



## Janice Hanus

March 16, 1949 - June 29, 2024

Janice Ann Hanus, age 75, of Iowa Falls, passed away Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Janice was born March 16, 1949, in Carroll, IA, the daughter of George and Gail (Riter) Thacker. She graduated from Cedar Falls High School in the class of 1967. Janice received her bachelor's degree and master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology from the University of Northern Iowa. Janice spent her career working with the deaf and disabled for Iowa Area Education Agency 267, retiring in 2006. On September 22, 2007, she was united in marriage to Stanley Hanus in Evansdale.

Janice loved her children and grandchildren, as family was always first for her. She would light up with joy every time they would get together, especially at Christmas time, and loved decorating for the Holidays. Janice loved to travel, and by March of 2024, had vacationed in every state of the Union. She was especially fond of Orange Beach, Alabama, staying on the ocean beach and seafood dining. Janice vacationed in Belize, Europe twice, once as a young single girl in the 1970's, and again with her husband in 2014, visiting Vienna, Austria, Prague in the Czech Republic, and the Christmas Markets in Nuremberg, Germany. When she retired in 2006, she and a friend traveled to China, touring the "Great Wall" and seeing the "Terracotta Warriors." She also visited Boston and walked the "Freedom Trail."

Growing up as a “city” girl, in 2008 she and her husband Stan built their dream home on a 6-acre acreage southeast of Iowa Falls. Over a few years she learned to love living in the country. She especially loved evening drives in their golf cart on the acreage, as this was nearly a daily summer event. Janice loved meeting new friends in Iowa Falls, and very much enjoyed playing Bridge at least 2-3 times a week, with friends in Iowa Falls and Waterloo.

In Iowa Falls, Janice was involved in the Isabella Literary Society, the Barlow Memorial Library, becoming a SHIP counselor (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) at the Iowa Falls Hospital, volunteering at the Iowa Falls Methodist Church, attended the Iowa Falls Methodist women’s Bible Study Group, served on the board of Edgewood, and volunteered time with the Wings of Refuge. She also served on the Foster Care Review Board in Black Hawk County. Before she retired, she loved her job as a Speech Language Pathologist, in which she was fluent in sign language and worked with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at AEA 267 in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area. In the end Janice was a kindhearted soul, who will be forever missed and dearly loved forevermore.

Janice is survived by her husband, Stanley Hanus of Iowa Falls, three children, Mike (Laura) Melendy of Omaha, NE, Eric (Sophia) Carlson of North Liberty, IA, and Christine Darragh of Waterloo, Iowa; stepson, Matt Hanus; seven grandchildren, Josh and Maddie Melendy, Caleb, Samuel, and Jax Carlson, and Abigail and EllaJane Darragh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Denise Thacker Luttrell, and her brother, Dean Thacker.

Memorial services will be 11am Monday July 8, 2024, at First United Methodist Church in Iowa Falls. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Robert Barlow Memorial Library or 110+ Women Who Care, Hardin County Chapter.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
619 Main Street  
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

## Memorial Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Jan and I both worked at Edison Elementary School together. It was always a joy to see her coming down the hall with that lovely impish smile on her face and a funny story to tell. She would brighten your day. I will remember those images of her fondly and feel deeply for your loss of this wonderful and kind person who had this great sense of humor. It makes me feel very fortunate to have known her.

*Andrea Sparks*

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**Andrea Sparks** - July 06, 2024 at 02:20 PM

MB

“ Michelle Brannaman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janice Hanus.



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**Michelle Brannaman** - July 05, 2024 at 04:30 PM

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“ Michelle Brannaman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Hanus.

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**Michelle Brannaman** - July 05, 2024 at 04:30 PM

AF

“ Alitz Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janice Hanus.



