were always offered breakfast before going home.

Jan spent her career teaching in the Elyria City Schools where she had a passion for helping kids learn to read. She retired from teaching in 2003 then served as a part time instructional coach for new teachers in the Elyria City School district until her second retirement in 2005.



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Jan and Jim purchased their home on Prudence Island in 1999 and traveled back and forth frequently during the years prior to retirement. The house was named the Hookshot Hotel, which was a reference to an old Lyons family saying. Once retired they spent 9 months of the year on the Island. They had many wonderful friends and enjoyed the "Island Life".

Jan enjoyed entertaining her many friends and family members when they came to the Island to visit. Her grandchildren have fond memories of playing Baha in the evenings after a long day of swimming, jumping off the dock at Sandy Point, quahogging, fishing, and looking for sea glass on the shores of Narragansett Bay. She longed to go back one more time before her passing because it was their home and she loved it but more importantly she loved the great people that lived there.

At the end, she cherished the many friends and family that took time to visit with her. She was disappointed that she was missing important events such as family weddings and large family gatherings but felt lucky to be alive and that so many people took time to visit with her. We always told her she was just getting back what she had put into the world.

Jan is survived by children; Jill (Bob) Hanna, Jim (Chrissy) Lyons, Jeff (Colleen) Lyons, and Jon (Christy) Lyons; grandchildren, Brett, Sarah (Bryan), Jake (Lexi), Dylan (Hannah), Lily, Jessie, Sylvia, Jimmy, Joey, Jonny and Casey; great grandchildren, Ryley and Ava and a niece, Lori (Dave) Strycharz.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years James; parents, Lloyd and Mary Carignan; stepmother, Virginia Carignan; brother Lloyd "Butch" Carignan, and sisters, Margaret and Anne Slattery.

Friends will be received Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 4:00 pm until the time of a 6:00 pm service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 360 Princeton Avenue, Elyria with Pastor Tim Scholl officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Shriner's Hospital for children.

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AL

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Janice A. Lyons posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Janice A. Lyons We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM

LF

Linda And Allan Fowler posted:

A dream in pink was purchased for the family of Janice A. Lyons by Linda and Allan Fowler. Send Flowers In loving memory of Janice A. Lyons Linda and Allan Fowler

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ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A dream in pink was purchased for the family of Janice A. Lyons. Send Flowers

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SB

Sydney Bakos posted:

A dream in pink was purchased for the family of Janice A. Lyons by Sydney Bakos. Send Flowers With deepest sympathy to your family. You're all in my thoughts during this difficult time. Jan's kindness is something I will always remember. Sydney Bakos

April 22 at 8:55 AM

EG

Eric & Laura Garretson posted:

Small spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice A. Lyons by Eric & Laura Garretson. Send Flowers Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Eric & Laura Garretson

April 22 at 8:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Janice A. Lyons. Plant a Tree

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LL

Love From The Keeners Mike, Kim, Austin & Emily, Luke & Bri posted:

Monet's garden basket was purchased for the family of Janice A. Lyons by Love from the Keeners Mike, Kim, Austin & Emily, Luke & Bri. Send FlowersIn loving memory of Janice A. LyonsLove from the Keeners Mike, Kim, Austin & Emily, Luke & Bri

April 22 at 8:55 AM

SA

Susan, Bob & Stephen Audet posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice A. Lyons by Susan, Bob & Stephen Audet. Send FlowersWith loving memories of JaniceSusan, Bob & Stephen Audet

April 22 at 8:55 AM

TF

The Zajdel And Green Family posted:

Spring's bounty basket was purchased for the family of Janice A. Lyons by The Zajdel and Green Family. Send FlowersWith deepest sympathyThe Zajdel and Green Family

April 22 at 8:55 AM

BE

Becky posted:

I am saddened to hear of Jan's passing. I was able to spend many lunches with her & my Mom Lillian. I am sure her love lives on in each of you. May the light of her love & all the memories bring you comfort & peace.

April 21 at 7:35 AM

RA

Ray And Pat Allen posted:

We were fortunate enough to know Jan for over seventy years. She was always a kind generous person who was always there if you needed her. As so many of the other tributes that have been written have pointed out, she was always ready to cook a dinner for her guess, whether they were invited or not. Words cannot express the sorrow we feel, but the memories of both Jim and Jan will always be with us. Every day we go by Warwick Veterans High, the football field, the campus at the University of Rhode Island, Narrow River, The ferry dock in Bristol we will think of both Jim and Jan. They will always be our friends.

April 20 at 1:31 PM



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SC

Sharon Cooley posted:

My husband Dave and I were good friends of Jan and Jim on the island. He would make a million little clams on the half shell and Jan would whip up a big dinner for 8-12 of us without a second thought. We had great times with them. She was always so upbeat and gracious. I spoke with her a month ago and she was so missing Jim. Now they're together forever. Sharon Cooley

April 19 at 12:25 PM

MM

Mayme Morrison posted:

I remember Jan fondly as a neighbor in Narragansett and also as a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Kingston RI. She was a lovely person . My condolences to her family and friends.

April 19 at 8:54 AM

DB

Dave And Megan Baeder posted:

To Jill and the entire Lyons Family. We are so sorry to read of your mother's passing. What a truly kind lady. Please try to remember all the good times you all shared. Thinking of you all Dave and Megan

April 18 at 11:37 AM

CH

Charlotte Greason Hayes posted:

My sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Janice's family for their loss. Janice was a sorority sister and roommate. She was very intelligent and fun, too! We both had boyfriends at BC which added another dimension to our friendship . We married the BC men and stayed friendly in our early years So sorry that we'drifted apart. Janice was a treasure !" I

April 18 at 6:35 AM

SP

Susan Phillips posted:

I was blessed to be friends with Jan and will miss her terribly. She was part of our Prudence Island walking group and kept this up till she left the island. Jan was such a caring and kind person to everyone. Throughout her battle with cancer she never lost faith and handled it with such grace. She always had a ready smile and a positive attitude. She touched many lives here on Prudence and will be forever missed by all of us. I'll always hold your mom in my heart.

April 17 at 12:52 PM



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