



## JANEL A. RYAN

Janel A, Ryan, 75, of Fort Wayne, passed away Sunday, July 7, 2024. She was born to the late Norbert and Angeline Weins. She attended Saint Peter Girls High School for three years in New York and the transferred to Cathedral Girls High School in San Diego, California, graduating in 1966. Janel was a 1970 graduate of the University of Saint Francis University and a 1977 graduate of Indiana university, MSE. Mrs. Ryan worked as a kindergarten teacher at Saint Joseph Central, Fort Wayne Community Schools, Saint Joseph & Saint Elizabeth Catholic School, and started a Preschool and Kindergarten in Geneva, Illinois at Saint Peter Catholic School. She then returned to Indiana working part time for Saint Vincent De Paul Catholic School. Following her time at Saint Vincent De Paul, she returned back to Illinois where she volunteered for 7 years at Saint Mary Catholic School in Sycamore. She is survived by her husband, Tom; daughter, Jen Ryan, Sarah (Arnold) Ma, and Megan (Matt) Gilbert; and five grandchildren, Ryan, Katherine, Henry, Mick, and Finn. Also preceding her in death were brothers, Jim Weins and John Weins. Mass of Christian Resurrection will be Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Saint Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, 1502 East Wallen Road, Fort Wayne with calling one hour prior. Memorials may be directed to Saint Vincent De Paul Catholic Church or the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. Share fond memories and condolences at [www.divinemeracyfuneralhome.com](http://www.divinemeracyfuneralhome.com)

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**Date of Birth** 1948-11-19 00:00:00

**Date of Death** 2024-07-07 00:00:00

## Comments

**Kimberly Steffen** – 2024-07-13 13:01:11

Jen, I am so sorry for your loss and continue to think about you during this time. Prayers for your healing continue to be sent your way.

**Nancy Mueller** – 2024-07-11 16:16:47

I had the great pleasure of meeting Janel. I remember her as a kind and caring lady with a wonderful sense of humor. My sincere condolence to Tom and Sarah and the entire family.

**Maria Helsley** – 2024-07-11 12:47:45

Dear Jen, Though I only knew your mum through you, I can imagine what a wonderful person she must have been to raise such a kind and sweet daughter. Her legacy lives on through the kindness and warmth you share with everyone around you. My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. I hope you find comfort in the cherished memories you have of her and in knowing that she is now at peace. May the love and support of your friends and family bring you strength in the days ahead. Please know that you are in my thoughts, and I am here for you if you need anything. My deepest sympathies

**Lanette Ruger** – 2024-07-11 06:42:50

Sending my deepest sympathy to you and your family, I will be thinking about you and your family during this difficult time my dear friend Jen.

**Ann Herbst** – 2024-07-10 17:33:53

Tom and family, So sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure to teach with Janel at St. Joe's and to reconnect at breakfast the past couple of years. Rest in peace, Janel.

**sondra middleton** – 2024-07-10 15:23:01

So sorry for your loss. Your in my thoughts and prayers. May God Blessings and Comfort be with you.

**Amber Joley** – 2024-07-10 15:11:23

**Jen and family, thinking of you, praying for peace. Love you dearly my friend <3**

**Josh Rowe** – 2024-07-10 15:07:23

So so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family. May God provide the comfort that only He can during this difficult time.

**Gina Wyatt** – 2024-07-10 07:16:44

Mrs. Ryan was such a great kindergarten teacher. I couldn't ask for anyone better to introduce our children to school. I appreciated her common sense & extraordinary humor in raising children. Our son, John, was one of 4 or 5 red heads in her class one year. She couldn't believe it. Blessings & prayers for your family. Thank you for sharing her with all of us at SJSE!

**Colleen Annis** – 2024-07-09 19:06:38

All four of my children were blessed to have Janel as their kindergarten teacher at St Joseph school. We all loved Mrs Ryan and the letter books. My third child Katy hated the idea of "school" and Janel would have to come and firmly, but gently, pull her out of the car to start the day.. Sadly our Katy also passed away on July 7th also, but in 2012.

**Jerry Niezer** – 2024-07-09 17:28:49

We were fortunate that all three of our children had Mrs. Ryan as their kindergarten teacher! They loved her, we loved her!

**Kathy Carrell** – 2024-07-09 11:46:17

Janel was a truly kind, open-hearted, and giving person. She had such a sense of joy in all she did, and could make any gathering fun. She also was empathetic and understanding. Her friendship will remain one of my dearest memories.

**Phyllis Mobile** – 2024-07-09 11:12:53

You 3 daughters had a wonderful mother. I was lucky to know her with her positivity and humor while she was in our neighborhood of Sycamore. Keep her memory alive with your children telling her story. With much sadness at your Mom's passing. Phyllis Tom, sorry for your loss.

**Trisha Scheible** – 2024-07-09 09:40:32

Our first/oldest was blessed to have Mrs Ryan for kindergarten at SJSE. She was truly one of a kind! I helped her once a week that year and she always made me feel so welcome in the classroom. Two takeaways (Mrs Ryan wisdoms) from that year: 1) it is more than OK to take the kids out of school for a vacation they'll learn a lot wherever you go, and 2) "why do you use salad inside your shirt Mrs Scheible?" This perplexed me until I saw the drawing my 5 year old had drawn of our family and lo and behold there appeared to be "salad" coming out of my shirt. We laughed so much as I explained I was putting cabbage leaves in my brassiere to relieve engorged tissue as I weaned my youngest from nursing. Her response was priceless "I thought this was something I might need to share with my own daughter, (who had just given birth herself!) as a new technique mothers use now!" We were all blessed to have her teach our children and her family was blessed to have her as their matriarch. My prayers are with you all as you grieve this tremendous loss.

**Mindy Thoma** – 2024-07-09 08:41:25

We loved " Mrs Ryan" . She was a great kindergarten teacher for two of my children. She was kind, funny and treated my boys like her own.The letter book story was my favorite memory of her. I can still remember her laugh. She was a very special lady! Hugs to the family.

**Shelley Tourney** – 2024-07-08 20:34:42

Janel was the BEST kindergarten teacher. I so happy my kids had her! I was also blessed to work in her room!