



JANICE LOLLIS PARKER LANCASTER

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AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA – Janice Lollis Parker Lancaster, 88, entered peacefully into Heaven on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. The family will receive friends on Friday, September 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Watson-Hunt Funeral Home in Perry, Georgia. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Haynesville with her son, Chip Lollis, and Reverend David Fisher officiating. Interment will be in the Church Cemetery immediately following the service. Flowers will be graciously accepted, or memorial contributions may be made to Benton House of Aiken, Music Activities Fund, 530 Benton House Way, Aiken, South Carolina, 29803.

Born Janice Louise Harvey on February 9, 1935, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mildred Archer Harvey and Howard Freeland Harvey, Janice was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Sally Hohl; her brother, Hank Harvey; her husband, Charles Lancaster; and her beloved first husband, U. S. Army Maj. Charles W. Lollis, who sacrificed his life in Vietnam. Also preceding her in death was her infant grandson, Charles W. “Trey” Lollis, III, beside whom she will be interred.

Janice was known throughout her life for her musical gifts which were recognized early in childhood. As a teen, she studied at the prestigious Philadelphia Curtis Institute of Music and was trained by a Julliard professor. She subsequently graduated from Bob Jones University where she met and married Maj. Lollis. Janice became an accomplished pianist, organist, vocalist, teacher, writer, and composer and always used her talents for the glory of the Lord. Her song “One Day at Time” (recorded by George Beverly Shea) was written in response to the difficulties of life as a military wife in Alaska and captures how she fully trusted her Savior, no matter the circumstances. Her music ministry spanned a remarkable 80 years, and she continued to joyously lead worship and entertain when she moved into assisted living at the age of 86.



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Throughout her life, Janice unabashedly shared the hope of Christ. She bravely spoke up for those who could not. She generously served the underserved. She lifted those who were weak and pointed them to the source of her joy and strength. Lives were changed because of her witness. Her bright smile, contagious laugh, and passion for life brought joy to all who knew her. She delighted in simple things, like a cut camellia bloom on her windowsill, the cotton fields on a country road, or a bowl of black raspberry ice cream with pretzels. She loved celebrating, no matter the occasion, and often made one up just to bring people together.

As a Philadelphia native, she loved family reunions in nearby Ocean City, New Jersey, with her countless family members who came from all over the United States. Even at the most recent reunion in 2022, she was never too tired for a trip to the bustling boardwalk for a frozen custard with “jimmies” or a ride on the carousel with her adored extended family. This gathering continues to honor the example of family unity and faith set by Janice’s parents. Janice’s greatest joys, by far, were her children as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved spending time with their fun “Janma.” She was their biggest cheerleader, no matter what they pursued.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Janice are her children, Janice Lollis Nix (David) of Aiken, South Carolina, Charles “Chip” Lollis (Natalie) of Perry, Georgia, Sandi Lollis Shields (Keith) of Perry, Georgia, David Lollis (Hope) of Opelika, Alabama, and Catherine Parker Brown (Chris) of Franklin, Tennessee; her sister, Lillian Harshaw; her sister-in-law, Harriett Harvey; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; her former husband, Ed Parker; her Parker and Lancaster stepchildren; and many adored nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

The family wishes to offer their sincerest thanks and gratitude to the incredible staff at Benton House of Aiken, South Carolina, for their loving care and encouraging support over the past two years.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.






Events

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Visitation

-  **Friday**, September 29, 2023
-  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
-  **Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069




Funeral

-  **Saturday**, September 30, 2023
-  11:00 AM ET
-  **First Baptist Church of Haynesville**
2953 Hwy 341 S, Hawkinsville GA 31036



Cemetery Details

-  **First Baptist Church of Haynesville - Church Cemetery**
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SJ

Selecia Young-Jones posted:

I was so saddened to see Miss Jan Lollis's name here today. We were often guests in the Lollis's home for lots of spend-the-night parties. My sister Valerie and I were there often. Miss Jan and my mother, Joyce Jones were friends too. As time went by, Miss Jan attended the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and she became one of my Godparents. She was always a light for Christ and her spirit in her voice and music were a gift to behold. We lost touch after she moved away from Perry, but my thoughts have been with her many times. One Day At A Time is all He asks of me. Beautiful lady.

March 9 at 3:14 PM

DP

David And Catherine Porter planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of JANICE.



September 29 at 2:40 PM

IH

Irell H. sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the LANCASTER family.



September 27 at 6:41 PM

IH

Irell H. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of JANICE.



September 27 at 6:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers to the LANCASTER family.



September 27 at 12:38 PM



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PR

Paige Robertson posted:

My Aunt Jan always lit up the room and made you laugh. Her sweet smile, warm heart, and golden musical talent will be missed but always treasured. She made life better.....

September 25 at 12:13 PM

RR

Rob And Paige Robertson sent a European Sympathy Dish Garden to the LANCASTER family.



September 25 at 12:08 PM

RR

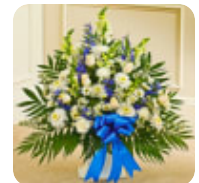
Rob And Paige Robertson planted a Memorial Tree in honor of JANICE.



September 25 at 12:08 PM

LF

Love Your Dpr Denver Family. sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the LANCASTER family.



September 25 at 6:18 AM

SA

Sandra Adams lit a candle in honor of JANICE.

Chip and Family,I am so sorry for your Families loss please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.Sandy Adams



September 25 at 6:03 AM

ME

Mary Lynn Edenfield posted:

My life was blessed by having Jan as a special friend. I will miss her! Mary Lynn Edenfield

September 24 at 2:16 PM



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Pam Ekey posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family 🙏🙏

September 23 at 8:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the LANCASTER family.



September 22 at 5:01 PM



Susan Jones posted:

So sorry for your family's loss. She was a precious lady. Sending big hugs. Susan Jones

September 22 at 3:37 AM



Janice Nix September 27 at 8:02 PM

Thank you. ❤️



Sandy & Van Adkins September 25 at 10:43 AM

Sending hugs and prayers to her sweet family. Keep your special memories close to your heart.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring JANICE by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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