



Jan Burkey

December 29, 1951 - December 25, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Jan Burkey

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Jan Burkey, age 73, of Murphysboro, passed away on Thursday, December 25, 2025 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born on December 29, 1951 to Truman and Arma Lea (Pritchett) Merriman in Marion, Illinois.

Jan had worked as a bookkeeper for the family business. Jan loved Jesus and was a active and faithful member of Christ Community Church where she was also a Sunday School Teacher. Jan was a loving mother and grandmother, and a precious wife.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph; children, Ryan (Marci) Burkey, Jason (Lesley) Burkey, Christy (Charlie) Etherton, Brad (Amanda) Burkey;

grandchildren, Morgan Gentry (Braden), Madison Burkey, Blake (Libby) Burkey, Meredith Burkey, Brezden Burkey, Zeppelynn Burkey, Josselynn Burkey, Evelyn Burkey, Maci Etherton, Ian Etherton, Amelia Burkey and Beau Burkey; sister, Laura (Mike) Hood; sisters and brothers-in-law, Francie (John) Lindeman, Sam (Sara) Burkey, Julie (Scott) Bridges; and many nieces and nephews.

Along wither parents, she is preceded in death by her mother and father-in-law, Joseph and Beatrice Burkey.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Rick McNeely officiating at Christ Community Church. Visitation will be held prior to the service at the church from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

Interment will follow the service at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions may be made to Unity Christian school in Energy, Illinois.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Christ Community Church
473 West Harrison
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Christ Community Church
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Interment

DEC **30**. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

LD

“ We are very saddened for the Burkey family at the passing of the keystone of your family who was Jan. She always showed love, generosity and kindness to my family. The love and dedication she showed to her family and friends was unsurpassed. Sending the Burkey family love, strength, courage and comfort for the trying times ahead. With our sympathies,
The Dunaway family- Lee, Lynnette, Dylan & Olivia

Lynnette Dunaway - December 30, 2025 at 01:25 PM

TE

“ My sweet friend, I miss you already. Our friendship was a gift and I will treasure it always. Love you Lady!

Trish Ellis - December 29, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jan Burkey.



December 29, 2025 at 04:33 PM

JM

“ Jodi, Katie and Dylan Miley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jan Burkey.



Jodi, Katie and Dylan Miley - December 29, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jan Burkey.



December 29, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JE

“ Joe and Jan helped me through a very difficult time in my life. Taking in a stranger and showing love and kindness when they didn't have to. Two of the most sincere christian people I have ever known. So sorry for your loss Joe, and I know Jan Burkey is in a better place. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Jeremy - December 28, 2025 at 11:41 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jan Burkey.



December 28, 2025 at 10:58 PM

DB

“ Dan and Pam Barr purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jan Burkey.



Dan and Pam Barr - December 28, 2025 at 07:45 PM

AM

“ Alex, Jasmine, Richard, & Sharon McGill purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jan Burkey.



Alex, Jasmine, Richard, & Sharon McGill - December 28, 2025 at 03:32 PM

DE

“ Dan and Sherra English purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jan Burkey.



Dan and Sherra English - December 28, 2025 at 03:29 PM

RA

“ Rebecca A. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jan Burkey.



Rebecca A. - December 28, 2025 at 11:40 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jan Burkey.*



December 27, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ *Beau & Jill Bolin Tyra & Cecil Cohn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jan Burkey.*



Beau & Jill Bolin Tyra & Cecil Cohn - December 27, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. Thinking of you all and sending healing prayers. May the memories of Jan bring you comfort and strength.*



Denise Presswood - December 27, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *Joey, we are so saddened by the passing of your sweet Jan. Such a beautiful lady in every single way. So sorry that we are unable to attend her service as we will be out of town. Our prayer is that the peace of God will over shadow you and your family in His abundance. Much love, Jim and Linda Easton*

Linda & Jim Easton - December 27, 2025 at 05:18 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear about Jan's passing. She was a very dear friend who helped me through a very difficult situation and I am forever grateful for her friendship. What a day to go "home" and rejoice with loved ones though ! I'm praying for peace for all of you. Joyce

Joyce Schemonia - December 26, 2025 at 11:18 PM

TM

“ Christy, so sorry to hear of your mothers passing, you have my deepest condolences

Terry Middendorf - December 26, 2025 at 10:40 PM

AO

“ Was a part of our family and cherished friend for many years. Have many wonderful memories of traveling together and sharing meals and playing games. I know I will be seeing her again one day. She will be greatly missed down here. Love and prayers for her family.

Alice Ann Olano - December 26, 2025 at 10:36 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jan Burkey.



December 26, 2025 at 08:23 PM

LD

“ *Jan was a great piano n organ player for our church for many years. Loved helping with the kids at church too n i loved helping her with them too. I'm so very sorry to hear about Jan. I know she will b missed greatly by her family n friends. Linda Durham*

Linda Durham - December 26, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jan Burkey.*



December 26, 2025 at 05:20 PM