



## Janice Marie Scher

June 26, 1947 - July 15, 2024

Janice Marie Scher, 77, of Huntington, passed away at 11:32 am Monday, July 15, 2024 at her residence.

Janice was born on June 26, 1947 in Huntington, IN, the daughter of Paul Scher and Jane (Schortgen) Scher. She graduated from Huntington Catholic High School with the Class of 1965. She earned her Bachelor's degree from St. Francis University in 1969 and her Master's degree in 1972. Janice retired in 2007 from Huntington County School Corporation, where she taught for over 20 years. She also taught third grade students at Warren and Salamonie Elementary Schools. Janice was a member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, member of the Parish Council, was a CCD Religion Teacher, member of the SS Peter & Paul Catholic Faith Group, was a Third Order Franciscan (1999), Volunteer for Redeemer Radio, was on the board of the Franciscan Center, was Secretary for the Huntington County Retired Teacher Association for 15 years, was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, and was the Director of the Blessed Father Solanus Guild Huntington Extension.

Survivors include her brother, Jeffrey (Choleta) Scher of Columbia City, IN; sister, Julia Scher of Avilla, IN; niece, Miranda Jane (Ryan) Castle of Columbia City, IN; nephew, Michael Paul Scher of New Haven, IN; great neices, Emersyn and Eloise Castle of Columbia City, IN; ten god children; and

many cousins. She is preceded in death by her father, Paul T. Scher, mother, Jane F. Scher, sister, Joyce Ann Scher, brother, Jon Scher, and brother, Jerome Scher.

Visitation will be from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sunday, July 21, 2024 at St. Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield Street, Huntington, IN with Recitation of the Rosary beginning at 2:00 pm. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, July 22, 2024 at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry Street, Huntington, IN with Fr. Tony Steinacker officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the Mass. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Janice to the Huntington Catholic School Building Improvement Fund, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Janice Marie Scher.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Felix Catholic Center  
1280 Hitzfield Street  
Huntington, IN

## Funeral Mass

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
860 Cherry St.  
Huntington, IN

## Burial

JUL 22 (ET)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
5025 N. Goshen Rd  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ *She was so loving and kind to me. Jan was wonderful. I know she's with Jesus! Blessings to all of her family and friends.* ”

Patti (Tuttle) Morton - December 17, 2024 at 07:34 PM

KC

“ *She was just filled with joy.* ”



Kathy (Hoch) Chwedyk - July 24, 2024 at 06:02 PM

RC

“ *Rest in peace dear cousin. Ralph & Trisha Crago* ”

Ralph Crago - July 22, 2024 at 12:25 PM

PD

“ *Jan and Sr. Valeria on Sr. Valeria 100 birthday November 12th 2019. Sr. Valeria knew Jan as a little girl when Blessed Solanus did a miracle on Jan. Sr. Valeria was very close to Jan Scher and Debbie Kreigbaum that Jan was Debbie is very special to Sr. Valeria.* ”



Peggy DeMeulenaere - July 21, 2024 at 04:26 PM

DK

*Thanks for sharing. Beautiful.*

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**Debra Kriegbaum** - July 22, 2024 at 02:55 PM

LY

“ *I left my own eulogy for Jan on a podcast the other day....she would have appreciated the topic on unclaimed graces...we talked about it a lot!*

*Miss you, girl! You did good!!*

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYpcNGRtdqo&t=37s>*

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**Larry Young** - July 21, 2024 at 11:19 AM

SD

“ *Jan and I met when we were neighbors at Loon Lake in the late '80s. It always amazed me at how much that little woman could accomplish! Jan was always on the GO, had many friends and relatives, and never slowed down! Jan planned fun activities — like an Elvis impersonator concert at her cottage and a yacht cruise on Lake Wawasee, for examples! We provided spiritual support for one another through the years. During Jan's recent stay at the hospital, we shared with one another how we each had appreciated our longtime “true blue friendship.” Jan was always kind and caring. I will miss her very much.*

