



Janice Marie Chidester

July 14, 1958 - November 9, 2022

Janice Marie Chidester, age 64, of Rock Cave, the Gaines community, died on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 14, 1958, a daughter of the late Theodore Chidester and Francis Lanham Chidester who survives. In addition to her mother, she is survived by one brother Larry Chidester and wife Ann of Gaines, one nephew Theodore Chidester and wife Ceara of Gaines.

Janice graduated from Buckhannon Upshur High School in 1977 and was the owner of the Gaines Diner.

The family has honored her wishes for cremation. Friends will be received on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 11:00 AM -12:00 at which time a memorial service will be held with Pastor Terry Gower officiating.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

NOV **16.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Memorial Service

NOV **16.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AG

“ *Annette And Dieter From Germany lit a candle in memory of Janice Marie Chidester*



Annette and Dieter from Germany - December 12, 2022 at 06:20 AM

MM

“ *By the time I met Janice, she was well into her time at the nursing facility. I was able to speak to her about her time managing the Gaines diner. She seemed very proud of that accomplishment in her life. I was glad to have met her and to have spent a few precious moments with her while she was still with us. My wife and I send our heartfelt condolences to Larry and the rest of the family.*

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew Malone DDS

MATTHEW Joel MALONE - November 21, 2022 at 06:48 AM

NA

“ *So sorry for loss. Janice will be missed by all that knew her. Our thoughts and prayers will be with your family.*

Nancy White

Nancy - November 16, 2022 at 12:37 PM

KM

“ Dear Janice - Thank you for your friendship, your kindness, your love. Thank you for our conversations, our evenings sharing wine. Thank you for never having judgment between us. Thank you for accepting my bad along with my good ... and always reminding me of my good. Thank you my dearest-friend for the love, hope and memories you gave me. We were looking for a place to hide - I will see you there. With All My Love, Dave Myers

Keith Myers - November 16, 2022 at 09:49 AM

TJ

“ Janice was a blessing to so many and she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*With deepest sympathy,
Johnie, Mary, and Tina Johnston*

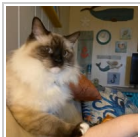
Tina Johnston - November 15, 2022 at 06:43 PM

DP

“ Sorry for your loss



Delmis and Patty - November 15, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ Janice opened Gaines Diner shortly after my Dad moved to WV from Ohio. As he hardly ever cooked for himself, he absolutely credited her with keeping him hale and hearty with her wonderful home cooked meals! She always had a smile on her face, no matter how busy, and a kind word for all who came in to eat, visit, and chat. Her diner was like the social hub of the entire area and she will be greatly missed by all that met her! My Dad, Loudin, myself, and the entire Loudin family, send our deepest sympathy and condolences to Francis and her family. Janice was a tremendous person, her loss is truly felt by us, and we all sure will miss her!!

Love,

Donald Loudin and Roberta Bosak & Family

Roberta Bosak - November 15, 2022 at 01:31 PM

MH

“ Keeping all of you in our thoughts & prayers!
Marshell & Elizabeth



Marshell & Elizabeth Haymond - November 14, 2022 at 02:15 PM

GW

“ RIP Janice. Deepest condolences to Frances and all the people close to her. So sorry for your loss. I'll miss having a delicious lunch there and Janice's pretty face. She will be missed by many.

Gordon and Karen Wilson-Baum - November 14, 2022 at 09:55 AM

PS

“ I am very sorry to see this 🙏 Janice was a wonderful and caring person and I'm glad I got to spend some time with her. Prayers for her and her family.

Pan Smallridge - November 13, 2022 at 03:34 PM



“ Francis and family: sending love, thoughts and prayers at this time of loss? Janice will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She was a considerate, compassionate, and giving lady.
Bill and Jill Marsh

Jill Marsh - November 13, 2022 at 11:29 AM

TZ

“ Sorry to hear of her Passing. My family and I loved the time we spent at the Gaines dinner with what I call family, Mom Chidester and Francis and everyone. Francis and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Todd, Randy and Wanda Zickefoose

todd Zickefoose - November 12, 2022 at 06:01 AM

ST

“ Janice was a beautiful person she knew how much we all loved her, we went to lunch and spent another hour just talking to her. A little Lady with such a big heart. Love & Prayers to Larry & Francis and your family.



scholastica tome - November 11, 2022 at 06:27 PM

SC

“ My prayers go out to the Chidester family during this difficult time. Really sorry for your loss.

Sam Cutright - November 11, 2022 at 06:13 PM

LW

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Janice's family. Will miss going to the diner eating the great food she cooked there. She will be very much missed by so many. Liz and Sherry

Liz Wiseman - November 11, 2022 at 06:11 PM

RC

“ I always knew Janice as sis. She was a generous person, with a sweet personality
Her service in the community will be greatly missed. While visiting her in the hospital, she let us know that she had confidence in God's ability to take care of things.
Rick Cutright

Rick Cutright - November 11, 2022 at 06:10 PM

DR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Janice's family. We loved riding four wheelers (at least once a week) to Gaines Diner. She was a sweet lady and a wonderful cook. God Bless
Dan and Sherry Radcliff

Dan & Sherry Radcliff - November 11, 2022 at 03:05 PM

CF

“ Carolyn Sites Flory lit a candle in memory of Janice Marie Chidester



Carolyn Sites Flory - November 11, 2022 at 02:12 PM

CF

Janice was a sweet lady and a fantastic cook. My whole family enjoyed going to the diner and eating. My Mom (Margie) and I really loved her and talking to her and Frances. She was so kind to my mom. We also went there when I came. Never got to see Janice, Frances, and Larry much after my mom passed away. Will always remember what a sweet lady she was. My thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to Frances and Larry in you time of sorrow. She is in heaven now and no longer in pain. What a Blessing that is and take care.

