



Janet Lyons

April 30, 1940 - April 3, 2022

Janet Lyons, née Smith, of Middletown, DE and formerly of Frenchtown, NJ and Scituate, MA

passed away on April 3, 2022 at the age of 81, just 99 days after the loss of her loving husband,

Richard “Dick” Mitchell. Janet is survived by her children Kristin (Anthony) Mossa, Polly (Pat)

Ross, Billy (Tammi) Lyons, Kelly (Tom) Vogt, Patrick (Amy) Lyons, Dick’s daughters Pat (Stan)

Klos and Barbara (Ernie) Hardcastle, fifteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, her sisters

Carolyn (Joseph) Roper, Mary Linda (Rick) Read and many many nieces and nephews. Janet

was predeceased by her parents Mary Powers and Henry Smith and her siblings Barbara

Grask, Henry Smith, Paula Bletzer, Fred Smith, Peter Smith and Michael Smith.

Janet was born and raised in Brighton, MA. At 17, she joined the order of the Sisters of the Holy

Cross and served as a nun dutifully for 10 years. During this time, she worked on her bachelor’s

degree and graduated from Boston College in 1970. She went on to start a family with her first

husband and raised their five children in Livingston, NJ. She then started her own graphic design business before entering the travel industry where she remained for the balance of her career, later retiring from American Express Travel. She always supported those who took unique paths in life and she was also a fervent supporter of women's empowerment. She accepted people for precisely who they were and encouraged others to do the same. She broke through societal norms by challenging the women who worked with her to excel in their careers and strive for more. She was an avid reader, an artist and often penned letters of support and encouragement to friends and family. She created a wonderful space for conversation in her home where everyone could 'sit soft' and enjoy boisterous banter and often uproarious laughter. These conversations were the foundation of her and Dick's deep-seated connection with all of those they loved and cared for, where joy, compassion, humor and wisdom melded into enjoyable and memorable gatherings. She was lucky enough to find true love and adventure in her husband Dick. There was nothing they loved more than traveling and visiting loved ones far and near. She was a "force" and will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her wit and charm. She will be laid to rest in Scituate, MA with her beloved brother Michael. Services will be held

there at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Janet M. Lyons to

Seasons Hospice Foundation, 6400 Shafer Ct. Suite 700, Rosemont, IL 60018 or online by clicking [here](#).

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Janet was a dear friend. We taught together at Blessed Sacrament School, Washington, D.C., in the 60’s. At one point she jokingly said to her 6th graders, “Ask not what your teacher can do for you, but what you can do for your teacher.” This was when JFK was in office. I send my deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Alice Condon

Sister Alice Condon, CSC - April 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My friendship with Janet began about 60 years ago when we were serving at Joseph’s Orphanage in Washington DC. She was a delightful, witty, and joyful friend with whom I stayed in contact over the years. I had the joy of meeting with her several times in West Palm Beach in recent years when she visited her son and I was caring for my parents. May she now be enjoying eternal happiness with God and may God’s comfort and peace be with you, her family. With deepest sympathy and prayer, Sister Joan

Sister Joan Carusillo - April 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Polly, Kristen, Billy, Kelly and Patrick and family,
We send you our deepest condolences in this difficult time. What fun memories I have with Janet and Dick when they generously invited me to accompany Kelly on a 4-day road trip from Paris to Avignon, France. We drove through cities, big and small, and savored every moment spent in the Burgundy and the northern Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes countryside and while visiting the region’s small villages. What a treat! In the evening, there was always laughter, good conversation and great wine – Dick and Janet were truly “bon-vivants” and very special.
Thank you for these wonderful memories! 💕
We wish you comfort and peace in this time of sorrow. We are with you in thoughts and prayer.
With love,
Janna and Stefano Bardazzi
Fribourg, Switzerland

Janna Knox Bardazzi - April 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Aunt Janet was always so welcoming and kind. We didn’t get to see her often, but her joy of life and love of family was obvious. She will be missed.

Sandy Bernard Wyllie - April 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So sorry to hear this news. I have fond memories of working with Janet and Dick in the 90’s. I took Dick on many a sales call. Our customers loved him! Janet was truly a force and always met every crazy deadline with grace and humor. Beautiful souls. May they Rest In Peace.

Mary Chick - April 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of Janet. My warmest condolences to the Smith family, especially to Carolyn, and in-laws and friends. Growing up in Brighton as the kid brother of a friend of Janet's and Carolyn's, I got to know and see them both through the growing years, and I was very fond of them. Both of them were always very nice and kind to me. Janet especially always took enough time and effort to make me, as the kids say today, feel seen. I was very shy and bashful, but Janet was someone, a girl even, who could and did make me feel comfortable enough to talk to and joke with – she was so witty and lively and warm-hearted! I have always treasured having known her and Carolyn and always will. Rest in peace, dear Janet. Surely your memory will be a blessing.

