



Mary Janice Tobias

August 30, 1940 - April 25, 2016

Mary Janice Tobias passed away suddenly Monday in a local hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was born the only daughter born to Neil & Alice Flanagan in Humboldt, Iowa and was raised in Belmond, Iowa. She was an Iowa girl at heart! She graduated from Belmond High School in 1958 and attended Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota where she pursued her dream of becoming an elementary school teacher and graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in education in 1962. Her early life long dream also included meeting the man of her dreams. To be was the lucky man and they were married in Belmond, Iowa on August 4, 1962 after college graduation. They ventured off to San Bernadino via the famous Route 66 where Jan began her exciting teaching career in a 2nd grade classroom for 3 years before beginning a family.

She was a devoted stay at home wife to Tobe and mother to Todd Neil Tobias, Scott Joseph Tobias and Kristin Elizabeth Tobias until she returned to teaching after her family was raised. Her interesting career continued & included many pre-schoolers, 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders and adult education students over the years. Her wonderful teaching career culminated with her retirement from Mills Elementary School in 2000 after 12 years with the Benicia Unified School District.

Jan was always devoted to her family and her grandchildren. She loved

spending time with them at school functions, sporting events and family get together soon. She enjoyed traveling in Europe and the USA with her late husband Tobe until his death in 2012. They shared a love of golf and enjoyed many golf outings in Hawaii and the USA. They were very active in the Benicia Bocce League and were avid bridge & scrabble game players. They were longtime members of Benicia Friendship Club and enjoyed many social events. Jan always loved her piano and enjoyed playing for many years. Jan spent her last few years volunteering her time at St. Dominic's CCD program substitute teaching which she enjoyed very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents and Tobe, her husband of 50 years. She is survived by her children Todd Neil Tobias, Scott Joseph (Karen) Tobias and daughter Kritin Elizabeth Tobias; brothers Larry (Nancy) Flanagan Allen (Colleen) Flanagan, Robert (Janis) Flanagan, all of Iowa; sister in law Barb (Steve) Harmon brother in law Ronald (Judy) Tobias of Wisconsin; grandchildren Cade Neil Tobias, Taylor Ann Tobias and Aiden Joseph Tobias. And numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jan and Tobe were blessed with many wonderful friendships over the years. They were devoted catholic said and member of St. Dominic's Parish in Benicia for over 30 years.

Vigil services will be held 7:00 p.m. Sunday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West Second Street, Benicia. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 1:00 p.m. Monday at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia. Burial will be private. Visitation will be at the mortuary after 4:00 p.m. Sunday. The family prefers donations be made to St. Dominic's Church.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Vigil

MAY 1. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

St. Dominic's Church
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Janice Tobias*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I met Jan several years ago when she started in our Pulmonary Rehab Program. She and Tobe continued in maintenance exercise classes 2-3 times a week and I loved and enjoyed them both. What a great couple!*

Recently, Jan & I had a special conversation, one that I'll never forget. We talked about how things change, how we adjust, adapt and keep on trying. Jan was looking forward to so many things and had such a wonderful and positive outlook. She cherished her family and faith above all else.

I'll miss her so much but she made such an imprint on so many that she won't be forgotten.

Sincerely, Lisa Custodio, Pleasant Hill (& John Muir Health)

Lisa Custodio - May 01, 2016 at 07:04 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - April 29, 2016 at 04:59 PM



She was my favorite teacher back in first grade. That was 1996. Rip

Ali Ismaiel - July 06, 2020 at 07:58 PM

NM

“ Nick & Lisa Martino purchased the Divine Grace 50-Bead Rosary for the family of Mary Janice Tobias.



Nick & Lisa Martino - April 28, 2016 at 05:38 PM

BT

“ BHS classmates Bill, John, Ron and Tom... purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Janice Tobias.



BHS classmates Bill, John, Ron and Tom... - April 28, 2016 at 01:30 PM

NA

“ I met Jan & Tobe on our honeymoon !! Great friends since !! We have been through births, sad times, HAPPY times even if Jan was winning on a machine and I was not. Deaths of Family members in the Tobias Family all very dear loving people to us. Sister in law Barb commented that our friendship was a gift from them to us. I love that !!! I am sad, no more long chats with Jan !! Love to all in her family. Love you Todd, Scott, Kristin so many fun memories with you all too. Thank you for being a part of my life !!!
Love & Friendship Keith & Naeomi



Naeomi Ault - April 27, 2016 at 08:29 PM

CA

“ Carolyn purchased the Delicious Delights Basket for the family of Mary Janice Tobias.



Carolyn - April 27, 2016 at 01:21 PM

HF

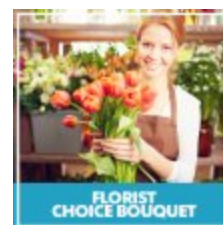
“ Huettenhain Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Janice Tobias.



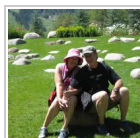
Huettenhain Family - April 27, 2016 at 01:03 PM

LP

“ Love the Aults, Beckers & Plitzeuweits purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Janice Tobias.



Love the Aults, Beckers & Plitzeuweits - April 27, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. I taught with her at Mills for many years and she was a lovely woman and friend. I also had a lot of fun playing golf with her! she will be missed.

*Many blessings to the family,
Gail Cevello*

Gail Cevello - April 27, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Tobias.* ”



April 26, 2016 at 09:16 PM