



Janice Sue Ashley Hensley

February 2, 1945 - January 9, 2026

Janice Sue Ashley Hensley, February 2, 1945 - January 9, 2026. Preceded in death by her grandparents Lena and Hiram Duvall, parents Merlene and John David Ashley, of Beaver Dam, KY. Remembered in life by her husband, Hunter Cameron Hensley of Blacksburg, VA; daughters - Carmen Jo Barnes and husband, Birch Barnes, Newton Grove, NC; Erika Lynette Hensley Foster and husband, Scott Alan Foster, and grandchildren, Cameron David Foster and Thomas Alan Foster, Hillsborough, NC; and Rachel Duvall Kohl and husband, Kasey Kohl and grandchildren, Matthew Jack Kohl and Katie Anne Kohl, Blacksburg, VA; her sister, Jo Jo Duvall Russelburg and her daughter Jenna Palmer and husband John Palmer, and great nephew Cormac Palmer, Owensboro, KY.

Janice was a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a BS in Home Economics (1967) and MS in Clinical Nutrition (1969). She taught Clinical Nutrition at the University of Kentucky, University of Hawaii, Eastern Kentucky University, and Berea College. Following the birth of the third daughter, Janice was the shepherd of the "family flock" for more than 58 years, including her husband, daughters and their families, and throughout the years-a flock of sheep, goats, horses, donkeys, chickens, ducks, and guinea fowls.

Her hand-processed, naturally dyed, hand-spun woolen yarns and hand-woven woolen blankets and shawls are prized possessions by those fortunate enough to acquire them. She was guest lecturer at the National Textile Museum in Washington, DC. She was most often appreciated and revered for

her knowledge of wool processing of the fleeces from her prized, heritage breed Leicester Longwool Sheep at various 18th century re-enactment gatherings, including the George Washington Mount Vernon Estate Colonial Market and Fair, where she was a much-appreciated sutler for many years. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for the Good Samaritan Hospice House of Roanoke, VA. All donations made to Good Samaritan Hospice are fully tax deductible. Donations may be made online, <http://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink> by check, or by mail or calling:

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“ *Janice was always a sweet presence at Farmers Market every Saturday morning. She will be sorely missed. I always looked forward to seeing her - she and Hunter were such a bright spot.*

Sandra Dee - January 17 at 06:23 PM



“ *Hunter I'm so sorry to hear about Janice's passing. I certainly remember her from BSU days. She always had a smile and was so friendly. I will be praying for you and your family.*

Bill Chavies - January 16 at 12:10 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of Janice's passing. She will be sorely missed. I thought so much of her and always was so happy to get to see her. She always claimed us as family. Our prayers are with you all.*

Lisa Bennett - January 11 at 07:57 PM



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Rachel Kohl - January 10 at 12:11 PM