



Janet Elaine James

October 16, 1954 - April 25, 2007

Janet Elaine James, age 52, of Murphysboro, IL passed away at 8:30 PM on April 25, 2007, at her residence in Murphysboro, IL.

Janet was born October 16, 1954, in Carbondale to Lloyd and Lavere (Dale) Wisely.

She married Phillip R. James and he preceeded her in death on April 6, 2000.

Mrs. James was a homemaker.

Janet is survived by her daughter Jennifer McLafferty and her husband James McLafferty of Murphysboro;

and two grandchildren Mallory and Madison McLafferty also of Murphysboro.

Tribute Wall



“ Janet Elaine James

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Jennifer,

I, too, grew up with Janet on Davis Street just 2 houses up the street. We both had red curly hair and freckles, everyone thought we were sisters. I have great childhood memories that include your mom. As Mary Lou and Linda stated we all grew up together and played together, We were outside in the good weather or inside one of our homes to play Barbies in bad weather. I went many places with Janet and her parents whether it was out to eat, to a movie, to the flower shop, or to the Elks Club. Janet and I attended Sunday School together at First Baptist Church for many years. When she and your Dad got married I stood up with her during the ceremony and she brought you by our house when you were a tiny baby. I guess that was the only time I ever saw you. After losing touch with her I finally "found" her again through Jo and Daisy and we stayed in touch thru the years. When I went by her apartment one day she was proud to show me pictures of you and your kids. I regret not seeing her or talking to her these past few months, makes you realize that life is short and we should stay close to our friends and loved ones. I am sorry that I could not make it home for the service Monday. I live about 6 hours away and my daughter graduated that night. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Maybe some day we will meet and I can share more memories of your Mom with you.

May God be with you,

Peggy

Peggy (Craig) Woods - May 03, 2007 at 01:11 AM

LC

“ Dear Jennifer,

My sister, Mary Lou, has already shared many of our fond memories with your Mom and I wanted to add a few.

We use to walk from Davis Street down to the Varsity Theatre (located next to the Dairy Queen on Illinois Street) on Saturday afternoon and watch the movie. It only cost a quarter to see the movie and we could get popcorn and a coke for a quarter too! Sometimes we would walk downtown and get a Chocolate Coke at the corner drug store and then go and walk around the Ben Franklin Dime Store.

On summer evenings we would hear the loud roar of the Mosquito wagon coming down Davis Street spraying a thick fog to kill the mosquitoes and we would run out in the street and play in the fog. Now we look back and realize that playing in bug killer was pretty stupid! Sometimes Mary Lou and I would go with your Mom to the Flower Shop that your Grandparents owned. We would have so much fun playing in the back of the shop. Your Mom was always the first to get all the new toys and she always shared them with her friends. I could go on and on about the fun we all had growing up in "The Old Neighborhood".

I'm sorry I was not able to attend the Memorial Service today but I'm currently in the Air Force stationed in the Washington D.C. area. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care.

Linda (Morris) Carney

Linda (Morris) Carney - April 30, 2007 at 07:46 PM



“ Jennifer, I lived on Michaels Street growing up almost directly behind where your mother lived, I have alot of fond memories of growing up there, everybody had so much fun together playing all the games as Mary Lou Steinbach had mentioned earlier. You and your family have my Deepest Sympathy.
Vickie Hollmann

vickie hollmann (graff) - April 30, 2007 at 10:04 AM

MS

“ Dear Jennifer,

My name is Mary Lou and I grew up with your mother living next door to her for around 10 years (1957-1967). We had some great time in the old neighborhood. We played Kick the Can, Freeze Tag, and Hide and Seek. In the summer we were outside from morning until dusk. We rode bikes and played Barbie's on the front porch for hours at a time. Your mother always had the most dolls and the fanciest dresses.

I remember that sometimes your grandparents would invite my twin sister, Linda and I to go along with them out to the Southern Illinois Airport for dinner. We would have the best hamburgers and fries you've ever tasted.

We had a great time searching for soda bottles so that we could put them in our wagon and take them up to Jim and Ruth's Store to turn them in for 2 cents a bottle. We would then spend the money on penny candy.

I have many fond memories of your mother and our days growing up on Davis Street. I sometimes drive by the old neighborhood and think back to those times.

I am unable to attend the memorial service for your mother but my thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Morris Steinbach

Mary Lou (Morris) Steinbach - April 29, 2007 at 06:53 PM

BB

“ We just want you to know that we are thinking of the family in this time of need. We were friends of JJ's. She will be deeply missed.

Bruce & Sheila Baker - April 29, 2007 at 03:21 PM

EM

“ JJ was a good friend and neighbor. We will miss our conversations with her "across the fence." We offer our deepest sympathy to her family.

Elmer and Sandy McRoy - April 28, 2007 at 09:32 PM

KS

“ Jennifer - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless and keep you.

Ken & Donna Tackett (Joann James son) - April 28, 2007 at 06:04 AM

JM

“ MISSING YOU AND LOVING YOU ALWAYS MOM. IM THANKFUL FOR THE TIMES WE HAD. YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. I LOVE YOU MOM.

JENNIFER MCLAFFERTY - April 27, 2007 at 02:31 PM

OK

“ I am very sorry for your loss; Janet was always a very pleasant and friendly person.

Oueida Kelley - April 27, 2007 at 10:26 AM

JH

“ janet, may God provide you with eternal peace and a better home than this earthly one.

joyce harrington - April 27, 2007 at 10:06 AM