Carolyn Sites Flory - November 11, 2022 at 02:21 PM

AW

“The whole Ersel Chidester family sends love, hugs, and prayers to Sis's family. We all gre up together, and we loved talking about older days when we saw each other. Sis's will be greatly missed by family and our little community.

Ann Wilson - November 11, 2022 at 10:28 AM

SD

“Janice was a wonderful person with an infectious smile. I loved talking and joking with her. My prayers are with you all.

Susan Davis - November 11, 2022 at 09:23 AM

KA

“Almost 14 yrs ago she was working in the cafeteria at St. Joes Hospital and mom knew she wouldn't make it home. She told Sis she wanted Thanksgiving dinner and she said Aunt Nellie you will have it and even though the rest of the patients didn't Mom did thanks to Sis 😊 and she even made sure she had pumpkin pie. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing but I'm sure she's cooking for all her loved ones that has past.

Kathy - November 11, 2022 at 08:42 AM

KD

Jan and the Diner was our community. We loved Janice and Francis and made wonderful friends over fine home cooked food. Jan was kind and a very wonderful person. I truly loved her as a friend and know she is with Jesus. Good journey my dear friend. You are missed and God Bless your soul. May her family find peace.

Karen DiPieteo - November 11, 2022 at 09:37 PM

NS

Sorry to hear of her passing, I worked with her in Morgantown and she was a great person and friend, she will always be in my thoughts

Nathan Smith - July 20, 2023 at 10:58 PM

SR

“*Sis is going to be missed by so many people. She had such a big heart. She was a sweet lady. Sending my love and prayers to her family.*”



Sue Robinson - November 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TL

“*Sanding my love and prayers for the family, sis was one of a kind, she will be missed*”

Tammy Loudin - November 10, 2022 at 10:33 PM

JV

“*Jim & Cathy Vance lit a candle in memory of Janice Marie Chidester*”



Jim & Cathy Vance - November 10, 2022 at 08:54 PM

SF

“ Hugs an love to you guys,



Sandy Martin Fultz - November 10, 2022 at 08:01 PM

MA

“ Our little Gaines Community will not be the same without her. She was such a wonderful Lady.. Our deepest Prayers and thoughts our with the Family..

Mattie, Lori, and Amy - November 10, 2022 at 07:36 PM

TR

“ I am very sorry for your loss...Janice was such a lovely lady...Prayers for the family.

Terry Rice - November 10, 2022 at 07:24 PM

TR

“ Terry Rice lit a candle in memory of Janice Marie Chidester



Terry Rice - November 10, 2022 at 07:22 PM

BB

“ Dad (Tom Bailey) loved Janice and visiting her restaurant.

Bryan W Bailey - November 10, 2022 at 06:28 PM

RT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sure do miss her and her great restaurant.

Ruth and Roger Tolliver - November 10, 2022 at 05:35 PM

CP

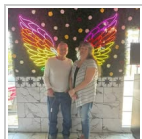
“ Francis and Family, we are so sad to hear of the passing of Janice. She was such a wonderful lady and a friend to everyone! You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending our love.

Clay and Karen Persinger - November 10, 2022 at 05:00 PM

SM

“ Such a wonderful lady a absolutely wonderful cook the Diner in Gaines was the best place to get wonderful country home cooking and her chicken livers was the bomb fly high our sweet sweet lady till we meet again love John and Sheila McDaniels

Sheila And John Mcdaniels - November 10, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ Such a wonderful Lady, and a great cook. We will miss your laughter, smiles, and great loving attitude.
Fly High With The Angels, Janice



Karen Collins - November 10, 2022 at 04:20 PM

TI

Well all miss you Janice you was a good friend and a real good cook you always came and talked to us when we were over there love your fish it was so good miss you tiny and Ray

Tiny - November 11, 2022 at 06:22 AM

TI

You are a nother angel 😇

Tiny - November 11, 2022 at 06:23 AM

RB

*We so enjoyed going to her Diner whenever we were in town from Ohio. She was the best cook! she will be missed and we will miss seeing & visiting with her Mother as well. prayers to her family!
Ron & Bobbi Baumgartner*

Ron Baumgartner - November 11, 2022 at 12:03 PM

MA

Will really miss her,very good friend and lovely person prayers for the family MaryCutlip

MaryCutlip - November 12, 2022 at 05:27 PM

DT

“ *Janice was the best boss I ever had..I'm gonna miss her.*

Darlene Turner - November 10, 2022 at 03:20 PM