



## Janice Smith Richardson

December 27, 1944 - November 5, 2023

Janice Smith Richardson went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, November 5, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents John T. and Garnette D. Smith. Janice is survived by her children Lynda (Peter) Willard, Tina (Jason) Ammons and William L. "Buck" (Jessica) Richardson, Jr.; eight grandchildren Kimberly and Jeffrey Ammons, Savannah, Isaiah, Noah, Joshua, John and Matthew Richardson; very special cousins Charles (Gay) Smith, Roy (Sue) Smith, Helen Page Garrett, Amy Smith and Katie Smith; and her best friend since first grade Dorothy Milby. Janice's life was defined by her faith in God and love of family and teaching. The roots of her faith began at her childhood church, Olivet Baptist in King and Queen County and continued to grow when she joined Hermitage Baptist in Church View as an adult. She shared her faith by teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Bible studies. Janice lived her faith by teaching Acteens, GAs and Women on Mission and her commitment to Women's Missionary Union (WMU), WMU Virginia and Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association. The opportunity to share her faith while teaching in small private and Christian schools delighted her and allowed her to build treasured relationships with students, parents and coworkers. Upon her retirement, her passion for both teaching and sharing God's Word continued through mission trips to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in South Dakota. One of her greatest pleasures was seeing her family following her example to walk in faith. One of her favorite Bible passages was Psalms 121:1-2 which reminded her to rely on the strength of

the Lord. It was her hope for everyone to have the comfort and strength God provided to her which led her to share through a life of faithful service. Her family offers the comfort of another favorite verse Psalm 91:4 and asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to WMU Virginia, 2828 Emerywood Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23294 or Mid Tidewater Baptist Association, PO Box 32, Saluda, VA 23149.

A celebration of Janice's life will be held at a later date at Hermitage Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *Janice was in my graduating class of 1963 at PHHS. Sympathy to all her family.* ”



**Linda South** - November 12, 2023 at 03:01 PM

IL

“ *Irene Longest lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson* ”



**Irene Longest** - November 12, 2023 at 10:09 AM

BL

“ *Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson* ”



**Brenda lee** - November 09, 2023 at 03:52 PM

SB

“ *Sharon West Blue lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson* ”



**Sharon West Blue** - November 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM

AA

“ I only had the privilege to teach with Janice for one year, but she welcomed me to the faculty at York Academy with open arms. She was such a kind and caring person. The way she lived her life left no doubt that she was a true Christian. My life is better for knowing her.

Fondly,  
Ann Andrews

Ann Andrews - November 08, 2023 at 06:13 PM

SS

“ Stephanie Sears lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson



Stephanie Sears - November 08, 2023 at 02:31 PM

DB

“ To the family of Janice, Prayers are sent to you all at this time. Janice & I were classmates at Pleasant Hill and graduated in our class of 24 in 1963. So happy she served the Lord the way she did all these years after graduating high school. I wish we had kept in contact. Rest in Peace sweet Janice🙏

Dolores Willis Beeler - November 08, 2023 at 02:09 PM

FS

“ FAITH SILVA lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson



FAITH SILVA - November 08, 2023 at 10:27 AM

TG

“ Temple Garnett-Burton lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson



Temple Garnett-Burton - November 08, 2023 at 08:46 AM

JW

“ Janice was the best Sunday school teacher and an all around good person. My thoughts are with the family at this time. I have wonderful memories of Janice.

Joanne Williams - November 08, 2023 at 07:23 AM

NH

“ Janice was a dear friend that shared her love for God to all she encounter in church or on the mission field (in the neighborhood or doing mission work for the Lord). She was loved by all and will be greatly missed!



Nancy and Carroll Hazzard - November 08, 2023 at 06:41 AM

JW

I remember her as a caring person when we were in school together. She will be missed by many

Janie wampler - November 08, 2023 at 07:05 AM

LB

“ *Janice and I came from the same family of Smiths and were distant cousins. She and I graduated from Longwood College in 1967 and became teachers. We also worked in our respective churches, but Janice took a leadership role in the Mid-Tidewater Association with children and teen-aged girls including my daughter. She lived a life worthy of the perfect woman in Proverbs 31. My condolences to her family and to her dear friends. She is now free of the condition that claimed her life and at home in Heaven. Rest in Peace, my friend.*  
*Linda Palmer Barnes*

Linda P Barnes - November 07, 2023 at 09:54 PM

DM

*Well done thy good and faithful servant. David and Beverly Medlen*

David Medlen - November 08, 2023 at 01:23 PM

MN

“ *Marie H Norman lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson*



Marie H Norman - November 07, 2023 at 09:00 PM

HH

“ *Harwood Hall lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson*



Harwood Hall - November 07, 2023 at 08:45 PM

MH

“ Thought and prayers with the family



Michael and Roxanne Haden - November 07, 2023 at 08:17 PM

CH

“ Sorry for your loss but grateful to know that Janice is looking into the face of Jesus, the One she loved and served all her life. We know we will see her again.

Cheryl and John Haynes - November 07, 2023 at 02:37 PM

DG

“ Diane Gaber lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson



Diane Gaber - November 07, 2023 at 01:30 PM

NH

“ Nancy H.Bland lit a candle in memory of Janice Smith Richardson



Nancy H.Bland - November 07, 2023 at 01:07 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear about Janice. Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Love and prayers

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**Judy and Glenn Palmer** - November 07, 2023 at 10:02 AM