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**Susan Davison** - July 20, 2024 at 05:56 PM

ES

“ *Eric, Amy, Madeline and Noah Schortgen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janice Marie Scher.*



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**Eric, Amy, Madeline and Noah Schortgen** - July 19, 2024 at 08:28 PM

PD

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Peggy DeMeulenaere** - July 19, 2024 at 05:51 PM

MH

“ *We had just moved into the neighborhood and meet Jane on the first night we were living in our house. We are happy that she welcomed us and told some of the history of the neighborhood. While our time knowing her was short, we will keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Misty Hanauer** - July 18, 2024 at 08:08 PM

DH

“ *The world has lost a bright light and a true saint. Jan was the one who planned and was the escort of many pilgrimages out of the ABBA House which greatly enhanced the spirituality of scores of those visiting holy places, spiritual happenings and healing experiences. All of her time and effort was as a total volunteer and never sought recompense. She was truly storing her treasure on heaven where she is today with the one who helped with his Cause, Solanus Casey. I will surely miss Jan and her enthusiastic zest for life and her faith and was so fortunate to be her friend.*

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**Dennis Hutchings** - July 18, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JM

“ *Jan was the first new-to-me person my aunt, Marilou Wardrop, introduced me to when I returned in August 1990 with my three young children to live in my hometown of Huntington. My aunt noticed Jan where we were having lunch, and knew that we had our teaching backgrounds in common. Jan and I were each disabled, as well--each of us with spine injuries. Five years later I had the blessing of getting to know Jan more through our being members of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Jan's deep faith, her interest in and desire to grow in rich Christian spirituality and delightful enthusiasm for genuinely, devotedly living and loving others in the true spirit of Jesus Christ, was impressive and inspiring to me and to I'm sure all who know her. I will remember her for her joyful spirit, for her energy and delight in the numinous of God, as well as her love for everyone and for life--despite the spine fusion and suffering of body she lived with so courageously and without complaint. God bless you, Jan, and thank you for your faithfully and enthusiastically living your life in Christ to the full!*

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**Joan McClure** - July 18, 2024 at 02:19 PM

CR

“ To Jan’s Family and Friends.....what a wonderful and delightful person Jan was. I knew her through her brother Jon who I graduated with. Jan was so sweet and a very interesting person to know! Rest in peace with the Lord my friend! Charleen Ruble



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**Charleen (Crowl) Ruble** - July 18, 2024 at 12:29 PM

PD

“ Jan was a great friend that my husband and I met at our aunt Sr. Irene DeMeulenaere Victory noll mother house in August of 2013 at our aunt Sr. Irene DeMeulenaere funeral at the Mother house that start our wonderful friendship. That it was a joy to be able to stay in touch with Jan by texts and calls to seeing Jan at mass when my husband Rich and I visit My aunt Sr. Irene DeMeulenaere Victory noll sisters group at the Victory noll mother house each year we visited 5 to 6 times a year. That Debra Kreigbaum that work with Fr. Fahey and the Victory noll sisters for over 25 years that Debra Kreigbaum is still dear friends to us this day too with my husband Rich and I with we are still great friends with our dear Victory noll sisters to this day too. That as been a joy and a blessing to stay in touch with. That my husband and I thank God for our dear friend Jan,our dear friend Debra Kreigbaum and our dear 27 Victory noll sisters that still touch our lifes in so many ways. Jan we love you and thank you for your friendship that I have a lot of great memories of the great times we shared. RIP Jan. Please Jeff will u give my a call there a special picture in Jan home that I would like to get of Jan please. Thanks.

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**Peggy DeMeulenaere** - July 18, 2024 at 12:01 AM

TS

“ To Janice's family and friends our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
We were Jan's neighbor for several years on Himes Street, never a dull moment!  
Sorry for your loss Jeff and family.  
Terry and Sue



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**Terry E Scher** - July 17, 2024 at 10:32 PM

KC

“ My heart goes out to everyone who loved Jan. It has been my honor to call this kind, creative, remarkable, accomplished woman my close friend for more than 50 years. She served her family, her friends, her community and her Savior with heartfelt love and devotion. There will never be another like her.

