



## Janice Carolyn Tucker Widrig Lafon

March 21, 1941 - March 7, 2021

Janice Carolyn Tucker Widrig Lafon, age 79, of Blacksburg, Virginia, went to Glory on Sunday, March 7, 2021, and is dancing with the Angels in Heaven.

Jan was born in Detroit Michigan on March 21, 1941, to her parents Gerald & Laverne Tucker. Her brothers include Jerry Tucker, Ronald Tucker and Ted Tucker. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers Richard and Tom Tucker.

Jan was 56 years young when her youngest started college. Jan was the 2nd Female Paramedic in the state of Virginia. She started running at age 47. Started biking and biked the coast of California at age 60. Started Ballroom Dancing at the age of 68 and danced for 10 years. Jan received her Nursing Degree from Wytheville Community College and had worked caring for and loving each patient over her long nursing career of 39 years. A patient she cared for over 20 years ago stated, "I may have only got to meet Jan once but she sure did leave a great lasting impression on me. I've been in all of our local hospitals and Lewis Gale multiple times over the last 20 years when my illnesses first started. I've had so many nurses but there's only a handful that I can remember, and she is one of them." She studied and became a Nurse while raising six children. Jan's Nursing career led her to caring for patients at Princeton Community Hospital, Princeton, West Virginia, and Lewis Gale Hospital, Salem, Virginia. Her compassion for people was one of her best

gifts. She cared for her patients and worked full-time right up until she retired at age 78 and never missed a step. She could out work nurses who were half her age! She also had a great love for politics and had a great knowledge of America's political landscape.

Her children and grandchildren were her life.

Sadly, Jan was preceded in death by her son Dan Widrig and grandson, Reagan Widrig.

Her children include son Scott Widrig & wife, Annette, daughter Jerie Anne Whitehead and husband, Jeff, son Jamie Widrig, son Chris Widrig & Amanda Musick, and son, B.J. Lafon & wife, Nicole.

Jan's pride and joy are her grandchildren and great-grandchildren:

Her Grandchildren are Sarah Vaught and husband Dale, Wes Widrig and wife Kim, Kiva Troise and husband, Joe, Grant Widrig, Joseph Widrig, Cody Whitehead and wife, Chelsea, Levi Whitehead and wife Kelsey, Autumn Snider and husband Logan, Journey Widrig, Jordan Widrig and wife Kaitlyn, Savannah Poff and husband Andy, Tristian Widrig, Emma Sullivan, Micaiah Widrig & Paul Osborne, and Penelope, Genevieve & Cleo Lafon

Her Great-Grandchildren are Olivia Vaught, Mya Gustafson, Landon, Laithan and Selah Lankford, Octavia, Charlie and Daniel Widrig, Julia Whitehead, and Hallie Snider

Large family gatherings at her home brought a smile to her face like nothing else, and summer beach trips were her specialty. The more people the merrier! She had hoped to make at least one more trip to the Outer Banks this summer. God had another plan.

She made us promise to carry her ashes to the beach to be near her son,

Dan. We have promised to take her there where Dan will be waiting.

Describing Nana Jan Lafon is done best by Granddaughter, Kiva who said, "I can't imagine a world without her in it, I don't know what I'm going to do without her" and Grandson, Cody "We lost our foundation, our CEO, our chief, our leader, our best friend, our everything. She was the rock we all stood firm on. She loved us harder than humanly possible. She was everything for all of us. I hope she's dancing in heaven right now." Son B.J. said "Mom has her Angel wings now and is watching over all of us!"

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: a GoFundMe: "One Last Gift of a Mother's Love for Her Son"

<https://gofund.me/d37ac929>

Due to the pandemic and Covid Restrictions a private family service will be held.

Friends may attend a Zoom Cast service at the following link on 3/27/21 at 1:00 pm. After the service the family will also be live on ZOOM at 5:00 pm to share stories about their hero. Please join at the link below for her service at 1:00 pm or share your story with the family at 5:00 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pfu6pqz8vHdWhQO1jyuRVJk3rOMzYdbHJ>

Meeting ID: 894 9715 4571

Password: love

The family would love and request those that are willing to share stories or memories of Jan in the virtual guest book on the funeral home page as well. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ I loved Jan so very much. She was a treasured friend. I had been off Facebook for over a month and just now saw where Jan had passed. I am so very sorry for her family I know she will be missed dearly. I will miss our messages on messenger my life was Blessed to have known and loved her. I know she is rejoicing with Danny and all her loved ones in Heaven.

Darlene Schrewsbury Lawson - April 10, 2021 at 09:34 AM

JM

“ Judy Machynski lit a candle in memory of Janice Carolyn Tucker Widrig Lafon



Judy Machynski - March 27, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Janice Carolyn Tucker Widrig Lafon.



March 26, 2021 at 07:46 PM

SR

“ I worked with Jan at Lewis Gale. I am sad to hear of her passing. She was an inspiration to me, a wonderful nurse, supervisor and role model. She has touched so many of our lives. May God comfort and grant peace to you all .



Susan Reece - March 22, 2021 at 10:36 PM

AH

“ I knew Janice from being a part of our family years ago. She help me when my son was in a terrible car accident in 89. Help get him a pc set up and etc. also help in other ways in our family. I know she will be miss by all. Prayers Althea Lawana Wilson Myers Harvey.

Althea Harvey - March 21, 2021 at 04:28 PM

NT

“ Such wonderful memories of al all trips together Hawaii, California, Myrtle Beach, Florida and best of all Outer Banks with your loving family. My dearest sympathy to the family.



