



## Janice Louise Murley

May 4, 1937 - December 5, 2021

### Janice Louise (Bell) Murley

On December 5, 2021, Jan Murley, beloved wife of Tom Murley died peacefully at home with Tom at her side after a long courageous battle with dementia. Jan's life was characterized by her devotion to her family, her strong Christian faith, and her lifelong love of music.

Jan was born May 4, 1937 in Darke County, Ohio to James and Mildred Maxine Bell. Jan was the oldest of three children. She graduated from New Madison High School in 1955. Jan eventually worked as a flight attendant for United Air Lines, which led to her meeting First Lieutenant Tom Murley, a United States Marine Corps pilot, in California in 1960. This meeting changed their lives.

Jan and Tom were married October 13, 1962. Jan accompanied Tom throughout his military career, including assignments in North and South Carolina, Mississippi, and Virginia. During many of these years, Tom was posted overseas in unaccompanied assignments.

In 1972, while still on active duty in the Washington area, Tom and Jan settled in Oakton, Virginia, in the home where they have lived ever since. In Oakton, Jan's devotion to her family and her faith flourished. She also focused on her lifelong love of music, which had begun with her first piano lessons at the age of 6. Jan continued developing her natural musical talent throughout her life. Jan soon began her career of over forty years as the organist and pianist at the Oakton United Methodist Church, where she quickly became an integral

part of the Oakton UMC church staff. In addition to supporting regular rehearsals and church services, she contributed countless hours to discovering and coordinating the appearances of guest musicians. She was best known for her pleasant nature, and her seemingly endless patience, so often demonstrated while tirelessly rehearsing and developing young musicians within the church and community.

Jan was pre-deceased by her parents and her brother Jack. She is survived by her husband Tom, her brother Tom (Sharon) of Darke County, Ohio, Tom and Jan's daughter Camilla (Fernando) Barrientos, Tom and Jan's son Randall (Heidi Copeland), their granddaughters Raquel Barrientos, Selina (Salvador) Gonzalez, Natalie (Mark) Richards, and Sydney, their grandson Cody, and four great grandchildren, Romeo, Leila, Apollo and Bodie.

A Celebration of Life Service for Jan will be held at the Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road, in Oakton, Virginia at 11 am, Monday, December 20, 2021. This service will be live streamed at [oaktonumc.org](http://oaktonumc.org). Visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday morning from 8:30-10:00 am at the Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia, followed by internment at the Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in memory of Jan to the Oakton United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Oakton United Methodist Church  
2951 Chain Bridge Road  
Oakton, VA

## Visitation

DEC 21. 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Graveside Services

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DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry Tom & Cami and family. Thinking of all of you and the great memories with Aunt Jan. So happy Tom & Jan were at my wedding in 2008. My mom will miss you terribly and we wish we could be down there.

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**Katie Malone-Smith** - December 21, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janice Louise Murley.



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December 20, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ So sad that this gracious woman has passed from our lives. To Tom and the family, please forgive us for not being there at her memorial service; however, we just found out about it too late to make arrangements to get there. I know your hearts are sad, but please take comfort that she is resting with our Lord and is at peace. I pray that He heals the hole in each of your hearts as you navigate the process of grief. Love always, continued prayers ascending. Carol Chitty

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**Carol Chitty** - December 20, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janice Louise Murley.*



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December 19, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Jan, just saying her name fills my heart with love. She was my East Coast mom, a mom who loved me, cared for me and supported me through the years. Jan was kind and caring. Her love for family and friends was evident when you saw them together. She will be greatly missed, but knowing she is at peace helps to start the process of healing broken hearts*  
*Love, Sue*

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**Sue Malone** - December 18, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Louise Murley.*



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December 17, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janice Louise Murley.*



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December 17, 2021 at 09:01 AM

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“ *Sending our prayers, love and support to Tom and family during this difficult time. I have fond memories of visiting when I was kid and Jan was like a grandmother to me. -Matthew Malone and family*

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**Matthew Malone** - December 16, 2021 at 07:50 PM



*Tom, Cami, and Randy,  
Remembering holidays with you all in Ohio. Sending warm thoughts and prayers for strength during this difficult time. Deb (Bell) Carter*

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**Deb Carter** - December 20, 2021 at 09:32 PM