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**Kathy (Hoch) Chwedyk** - July 17, 2024 at 08:08 PM

SB

*Jan was a beautiful soul in love with God. She was always happy and joyfilled! May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

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**Sister Mary Ann Burkhart** - July 18, 2024 at 09:26 AM

SA

“ Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of a dear lady. Jan was a friend to many and a loving person. May she rest in peace.

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**Sophia Acierto** - July 17, 2024 at 04:36 PM

KH

“ To the family of Jan Scher, she had my son and daughter in school at Salamonie. They loved her for there teacher. I remained in contact with Jan as I work at Parkview Huntington Hospital and she would see me from time to time. My sympathy to all of you.



Karen Hunnicutt - July 17, 2024 at 02:46 PM

RK

“ RhondaBauer Kattau lit a candle in memory of Janice Scher



RhondaBauer Kattau - July 17, 2024 at 08:58 AM

BH

“ Jan started out as my landlord, but we became friends. She had such a passion for children/education. She was always cheerful, giving, kind, and caring. When I first started teaching she always had an encouraging word for me. I remember whenever she'd see me over the years, her face would light up as we'd catch up after months. She was a blessing to her church and to her many organizations. She will be so missed.

Bethany (Ellet) Hernandez - July 17, 2024 at 08:48 AM

BH

“ *Bethany (Ellet) Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Janice Scher*



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**Bethany (Ellet) Hernandez** - July 17, 2024 at 08:42 AM

PJ

“ *Jan, I am going to miss our visits talking over many faith based subjects while enjoying coffee. Jan's love and knowledge of the Catholic Faith was amazing to say the least. Her entire life was filled with such faith. There is no other explanation for all she accomplished in her life other than the Lord was with her through all of her many journeys. Jan found her calling when she became a Teacher. She knew the importance of learning and worked hard to bring learning to kids in away that would interest them, so they wanted to learn. She had such a wealth of knowledge to share with her students. Jan and I went back a long way. During her college years she was a Cashier at my grandfather's grocery store Rader's Market, at that time I hadn't even started school yet, although I can remember her helping me pick out candy in the candy isle at grandpa's store. The Lord brought us back together years later and I cherished our friendship over many years. She was such a wonderful person. Jan loved Fr. Solanus Casey and worked many hours for his causes. My Prayers and Thoughts are with the Family. Thank you Jan for all you have taught me over the years. I am going to miss you lots and lots.*

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**Pamela Rader Johnston** - July 16, 2024 at 10:16 PM

DK

“Blessed Be God In All His Designs”

*The Father Solanus Guild-Huntington Extension*

*Jan truly LIVED and SHARED Blessed Father Solanus spirituality. She worked tirelessly for the causes of God in her enthusiastic and caring witness for love of neighbor*

*“Keep courage – rather confidence in God – which is courage divinely reinforced.”*

*Father Solanus, OFM, Cap. “Fr. Solanus prayed with and for people, but he also always had them do a response of faithfulness: a prayer of gratitude, a gift of charity, and an act of kindness. We are all called to unite ourselves to the will of God as Jan did so wonderfully, and to trust that, when we cooperate, God’s designs are accomplished.”*

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**Debra Kriegbaum** - July 16, 2024 at 09:37 PM

PD

*Jan was a dear friend of my that I met when Jan was a little girl here in Huntington indiana where my mother house was that Blessed Solanus did a miracle on Jan I witness. That Jan and I was very close to Blessed Solanus that come to my Mother house to do masses with us Victory noll sisters. Jan was a joy to be my friend all these years. Jan love of us all. Jan great smile. Jan is very special to us Victory noll sisters and Fr. Fahey and former staff. We truly enjoy Jan at mass at the Mother house when Jan come to mass. Jan I enjoy our visits all of these years. I love you Jan and my prayers are with you and your family. In God love Sincerely Sr. Valeria Foltz*