Nancy Tucker - March 19, 2021 at 09:29 AM

SW

“ My Dear Friend we had some many laugh from a Forty year friendship, My Prays are with the Family, with Deepest Sympathy Sandra Wright & Family

Sandra E Wright - March 17, 2021 at 05:25 PM

DS

“ Oh the memories! From driving down to Beckley when Dan joined the Air Force with you to hearing the sirens on the ambulance our wedding day.

The day your 1st granddaughter was born you made the nurse open the nurse curtains so you could see her. I have the first Christmas dress you bought for her. The hand made rocking chair you gave her. You were there for three of the most important days in her life. On her wedding day it snowed. As they exited the church you threw the first snow ball. You made their exit a memorable one.

I have the first Christmas outfit you bought for your 1st grandson. The activity center that was on his crib. I saved all of those treasures for them as they were from you. You were there for the two most important days of his life.

In their younger years you made special dates to spend time with them by attending plays and introducing them to theatre. You took them to Tennessee and Texas to see their father. For all of that I am thankful.

One of my most valued and treasured gifts is a teapot you gave me from England.

Prayers for your friends and family as they adjust to life without you. May they find peace in knowing you are pain free and doing what you love in gliding on that dance floor once again.

*Debbie Widrig Sadler*

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**Debbie Widrig Sadler** - March 16, 2021 at 09:45 PM

JW

*Beautiful* ❤️

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**Jamie Widrig** - March 18, 2021 at 09:21 PM

BM

“ Jan....my heart sank when I saw this post. You have been a huge part of my nursing career. When I first came out of school you were there to show me the ropes on the Wild West. I was pregnant and thought oh boy what have I gotten myself into?!?! Your calm demeanor and reassurance let me know that I could do this. You had confidence in me and I needed to as well. You were amazing with patients. And when people say you could work around us young folk you definitely could. May you be dancing the most wonderful dance ever. I will miss you dearly! You will always be in my heart and a part of my nursing career. Thoughts and prayers to your family, friends and many many people that you have touched. Love always Brandi Manning



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**Brandi Manning** - March 15, 2021 at 10:13 PM

JW

Thank you 💕

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**Jamie Widrig** - March 18, 2021 at 09:23 PM

DD

“ I am so saddened to hear of Jan's passing. She was a wonderful friend to my family starting back in Allen Park in the mid-1960s. I have many happy memories of those times in Allen Park and then later when they returned to visit; and when we visited Jan and family in Virginia. My mom, Barb, and Jan had a wonderful friendship that lasted 44 years until my mom passed in 2009. Jan kept in touch with me and was always kind and loving. She will be greatly missed by all; and she was always so proud of her large family. My deepest sympathies to her whole family, but especially to Jeri, Scott, Jamie, Chris, and B.J. Your mom will always be watching over her beloved family. Sending love and hugs to all.

*Dawn Evoe Danowski*



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**Dawn K Evoe Danowski** - March 15, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JW

*Awesome picture 😊*

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**Jamie Widrig** - March 18, 2021 at 09:27 PM

RP

“ My thoughts and prayers to every member of Jan's amazing family, to whom she was devoted and loved and adored. Jan is the most beautiful person I'd ever met. She was so much to so many, and it's difficult.

However, I'll never forget the first time I met. To know her was to be drawn to her. That infectious smile and the light she shone on every single person she encountered is such to never be repeated. She has been a part of every day, since for over 10 years. Every memory with Jan was positive. She was so strong and loved and supported her friends and family fiercely. Since I met her through dance; my favorite memories of Jan were those where she was in her element on the floor, in an stunning costume, lighting up the room. It was the one thing she did just for her that mean so much to her. I know she is wearing a beautiful gown and dancing and smiling to her favorite music. I know that Dan is there watching. Not one day will pass that Jan isn't in my thoughts and prayers. We all have a beautiful angel watching over us. I will miss her forever. It was an honor to have called her friend, sister and "foster mom."



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**Robin Pettit** - March 15, 2021 at 12:14 AM

JW

Amen sister. She thought very highly of you and Rich also 🥰💕💕💕💕

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**Jamie Widrig** - March 18, 2021 at 09:37 PM

TT

“ A favorite memory was camping and canoeing with Janice, Jerry and kids in the 60's. Rest in peace Jan.

Ted



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**Ted Tucker** - March 14, 2021 at 09:30 AM

JA

*Thanks uncle Teddy*

jamie - March 14, 2021 at 02:52 PM

CB

“ *Cindy LaFon Beadberry lit a candle in memory of Janice Carolyn Tucker Widrig Lafon*



Cindy LaFon Beadberry - March 13, 2021 at 08:52 PM

EF

“ *Worked with Jan at Lewis Gale, was always my favorite person to work with and talk to. Miss you dearly. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel*



Erica Fox - March 13, 2021 at 08:22 PM

JW

*THANK YOU* 💕

Jamie Widrig - March 18, 2021 at 09:38 PM

SW

“ *Shannon Windsor lit a candle in memory of Janice Carolyn Tucker Widrig Lafon*



Shannon Windsor - March 13, 2021 at 02:26 PM

JT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all family and friends of Aunt Jan's in this time of loss.* ”



Jeff Tucker - March 13, 2021 at 01:03 PM

JW

Thanks Jeff love you cuz 💕💕💕

Jamie Widrig - March 18, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Janice Carolyn Tucker Widrig Lafon.* ”



March 13, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all of you during this difficult time.* ”

*Jody Smith and Boys*



Jody Smith - March 13, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JW

*Thanks Jody, beautiful flower 🌺💕💕💕💕*

**Jamie Widrig** - March 18, 2021 at 09:42 PM

JM

“ *So very sorry. Prayers for the family for comfort and peace. Jimbo and Debbie Martin*



**Jimbo and Debbie Martin** - March 12, 2021 at 07:24 PM

JW

*THANK YOU 💕💕💕😊*

**Jamie Widrig** - March 18, 2021 at 09:44 PM