Martin Mould - April 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Paul and I are lucky enough to have shared in the wit and charm of both Janet and Dick. Feeling blessed that our paths crossed. Our sincere sympathy and prayers to her family all of whom welcomed us as friends of Janet and Dick.

Paul & Jean Moriarty - April 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ What a beautiful life story ❤️ Our condolences to all who loved her.
Brian and Patty Jones

Patty Jones - April 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ So sorry for your loss. Jeff and I have such fond memories of your mom. Sending love and prayers to you all.
Dana and Jeff Laster

Dana Gianfrancesco - April 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ So very sorry to hear. My deepest condolences. I hope that the happy memories you have of your mom will carry you through this difficult time.

Eric Thorne - April 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My condolences to Janet’s family. I’m sure she will be missed by you and so many others too. Janet was unique and a gift to all who knew her. She was in my book club and she always challenged us and entertained us. Janet truly was a very special lady.
Paula Choa

Paula Choa - April 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Janet, you were a real fire and I had interesting conversations with you which were always enlightening and enjoyable. Rest In Peace with your love Richard!!!!

Ken Sebastian - April 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Kristin, Polly, Billy, Kelly, and Patrick —
Such a loving tribute to your Mom! For over 40 years, Janet and her 5 beloved children have had a corner of my heart. Prayers for you and your families.

Ann Marie Cerciello - April 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Charlie and I always said Janet had the best smile and greatest laugh ! We will miss Janet and Dick and are happy to have great memories of so many good times together. I'm sure they are dancing together again.

Jane Lehman - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I feel blessed to have known Janet. She always had a smile and many positive thoughts. Her discussion about the nunnery was enlightening.

Debbie Luniewsky - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Janet was one of the original “five sistas” of Boston, whom I know through my BFF sista Mary Linda. I have spent much time with each of them. They always spoke fondly of getting old together and sitting on the swing on the porch. I have no sisters, which I might have mentioned one or 100 times. Janet is the one who invited me into the “sista hood.” I know Janet is sitting on the front porch of Heaven with Barbara and Paula and will welcome me when I get there.

Dianne Forster - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our heartfelt condolences, she was a good person!

Colomba Anzalone and Fam - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ She was truly a “force!” Her presence will be missed. She had a lively intellect and did not hesitate to share her thoughts and opinions. The few times I shared with her, her joie de vivre was contagious. Her family will miss those discussions and debates. Her children displayed a strong, united and compassionate circle of care around her.

Kathy Garrison - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ From the moment I had the pleasure of meeting Janet and Dick, and then my husband meeting them a few hours later, we became instant friends. They were kind and funny and we shared many adventures together (such as the day we searched for and found two covered bridges in Brandywine Valley) in the few short years we had as neighbors in Silver Maple Farm, Delaware. Jan was so special to us. She was thoughtful and supportive. She loved to tell us stories about her beloved, large family. We felt like we knew everyone personally, especially when we had the chance to meet them at Dick’s 90th birthday party. Janet was a dear friend to us; we shared laughter and good times! We will miss her very, very much! Rest In Peace my friend; heaven has gained another angel. Your memory will be a blessing to Bob and me.

Annette and Bob Kay - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ We were blessed to have known Janet for only a short time but both myself and my husband thoroughly her company. Always had a smile on her face and told such wonderful stories. I am grateful for having known her,

Geraldine & Byron Mooney - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Polly and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love Belle and Russ*

Belle Maurer - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *My condolences to Janet's family and friends. I had the honor of
working with her early in my career. I will always appreciate her
warmth and wit. Rest In Peace, Janet.*

Charles Ray - April 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ *I only had an opportunity to converse with Janet twice but, those
conversations showed me what a unique and special person she
was. Wishing the Lyons Family and Friends peace and comfort at
this difficult time.*

Tom Vogt - April 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *Kristin and family, I am so sorry for your loss in your Mother. What a
beautiful tribute to her in this obituary. I do recall a few things that
you had mentioned when worked together. I know that she will be
missed and how much you and all children and grandchildren will
miss her for always.
My prayers lifted with each of you,
Ferrel Percival
Parksville SC
(Co work of Kristin at Anvil in NYC)*

Ferrel Percival - April 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all... my deepest sympathy.*

Anthony Pennimpede - April 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *Aunt Janet was the most amazing person, so smart, so funny and so classy. I will miss her stories and how she made us laugh. Rest In the sweetest peace💔thinking of all of you 😊*

Nicole Roper - April 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM