



Janet Purzer Wallace

April 3, 1935 - June 16, 2022

Jan Purzer Wallace left this earth June 16, 2022 to start her next adventure.

Born in California, raised in Louisiana and finally settling in Houston, TX. She was married and widowed twice, raised 3 girls and was both a grandmother and great grandmother.

A lover of all the arts, she offered her support to many different forms of artistic venues and programs. She loved to travel and visited many different parts of the globe, always fascinated by different customs and cultures.

She believed in giving back as was shown by her 40 plus years of volunteering at the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Her family has decided to hold a small private celebration. If you feel inclined, she would be honored for you to donate to a charity of your choosing in her name. Those of you who knew Jan well, know she would not want sadness or tears. Instead, raise a glass and toast her life ... a life well lived.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ I knew Jan through GCH and also because I went through treatment at MD Anderson and saw her there in her role as a volunteer. What a very nice, friendly, thoughtful person she was. I will miss her!

Margaret Pierce - June 27 at 06:17 PM

NK

“ I am so sorry to learn of Jan's passing. What a lovely lady. I knew her as a member of The Garden Club of Houston. I learned about this through Christ Church Cathedral. May we send an announcement to our members? Many thanks, Nancy Kelley, President, The Garden Club of Houston

Nancy Kelley - June 22 at 05:49 PM

EP

Thank you Nancy for your kind words. Please feel free to communicate to others.

Elizabeth Purzer - June 22 at 09:16 PM

NK

Thank you. I am sending a notice this evening. Nancy

Nancy Kelley - June 23 at 08:33 PM

CK

Jan was a spark of joy and showered me with affection when I was a boy in the 80s and especially for my grandfather Mac Wallace in his later years. She used to write my name in spectacular 2-inch tall calligraphy on Christmas presents. She was shamelessly over the top and out of the box and made one little gay boy feel special.

Cooke Kelsey - June 24 at 11:59 AM

EP

Cooke or Cookie as she used to call you... she would love your comment as much as she loved you.

Elizabeth Purzer - June 24 at 01:33 PM

NE

Jan went out of her way to make me feel welcome when I first became a member of the Garden Club of Houston many years ago. We had lots of fun working together at the Bulb & Plant Mart over the years. I loved her down-to-earth manner, her readiness to laugh, and her genuine warmth and kindness. We will all miss her.

Nancy Etheridge

Nancy Etheridge - June 24 at 04:20 PM

JW

I am so sorry to hear about Jan's passing. We were friends for many years through the Garden Club of Houston. She was always happy to help and fun to be around. We will miss her sweet nature & warm greetings!

Jackie Wallace

jackie wallace - June 24 at 06:08 PM

WK

I first met Jan when she married my father McMclelland 'Mac' Wallace in the early 1980s. He was a widower and she a widow. They had a very rewarding and wonderful life together pursuing their mutual interests happily and energetically. They were both curious about new adventures. Together, they often traveled to interesting places both here and abroad, meeting new people, making new friends. They enjoyed the arts. I don't think they missed any Houston ballet, opera, symphony, Alley play, museum exhibit.

After my father died in 1997, Jan continued to lead a very full and busy life. I was most impressed with her talents and skills. She was an accomplished calligrapher, her birthday cards and notes always beautifully crafted. She loved plants, both indoors and out, and gardening. She enjoyed The Garden Club, was an active participant, often contributing her time and energy to projects behind the scene. She was an enthusiastic reader, committed to her book clubs and hosting their meetings. Jan was a dedicated and committed volunteer at MDA. Ever since I first met her, Tuesdays were sacred, always reserved for her day at the hospital.

Although Jan was twice a widow and had to confront some challenging adversities, she always maintained a determined strength of character and positive attitude. She was compassionate, warm, and practical with a fun sense of humor. She was a good friend.

Wendy Kelsey

Wendy Kelsey - June 25 at 11:15 AM

RW

I will miss Jan terribly. Warm, genuine, and spunky, everyone loved her. When I first became a member of the Garden Club of Houston, Jan went out of her way to welcome me and always remember my name. Her friendly nature and happy personality endeared her to all she met.

Renee Wright - June 29 at 05:09 PM