



## Janet Sue Graeff

March 17, 1949 - March 27, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Janet Sue Graeff

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Janet Sue Graeff, age 76, of Murphysboro, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois.

She was born on March 17, 1949 to Edgar and Claudie (Ele) Warnken in Warrensburg, Missouri. On September 12, 1968, she married Terry R. Graeff and they spent over 48 years together until his passing in 2017.

She was owner/operator of Top of the Hill Bait Shop in Murphysboro, spending 25 years working with her husband. She was known as the Bait Lady of Southern Illinois. She and Terry were proud members of the Murphysboro Tourism Committee, where they worked hard to promote Southern Illinois and were honored with the Russ Breeding Volunteer Award

upon their retirement, as well as honored by the Southern Illinois Muskie Hunters Association. She was a massive Kansas City Chiefs fan her whole life. In her retirement she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren in both Illinois and Tennessee, bird watching, fishing, and reading as many books as possible.

Survivors include her daughters, Jamie (Mark) Wright and Lacey Graeff; grandchildren, Jade Caraway, Solomon Caraway, Elizabeth "Ellie" Wright, Andrew Wright, Holly (Tylor) Haney; along with other relatives and friends, and many cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Memorial Service will be held on Friday, April 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home with her son-in-law Mark Wright officiating. Everyone is asked to wear Kansas City Chiefs shirts or anything red.

Inurnment will follow the service at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to the funeral home to help offset expenses.

All final arrangements for Janet Sue Graeff will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

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

## Memorial Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
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## Inurnment

APR 11. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (cst)

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park  
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# Tribute Wall

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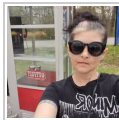
“ Dearest Janet, I met you through Facebook. I knew you when you had the bait shop.  
I enjoyed following you on Facebook of hearing about your wonderful family and we used to joke a lot about our coffee drinking. I miss you my friend and I know your family will do too. I just hope that all the memories that they have just as I have of you will keep you close

Gee - April 27, 2025 at 06:41 PM

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“ You were an amazing, strong, beautiful, woman, mom, wife and grandmother, even when you had went through it all, you were such a strong lady! May God rest your sweet soul with a hell of an attitude (when needed 😂) There's one very specific (of many) memories that will stay etched in my brain till I meet you in heaven, about me and Lacey that no words are needed ☐ 😂 you know what it is! I thought I'd meet my maker that one specific day you got onto me like I was one of your children LOL. Im sorry for the hell and worry I contributed to putting you through when Lacey and I were young and dumb but grateful you always welcomed me regardless ☐ May you and Terry smile so big finally being together again, and have peace once again, pain free! Fly high ☐ ☐

Shanna Terry - April 08, 2025 at 01:11 AM



Lacey Graeff - April 10, 2025 at 01:31 PM

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“ *Lisa Elliott (love you) purchased the Comfort Blanket for the family of Janet Sue Graeff.*



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**Lisa Elliott (love you)** - April 01, 2025 at 07:27 PM