



Janna Lynn Payne

December 31, 1951 - May 20, 2023

Janna Lynn (Rathjen) Payne passed away Saturday, May 20, 2023. She was born December 31, 1951, in Houston, TX to Deacon Rathjen and Ruth Horton. She spent most of her life in Houston, TX and was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She moved to Dallas, TX in 2017 to be closer to her grandkids.

Janna was a lover of road trips and traveling. While Hawaii was her favorite place to visit, it didn't compare to time with family in Houston during holidays. She adored her grandkids and loved swimming with them during the summer, and enjoyed playing BINGO, bocce ball, and Mahjong with her friends. Janna loved having fun and being around people.

Janna is survived by her son, Casey Payne of Aubrey, TX; daughter, Kristen Noorani and husband Kareem of Little Elm, TX; two grandchildren, Kennedy and Preston Noorani of Little Elm, TX; brother-in-law, Pete Scardino of Conroe, TX; and two nieces, Tina Allmaras of Conroe, TX, Tamera Borak of Cypress, TX; and cousin, Sharolyn Byler of Brownwood, TX.

She was preceded by her parents, Deacon and Ruth; husband, George Gary Payne; sister, Patricia Scardino; and niece, Tania Scardino.

A memorial service will be held Monday, June 26, 2023, at 10:00AM at St. Luke's United Methodist Church Chapel, located at 3471 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX. Inurnment will follow at 12:00PM at Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home, 12800 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX.

On-line condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke United Methodist Church
3471 Westheimer Rd.
Houston, TX 77027

Inurnment

JUN **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home
12800 Westheimer Rd
Houston, TX 77077

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Janna was a bridesmaid at my 1970 Houston wedding (first marriage). We met as students at Robert E. Lee high school. I have lived twenty years now in Germany. I arrived in Houston just five days ago to visit my family. On my 'To Do Houston' list was 'Find Janna Rathjen.' Just now, with great sadness, I find that I missed reconnecting with Janna by less than two months. We had not seen each other since the mid-70s, but I would often think of her. She was a tall, very blond beauty with a heart of gold. She lived with her mother Ruth (her father was already deceased) and they had an especially close relationship. If only I'd reached out sooner. I'll never forget her.

Rose Medwedeff

Rose Medwedeff - July 03, 2023 at 11:53 AM

GH

“ Janna was my neighbor for a few years and such a joy to be around. She had such a big heart. She will be dearly missed. I will pray for the family as they move forward in their lives. Sadie my dog enjoyed spending time with Janna and Casey and the grandkids

Gail Harting - May 30, 2023 at 07:13 AM

JR

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JoAnn Russell - May 29, 2023 at 06:10 PM

JR

“ Janna was a special lady, we had the privilege of working together for many years at Shell Credit Union and then Members Choice Credit Union. Janna was such a pleasure to be around, she adored her family and precious grandchildren. Heaven has gained another angel. Sending my condolences to the family 🙏

JoAnn Russell - May 29, 2023 at 06:01 PM

AR

“ Janna was our neighbor In Katy for 30 some years and we watched Casey and Christian grow up graduate from high school etc. Janna was such a loving person and Bernie and I became very close to her and her mom as well. This is such a terrible shock as losing a loved one always is. My heart and prayers go out to Casey and Christian to endure the long road ahead, there will be many tears and sad days but we all get through it somehow. We can only hold on to the sweet memories we had with Janna and pray that the good Lord is now providing her with all his love and a beautiful life in heaven, God speed Janna, Arnie and Bernie

arnie - May 26, 2023 at 03:08 PM

YM

“ I am so sad to hear this. Janna was my neighbor and we had so much fun playing games with other neighbors. She was so sweet. Praying for her family. RIP

Yasmin Mayo - May 25, 2023 at 08:47 PM

DT

“ Janna was such a special friend. We had so much fun together, from bingo, Mah Jongg, the casino, the State Fair and many other activities, trips and lunches. I miss her so much! May God bless her family during this difficult time.

Debbie Tutt - May 25, 2023 at 08:38 PM

DP

“ A very dear, loyal and dedicated friend. I have fond memories from school times. I spent many a nights at her house and her mom Ruth. My second home for a while. We last talked (for real - telephone) about 5 years ago and laughed and hooted the whole time. I had forgotten her birthday was the 31st of December! My prayers and love go to her daughter and son and the grands that she dearly loved so much.

Darla Powell Phillips - May 25, 2023 at 08:29 PM

DF

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Deborah Falcone - May 25, 2023 at 11:16 AM

DF

Until we meet again, I'll miss you my forever best friend! I love you. ❤️

Deborah Falcone - May 25, 2023 at 11:20 AM

KH

Such a great loss. I will miss our friendship, so much. You had a wonderful family and many friends. May you rest with God now. My heart goes out to Kristen and Casey, and all members of her family. Know that your Mother is now resting in Heaven. Prayers for the family!! 🙏🙏🙏

Karren Fagan Harlan - May 25, 2023 at 02:57 PM

CC

“ *Janna was a beautiful person – both inside and out. I will never forget her. My thoughts and prayers are with all you during this difficult time.*

CeCe Carstens - May 24, 2023 at 10:16 PM

MP

“ *Janna was such a blessing to me! She was a wonderful neighbor and friend. We had a lot of fun together! So many laughs as well as so many tears. Rest in paradise my dear friend. May God bless you and keep you in his arms.*

Marlene Pedrick - May 24, 2023 at 06:37 PM