



Katherine Janie Wimpee

January 19, 1924 - July 12, 2019

Janie Wimpee, a lifelong resident of Rockwall County, past Realtor, and granddaughter of Rockwall County pioneers went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 12, 2019, at the age of 95. At the time of her death, she was living at Highland Meadows Health & Rehab, a nursing home facility in Rockwall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Derwood Wimpee, former Rockwall County Judge and World War II veteran, to whom she was married for over 45 years. Judge Wimpee died in 1987. She was also preceded by her grandson, Darrin Harris.

Janie was born on January 19, 1924, on the Barringer farm in Fate Texas to Herbert and Hattie Barringer. Her grandfather and grandmother - William Franklin Barringer and Martha Jane Krider Barringer - were early settlers of Rockwall County, migrating to Texas from North Carolina after the Civil War.

Mrs. Wimpee attended school in Rockwall and graduated from Rockwall High School. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall for over 70 years, working in all areas of the church and its ministries from secretary in the church office, teaching Sunday school, preparing meals for church socials, visiting church members and friends who were ill and in her later years – until she herself was unable to do so – she drove friends to church on Sunday. In addition to her active faith and church life, Janie was also a successful Realtor for over 25 years with Harris Realtors and later Ebby Halliday Realtors in Rockwall. She received numerous awards over her 25-year career including Realtor of the Year in 1982, top listing agent and top producer at Harris Realtors and was one of the original inductees into the Rockwall Realtors Hall of Fame. She was respected by her co-workers, competitors and those she assisted in obtaining home ownership during her career.

Janie had a great sense of humor and always had something funny to say to make people laugh. Her outstanding and enduring trait was her care and concern for others. She was always one of the first to help others in need and during her career as a Realtor, she was known to often give-back a portion of her sales commission to young families purchasing

their first home. Needless to say, she won the hearts of her customers with her honesty and helpfulness and they returned to her for their real estate needs over and over through the years. She leaves a legacy to her family and friends as one who cared deeply about others and who practiced her religion daily. She is survived by a daughter - Judy Harris and three sons - Jerry, Rick, and Joe Wimpee; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, July 20, 2019, at First Baptist Church, 610 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX, 75087. Interment will follow in Rockwall Memorial Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, July 19, 2019, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Location. The family has requested attire to be business casual.

Cemetery

Events

Rockwall Memorial Cemetery

409 W. Washington Street
(Highway 66)
Rockwall, TX, 75087

JUL 19 **Gathering** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home -
Rockwall Location
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US,
75087

JUL 20 **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

First Baptist Church
M. L. Jones Chapel 610 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall,
TX, US, 75087

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - July 18, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ Ms. Janie was such a wonderful neighbor to my parents for too many years to count! I will forever remember the day Mom called me and told me Janie came over when Dad was close to the end of his life on this earth and said she had been told by the Lord to ensure Dad knew Jesus. I had been wanting to discuss the very same thing with Dad, but I was states away at the time. Mom said Janie went in and chatted with him for a while, then came out with a smile and said, 'he is good to go!' Dad passed away shortly after that. What a blessing that was for me. <3

Molli Hamby - July 19, 2019 at 10:15 PM



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November 14, 2020 at 03:52 AM



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“ My thoughts and prayers in the loss of your sweet mom, Judy, Jerry, Rick, and Joe! Janie was a sweet and precious friend and neighbor to my family for around 30 years. I loved her heart for others. Always there when you needed to talk. She knocked on my front door one morning around 9 AM on September 2005 before my husband, Robert, passed away. She said, the Lord woke her up at 3 AM that morning and said to go over and talk with Robert about his relationship with Jesus! She went to his bedside and came back to me and said, Yes, he has Jesus in his heart! Such a precious friend! You will be missed so much!

Wanda Taylor - July 17, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ That is a good story and description of Janie. A sweet Christian lady who walked the walk.

Mark - July 17, 2019 at 11:38 PM



“ Our prayers are with you. She was a wonderful Christian lady and wonderful example for many. Thinking of each of you. Dana K Macalik

Dana K Macalik - July 17, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ Well, I hardly know where to start but I will start with the best ... that she is finally home, at rest, and fully wrapped in the loving arms of her Lord.

