



## Janice K. Paluska

October 2, 1952 - September 5, 2021

Janice K. Paluska, 68, of Peoria, passed away on Sunday, September 5, 2021. Janice was born on October 2, 1952, to Gilbert and Arlene (King) Paluska in Peoria; they both preceded her in death.

Jan is survived by her two brothers Dennis (Terry) Paluska and Larry (Christina) Paluska both of East Peoria; nieces Abbey (Robert) Davis of Pekin, Carrie (Ethan) Herrman of Blue Grass, IA, Caitlin (Caleb) Lawrence of East Peoria, and Maia (Andrew) Barbier of TN; two great-nieces Madeline and Natalie Herrman; and four great-nephews Clay and Owen Herrman, Clark Lawrence and Emmett Barbier. She also leaves behind longtime friends, Deb, Marylou, and Nancy, and the rest of her Champaign family.

She was also preceded in death by her nephew, Jason Paluska.

She retired after many years of service as a juvenile parole officer for the State of Illinois. Janice enjoyed photography, art, painting, astronomy, and fishing. She loved nature and bird watching. She always added music in some form to her everyday life. She loved reading scripture & prayers, & following God through living her faith.

Visitation will be on Thursday, September 9, 2021, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Gary Deiters Funeral Home in East Peoria. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 10, 2021, with additional visitation one hour prior, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Fondulac Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to OSF Hospice or the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria  
444 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL 61611

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **10**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Janice K. Paluska



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**Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - September 09, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ Janice K. Paluska

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October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Mary Richter lit a candle in memory of Janice K. Paluska



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**Mary Richter** - September 20, 2021 at 12:16 AM

MR

*"Paluska" was my pledge trainer in 1973. She scared me to death, until I had a heart-to-heart with her. I explained what I was feeling and she quickly told me I was special, I had potential to be a leader, and she wanted me to be my best. I often think of her words when I'm facing something that "scares" me.*

*The last time we had a chance to connect was at our dear friend's memorial. She and I stayed up late talking about our lives and how we wanted them to follow through to the end. She revealed her love of God and belief in Heaven. Being surrounded by our loved ones and friends .... All outdoors, of course!*

*Thank you for your tough love, P.  
See you in the Tract! I'll always save a chair for you.*

*Sister love forever.*




*Bates*



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**Mary Richter** - September 20, 2021 at 12:36 AM

MR

“*Jan AKA Paluska to your sisters in Chi Alpha Xi,  
It seems only fitting that several of us were together when we learned of your passing. There were tears, but there was also the opportunity to share stories about our time with you. You were so loved, and we all definitely enjoyed your sense of humor, that unforgettable smile, that great chuckle, and the loyal and loving friend that you were. The last time many of us saw you was at the memorial of sister Julie Barry. We can only imagine your joy at being reunited. Thank you for those beautiful memories from our time with you at WIU! Godspeed, Jan. Love from your sisters,*    


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**michele ruth** - September 19, 2021 at 07:25 PM

SB

*Jan was the gatekeeper for several of us at Chi Alpha Xi. Through her guidance we became full fledged active members and sisters who still meet and stay connected years later. She left a fine legacy. Rest in happiness, Jan.*

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**Sandy Benuzzi** - September 19, 2021 at 08:30 PM

TP

*“ I was a driver at Lutheran Hillside Village and always enjoyed taking Jan on short trips around Peoria. Rarely did I ever see Jan without a big smile on her face. Jan was special -- my condolences to her family. Tom Pisano*

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**Tom Pisano** - September 12, 2021 at 10:18 PM

SR

*“ I am so sorry to hear about Jan's passing. She was always so friendly and funny when I would come to visit with the Paluska family. Denny and Terry and family please know I am thinking of all of you. RIP sweet friend!!  
Sheila Ransom*

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**Sheila Ransom** - September 09, 2021 at 10:40 PM

SR

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Sheila Ransom*

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**Sheila Ransom** - September 09, 2021 at 10:40 PM

CK

“*Jan was a delightful neighbor. I wish I had joined her in pickleball as she had suggested! I remember when she called out of the blue to see if I could pick her up at the Indianapolis Airport-- and fortunately my retirement schedule made it possible. We had that kind of give and take relationship. I wish the last few years could have been easier for her.*

*We will always remember her with pleasure. Curtis and Susan Krock*

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**Curtis Krock** - September 09, 2021 at 04:35 PM

DT

“*Larry and family--my sincere condolences. I am so saddened to learn this. Jan and I were neighbors, friends and schoolmates from kindergarten thru high school. Many hours were spent riding bikes, staying over at each others houses growing up. I have many great memories of times spent with Jan .. having last seen her when my father passed away in*

*96 she was so kind to look me up at our office in Decatur, IL. I was hoping she might be at our 51st high school reunion a couple of weeks ago. Rest in peace my old friend.*

*Debbie Cottingham Tener*

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**Debra Tener** - September 08, 2021 at 05:29 PM

DJ

“*Heartfelt condolences go out to Jan's immediate family while she was a resident at LHV. My conversations with her at Samaritan Place were pretty amazing. She was of my generation having been the youngest resident at Hillside. Sadness indeed..*



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**Denise Johnson** - September 08, 2021 at 10:35 AM

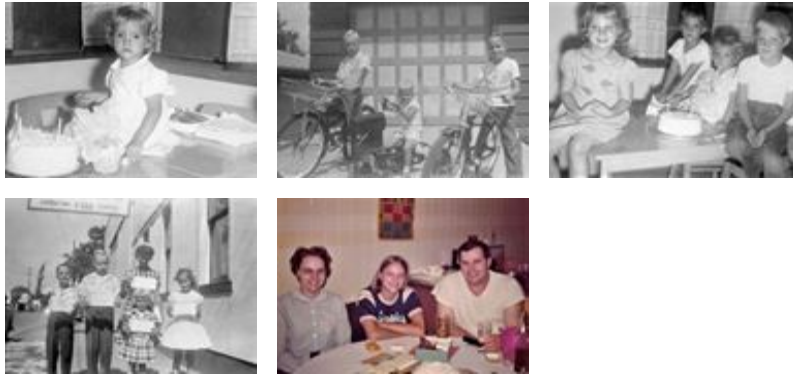
CP

“ So many fun times at Lake Sara with Jan and the Cabin Crew. Such a sweet soul who always found something to laugh about. So glad you are no longer suffering and have been made whole again.

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**Carolyn Parker** - September 08, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - September 07, 2021 at 05:09 PM

NH

“ To you, my dear friend, Jan. I will miss you and your silliness and your various laughs that always made me laugh. Our 40 years of friendship have meant the world to me. I hope we will see each other again in Heaven. Meanwhile, be at peace and meet us at the Pearly Gates when the time comes.

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**Nancy Hill** - September 07, 2021 at 04:54 PM

MR

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It seems fitting that several of us were together when we learned of  
your passing. There were tears, but there was also the opportunity to  
share our favorite stories about you. You were most loved by us. The  
last time many of us saw you was at the memorial of sister Julie Barry.  
We can only imagine the joy you experienced when reunited. We will  
miss the opportunity of ever seeing you again, but you live in in our  
hearts and in our memories of our sorority days at WIU. Godspeed,  
Jan. 💙💛💔*

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**michele ruth** - September 19, 2021 at 07:14 PM