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**Alitz Family** - July 05, 2024 at 01:58 PM

BJ

“ Eric& Christine, I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom She was a great neighbor back in the day we shared a few laughs together while you kids grew up. May your loving memories bring you strength during this difficult time, Thoughts and prayers are with. You and your Family  
Barb & Joe Jacoby

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**Barbara jacoby** - July 03, 2024 at 10:31 PM

KL

“ Ms. Jan was my favorite and the best speech teacher at Edison Elementary. She helped me learn how to talk, as a deaf person I really appreciated all Jan did! It helped my career tremendously! So sorry for your loss.

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**Kelly (Phipps) Lundell** - July 03, 2024 at 10:04 PM

TO

“ Jan and I worked together in the school system. I remember her as very witty, and making everyone laugh with her story telling skills. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. My prayers and condolences to her family.  
Tammy Simmons Olsen

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**Tammy Olsen** - July 03, 2024 at 11:51 AM

LS

I worked with Janice. She was a fabulous soul and loved her dinners at her home. She'll be forever missed. Love to you all.  
Leia Sparks

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**Leia Sparks** - July 04, 2024 at 01:01 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Hanus.*



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July 03, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ *Stan:  
Linda shared Jan's passing with me and I am so very sorry for your loss. Jan always brought a smile into the office when she worked at the AEA. She was so happy with you and loved life. I will miss seeing her at the Games in the Trees during the Festival of Trees. May memories bring you comfort and may God grant you peace in the coming days. Kerri Wilson*



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**Kerri Gabbard Wilson** - July 02, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *Duane and Emmy Brenneman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice Hanus.*



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**Duane and Emmy Brenneman** - July 02, 2024 at 02:14 PM

CM

“*Jan was a hoot to be around! She had a great sense of humor and certainly could play a mean hand of bridge. Even though I didn't see Jan often, I considered her a good friend. She always wore snazzy, fun clothes, and she made everyone smile. Jan will be missed by so many!*

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**Chris Murphy** - July 02, 2024 at 01:02 AM

JN

*Mrs. Thacker, Janice's mom, was my teacher K-11, and my boys music teacher at Orchard Hill in Cedar Falls, so I would see Janice and enjoy her and her family throughout those years. Janice was a delightful youth and adult. She was so very happy and excited to tell me about her engagement to Stan, who was from my home town area. It was wonderful to enjoy time with Janice the last many years playing bridge, or chatting at coffees and lunches. She was always upbeat, always kind and charitable when commenting on anything. She was a fun lady, who always had a quip that made us all laugh, and her attire was always striking and something I wished I had bought. I am so very saddened to learn of her passing. A shock for all who knew her. She will be sorely missed. Sincere sympathy to all of her family.*

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**Jo Nickel** - July 02, 2024 at 05:34 PM

RK

*Stan,  
Our deepest condolences to Jan's family and especially to you , on this very sad occasion! What a shock when we found out of her passing! Jan was a very special lady that had a gift of laughter and making everyone she met, a dear friend! My wife & I have known her for many years, we worked in the salon where she had gotten her hair cut! She brightened up the room and would have everyone in smiles ( if not laughter)! She will be truly missed by many! Our deepest sympathy to you!  
Richard & Marlene Kucera*

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**Richard Kucera** - July 02, 2024 at 08:36 PM

SD

*Stan,  
As you know we meet Janice through her cousin Gail. I have had the pleasure of her hospitality. She was a wonderful hostess who I enjoyed visiting and had planned to do so again. We are so sorry for your loss. Janice brightened every room she was in.  
Everett & Sandi Doolittle*

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**Sandi Doolittle** - July 03, 2024 at 07:12 AM

CF

*Christine and Erik, I don't think you probably remember me. I worked with your mom at West High 1987-1999. I came to your home for several different events. I think it was Christine's confirmation one time. Another time was when put a phone in Christine's room as a surprise. I know how much your mom loved you both very deeply. I loved working with her.*

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**Cindy Fuess** - July 04, 2024 at 02:39 AM

EJ

*My elementary Edison school and central middle school. and west high school with speech. and sorry prayers family you.*

*Edmund Barry Eisnaugle JR*

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**Edmund B Eisnaugle. JR** - July 08, 2024 at 08:16 PM