Aunt Janie was a "special Aunt " to me, Martin and Marilyn. We lived next door to each other on Clark St. for years so she and Mother(June) raised their broods together...so to speak. She and Mother were great friends and helped one another so much. All of the kids played together in the yard and sometimes we went over just to see if we could get a fried bologna sandwich (and we always could) :-). She had a great personality and amazing patience with us (most of the time).. we could always count on her for a shoulder to cry on and a listening ear. Our families did so many fun things together, I remember eating watermelon in the backyard and a few vacations to Sulphur Springs, Okla. and Caddo Lake, and just being welcome at any time for any reason. Our family was so fortunate to have those years and that kind of relationship. Great Love and Admiration. Aunt Janie was the church secretary for many years and sometimes she would bring the bulletins home on Saturday and let us help fold them. I appreciated that I felt needed even at a young age.

Aunt Janie LOVED my Mother so much that when Mother was so very sick the last year or so she would come by almost every day to visit and bring her something that would tempt her to eat...she usually knew just what she needed.

She truly walked the walk...and yes, we realized what an example she was to us. God surely blessed us with a perfect Aunt and she will be missed...but also remembered in so... many ways (especially for the laughs and fun that she spread through all of us)

We have not lost you ...we know exactly where you are and we will see you again someday. In Joyous Celebration of an Amazing Aunt.... With My Love, Marsha

Marsha Wimpee Unruh - July 16, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ My Toma, my grandmother was the very best example of Jesus walking “in the flesh” I’ve ever been around. She loved people and prayed for their situations/habits. I’ve already missed her great advice in her last years as she was aging. It satisfies my heart and soul knowing she is pain-free now and seeing her beloved Derwood, Papa now and my brother, Darrin. We will continue to miss you, your life and support, but we feel your spirit and presence with us daily in the legacy you’ve left behind. I will see you again someday soon in Heaven. Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed because of you, your love and generous spirit of walking with Jesus daily. I miss a few years back bringing you Bootsburger’s and eating with you on your kitchen picnic table, and you rescuing me when I locked myself out of my house on Highbluff chasing my dog, Jaci Faith, with rollers in my hair! I love you! You are truly, living, laughing and loving life eternally, to the very fullest! I love you, Holli Jane (named after you) Harris



Holli Jane Harris - July 16, 2019 at 06:59 AM



“ Janie was such a beautiful and precious lady!

Chandra Karlen - July 16, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ Rudy Don Walker Jr. lit a candle in memory of Katherine Janie Wimpee



Rudy Don Walker Jr. - July 16, 2019 at 12:21 AM



“ This sweet lady held a special place in my heart. Enjoyed so many JOY outings with her. She was so kind to my mother and welcomed her warmly into her Sunday School. Prayers for this special family!

Norma Cummings - July 15, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cole Wimpee - July 15, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ I love this picture Cole. Looking forward to seeing you and Casey and your parents. Just sad that it has to be this way this time! Love you all!

Holli Jane Harris - July 16, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ Sending prayers to the Wimpee family.

Barbara Vickers - July 18, 2019 at 08:29 PM



“ Janie adopted me as her kid from Montana. Won't forget all of the Cowboy games we watched together with Ruthie and Dorothy. Breakfasts on Saturday with the family was always something to look forward to. The most godly woman I've ever known. Sure will miss her, but glad she finally has a new address!

Sherri Johnston - July 14, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ Thinking of your family and sending our thoughts and prayers. The Fraziers

Karenfrazier - July 20, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ Dear Judy, Jerry, Ricky, Joe & families;

I was so sorry to learn that Janie has passed away. She was one of my favorite people. Having worked with Janie for so many years I have many great memories. Our family will certainly be keeping you all in our prayers during this difficult time. May God bless you and comfort you all.

Sincerely,
Mary Melton & family

Mary Melton - July 14, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Janie, She was such a kind soul, We have missed her at Summer Ridge. Comfort and Prayers to you her family.

Terisia Mote - July 14, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of Janie's passing. She was a sweet person. She told it like it was and was fun to be around. May God bless Janie and comfort her family during this time.

Mark George - July 14, 2019 at 12:15 AM