



Jane Marie Cromeans

October 27, 1948 - March 11, 2022

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Jane Marie Cromeans (Janie) surrounded by her family went to Heaven to be with her Lord and Savior on March 11, 2022. Janie, most notably known as Mom and Mimi, left behind a loving family that will always remember her passion to live life to the fullest and have no regrets. Janie lived her life with a servant's heart, always thinking of others and not herself.

Janie was born October 27, 1948, in Tupelo, Mississippi and grew up in Red Bay, Alabama. Janie and John were married in 1968 and would spend the next 54 years in life's journey together. Janie graduated from The University of Mississippi in 1970 with a B.S. in Elementary Education.

In 1970 John and Janie moved to Birmingham, Alabama where they would reside for the next 44 years. Janie's passion in life was always about teaching children and raising them in the eyes of Christ. She taught 1st grade in Odenville at Odenville Elementary for 12 years until she was blessed with her first, long-awaited and prayed for child, Catherine. Janie loved her role as a full-time mother to Catherine, and soon was blessed with her son, John III. Janie's love for preparing hearts in Christ was exemplified by rocking the babies in the nursery, singing in the choir, chaperoning choir tour and serving as the interim Preschool Minister at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in

Birmingham, AL.

In 2014, Janie was blessed to move to Oxford, MS to become a full-time Mimi to her grandchildren, Copey (2013) and Jack (2015).

Janie enjoyed reading and was also an avid sports fan. She was a loyal Ole Miss Rebel, attending as many games as she could while in Oxford, and watched many Atlanta Braves baseball games through the decades.

Janie is survived by her devoted husband, John William Cromeans Jr of Oxford; a daughter, Catherine Cromeans Burge (Rick) of Oxford; a son, John William Cromeans III (Erin) of Oxford; and two grandchildren, Leah Copeland "Copey" Cromeans and John William "Jack" Cromeans IV.

Janie is preceded in death by her father, Eugene J. Copeland; mother, Lola Faye Copeland; and brothers, Johnny Eugene Copeland and Charles Michael "Mike" Copeland.

Services will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022. Visitation begins at 1:00 p.m. and the celebration of life at 2:00 p.m.; both held at Oxford-University United Methodist Church. Leading the celebration is Rev. Eddie Rester, Rev. Warren Black, and James Pace. Musical offerings provided by special family friend, Lynda Little.

Memorial contributions in Janie's memory may be made to: Oxford University United Methodist Church, 424 10th St. Oxford, MS 38655 (OUUMC.ORG/GIVING), Jane M. Cromeans Excellence in Teaching Scholarship Endowment (UMFoundation.com/Cromeans), and or Colon Cancer Foundation (coloncancerfoundation.org).

Please leave online condolences on her Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Oxford-University United Methodist Church
424 South 10th St.
Oxford, MS 38655

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GP

“ Due to illness Janie's Pierce side of the family cousins were unable to attend her services today. We regret this. Janie was always a favorite of ours. My sister Sharen and I remember her so fondly, especially her playing the piano at her parent's home in Red Bay. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. God speed.

Gary L Pierce - March 21, 2022 at 08:32 PM

BB

“ Mrs. Janie was one of the nicest and sweetest people I have ever met. I always felt at home in her house and a part of any gathering I was at involving her family. The ultimate proof of what kind of a woman she was is how well she did raising both her kids. My love to her entire family. She will definitely be missed.

Barry Broussard - March 21, 2022 at 11:34 AM

SR

“ *Janie was my second cousin and I have many fond memories of her when we were young and would visit her home. She was older than my sister and I and I looked up to her. We dyed our hair once and mine turned green. I got in trouble, but I don't know if she did. I remember her wedding to John. Janie and I both waited many years to have our children and my daughter received Catherine's beautifully made clothes when she out grew them, all hand smocked. Many years have gone by since we were together. She was a sweet cousin.*

John, Catherine and JonJon, please accept our deepest condolences. May you find comfort and peace in your loss.

love, cousin Susan

Susan (Lawrence) Rice - March 20, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Marie Cromeans.*



March 20, 2022 at 10:10 AM

GS

“ *Gary Pierce & Sharen Skelton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jane Marie Cromeans.*



Gary Pierce & Sharen Skelton - March 19, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jane Marie Cromeans.