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**Peggy DeMeulenaere** - July 19, 2024 at 05:14 PM

PD

*Jan was a wonderful friend to me. I enjoy when Sr. Valeria, Debra Kreigbaum and Jan come to visit my husband Dave and I. Jan wonderful letters she wrote to my husband Dave and I. The pictures she send me of Sr. Valeria I have together to look at all the time. The way Jan wrote her letters is so touching to my heart. I love you Jan. RIP Jan. Sincerely Anna and Dave Lander.*

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**Peggy DeMeulenaere** - July 19, 2024 at 05:27 PM

DE

*“ We have been friends for 54 years! I can hardly believe it. The time went so fast. I was 18 years old and she was 23. We were on a trip called Project C.H.E.E.R. that IUPU Ft. Wayne was sponsoring. We went to about 5 countries in Europe and had a great time. About 2 years ago, Jan and I sat down with my scrapbook of the trip and we shared our memories. We laughed and reminisced.*

*I will miss her terribly. I pray that we will be together again someday.*



*Love "Debbie Sue"*

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**Deb Eiserle** - July 16, 2024 at 09:27 PM

DF

*“ Jan and I shared a ride together to sorority often. She shared stories of her time working in the schools and how much it changed. She shared her love of her great nieces and nephews and all of her family. She always was grateful for a visit and chat. I will miss seeing her and dropping by. Love and see you soon, sister Jan!*

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**Dawn Fowler** - July 16, 2024 at 09:25 PM

DK

“ Debra Kriegbaum lit a candle in memory of Janice Scher



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**Debra Kriegbaum** - July 16, 2024 at 09:18 PM

DE

“ Debbie and I were so saddened to hear of Jan’s passing. She and Debbie were good friends for over 50 years and went on several pilgrimages together. She was a faith-filled, gentle soul. Our condolences to all the family.

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**Dave & Debbie Eiserle** - July 16, 2024 at 09:07 PM

JO

“ Jan's faith in God was absolutely tangible. She was such a source of calm and resoluteness in our crazy world. I will miss her lovely smile and stories of Blessed Solanus Casey. May God's perpetual light forever shine upon you, Jan.

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**Jill O'Sullivan** - July 16, 2024 at 08:15 PM

PE

“ Sad to see Janice’ passing. She was a wonderful person with a kind for and about everyone.

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**Pat Ehinger** - July 16, 2024 at 07:07 PM

MW

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Mike Woehner** - July 16, 2024 at 06:47 PM

MW

*Jeff and family--condolences on your loss. Jan touched many individuals. Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace !*

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**mike woehner** - July 22, 2024 at 06:46 PM



*Miss Scher was my teacher at Warren Elementary School and she was such a Blessing to me and to Warren. She was always sweet and respected by the students and staff. Miss Scher was a true Treasure!*  
*Gina Bolinger Canady*

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**Gina Canady** - July 23, 2024 at 01:21 PM

JL

*I met Jan over 25 yrs ago at the Fort Wayne Coliseum, during a Catholic conference. We met again accidentally at Notre Dame in S. Bend during a annual conference there. I was going to Ireland on a pilgrimage, and she was interested in the places to be visited. I was happy to find a travel companion and was blessed to get to know this amazing lady. I believe God had his hand on her and cherish all the memories I shared with her. She was the most faithful Catholic woman I have ever known. Her bus trips with the Abba House and Redeemer Radio were spiritually uplifting and her dedication to the Father Solanus Casey Guild was awe inspiring. His Beautification Ceremony in Detroit can be viewed on UTube, He will be canonized soon we pray. All who knew her loved her. I consider her to be a little saint and will miss her kindness and wonderful heart. Rest in Peace my dear Friend. I love you! .*

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**Joan Lasek** - August 03, 2024 at 07:43 PM