

Janet Whitley Hansen

March 10, 1950 ~ November 7, 2024

Janet Whitley Hansen, 74, passed away on Thursday, November 7th, 2024 in her home surrounded by her family and holding her husband’s hand. She faithfully returned home to her Savior Jesus Christ, enjoying a wonderful reunion with her late Mom and Dad.

Jan was born in Holladay, Utah in 1950. She grew up there with four brothers and one sister, attending Olympus High school. After graduating at the top of her class, Jan attended Brigham Young University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in History with a Teaching Certificate. It was at BYU where she started dating the love of her life, Gordon Hansen.

On December 22, 1972, Jan was married to Gordon in the Provo Utah Temple. They had three children, Maryann, Gerritt, and Devin, and they raised their family in Holladay, Utah in the house that Jan grew up in as a child. Gordon retired to be her caretaker one year ago, pouring his whole soul into his efforts to make Jan comfortable. They were married for almost 52 years — you could see their love for each other in so many ways.

Jan was a teacher, both in and out of the classroom with everyone she met. She taught US History, Geography, and Utah Studies at Valley Jr. High for 32 years, leaving an immense impact on many of her students. Every time she would run into a former student, they would tell her how much she influenced their life for the better. But her impact did not stop there — we have all been taught lessons by Jan on a range of subjects, including the gospel, communication, and resilience through life.

Jan was also a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She loved her Savior Jesus Christ with all her heart, and she was always improving her knowledge of the gospel by reading and listening to anything and everything church related. She lived her life as a Disciple of Christ, giving everything she had to become like the Savior. Jan always strived to make others feel special and important by listening, asking sincere questions, and serving in little ways, touching the lives of those around her one at a time. Jan was an amazing example to us in every aspect of her life.

However, only one thing was truly as important to Jan as her faith was: her family. She loved to attend any activity that her family and extended family were participating in, teaching her kids and grandkids that family means everything — you show up for your family no matter what.

Jan had a wide range of hobbies and interests that she loved to share with her family and friends, including; reading, singing, playing the piano, card making, scrapbooking, traveling, listening to podcasts, planning and hosting parties, going to plays, attending concerts, and listening to music.

Battling with many health challenges through the years, Jan truly was a fighter till the end, yet through it all, she never complained. When you went to visit her, she always focused on you and your life instead of dwelling on her

own problems. Her ability to listen and give advice touched the lives of so many.

Jan is survived by her husband, Gordon, her children, Maryann, Gerritt, and Devin, and her 6 grandchildren. She will be greatly missed. We love you, Jan, Mom, Nana — until we meet again.

Our family extends our heartfelt thanks to her hospice nurses and all other medical professionals that helped care for her throughout her many health challenges.

In lieu of Sending Flowers Jan has asked that you donate to Isidore Barhanywerha Kadurha's Charity, Kadurha for Children Foundation, Inc. Here is the website to donate: www.kc-foundation.org

Funeral services will be held at Noon on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the Riverton Central Stake Center, 12852 South 3200 West in Riverton, Utah. A viewing will be held from 6-8PM on Friday evening, November 22, 2024 at Larkin Mortuary – Riverton, 3688 West 12600 South in Riverton, Utah as well as Saturday at the ward prior to funeral services beginning at 11AM. Interment will follow at the Redwood Memorial Cemetery in West Jordan, Utah.

Funeral services will be streamed via Zoom for those wishing to attend virtually. To watch the services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.