March 19, 2022 at 09:48 AM

“ I have been friends with Jane Marie Copeland Cromeans (Janie) for seventy years. We first became friends in the nursery of Red Bay First Baptist Church around 1952. Our parents were friends for years, enjoying fishing, cooking together, eating and playing Rook cards. We sometimes camped out on what we called Miami Beach at the mouth of Bear Creek and the Tennessee River below Wilson Dam. The little kids slept in the back of our 1957 Chevy station wagon.

I remember one summer when Janie's parents, Gene and Lola Fay, let Janie go with us to Florida while my dad did his required reserve Air Force duty. Each of us wanted a Captain's cap. Shopping for it and wearing it was one of the highlights of the trip.

Perhaps my fondest memory is playing Lennon sister paper dolls at Janie's house. We used to watch the Lawrence Welk TV show which featured the Lennon sisters. Janet Lennon was our favorite. She still performs in Branson, Missouri.

I remember meeting Janie's future husband, John, for the first time after he played a high school football game in Belmont, Mississippi. I sensed at the time that they were meant for each other.

Another great memory is my mother and I shopping in Janie's Aunt Mabel's cool dress shop, also in Belmont. Now I let my granddaughters play with the pretty costume jewelry my mom bought there. I remember her Uncle Roscoe in a wheel chair helping his wife in the shop.

I remember Janie and John's wedding in Red Bay. Janie and Lola Fay had beautifully decorated the church window sills with Magnolia leaves, flowers, and white candles. Janie was the prettiest and sweetest bride ever!

Today as I glance around my home, my eyes rest on the many things Janie gave me through the years. I see several cook books, lots of recipes on index cards and the special figurine of Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph made out of that special Mississippi clay. Janie was like the sister that I, an only child, never had. She was instrumental in helping me get an interview for my first teaching job at St. Claire County High School. She and I and several others carpooled, meeting at Eastwood Mall early every school day

morning. This was 1971.

We rejoiced together as our children were born, grew up and married and had their own families.

Janie was so much stronger than I had imagined her to be during these last eight years. She never complained but was rather the "just about perfect Southern Lady."

I can hardly bear the loss of her sweetness here on this Earth. However, I know that Janie, that sweet, loving, loyal mother is happy in God's nursery in Heaven.

Faye Drummond Walls - March 18, 2022 at 11:22 PM

DC

“*John, it is with profound sadness that I found out today through Dave Donaldson about the passing of your beloved wife Jane. I am so sorry for your loss, and can only imagine how hard this is for you. I wanted to tell you that you are in my heart and in my thoughts during these difficult times. It was so great to read about the wonderful life Jane lived, and the impact she had. It is also wonderful to see that you are surrounded by family who will watch out for you.*

I take comfort in a wonderful scripture, knowing where your wife has gone to now. Revelations 21: 4-5: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things anew".

*With warm greetings from Vancouver, Canada
Dietmar Doerschlag*

Dietmar Doerschlag (Vancouver, Canada) - March 17, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jane Marie Cromeans.*



March 17, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jane Marie Cromeans.*



March 17, 2022 at 07:57 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Marie Cromeans.*



March 16, 2022 at 02:14 PM



“ *Words are not adequate to say I'm sorry for your loss. Only the Lord and time will ease your pain. You and your family are in my prayers as you walk this path.*

Sandra Hoadley-Webb

Sandra Hoadley-Webb - March 15, 2022 at 01:34 PM

SH

“ Sandra Hoadley-Webb purchased the Mother - Angel Figurine, 8.5 in for the family of Jane Marie Cromeans.



Sandra Hoadley-Webb - March 15, 2022 at 01:25 PM

LT

“ I was so sad to hear that Janie passed away. sincere condolences to Janie's family. She was truly one of the kindest, friendliness, and true ladies I had the honor of knowing. May you all find comfort in God's words and love.

Laura Taylor

Laura Taylor - March 15, 2022 at 07:41 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Marie Cromeans.



March 14, 2022 at 09:23 PM

HC

“ She was a lovely person and I'm glad to have known her.

Hallie Gail Crook - March 14, 2022 at 07:59 PM