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Janice was born in Flint, Michigan to Carl and Norma McLeod. She joined her brother, Larry, and sister, JoAnne, followed by sister Beth. The family moved to southern California and ultimately settled in Riverdale, where Carl had a Ford dealership. Her horse Bucky, and later her cherry red Ford Falcon Sprint carried her on her adventures. After graduating from Riverdale High School, Janice attended Fresno State University. There, she joined Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, where she met lifelong friends, and earned her bachelor's degree in English and teaching credential.

In 1972, while student teaching, she married Ernie Gabbert. The couple resided in Visalia, California, where Mrs. Gabbert taught third grade at Crestwood Elementary school until Amy came along in 1976. Janice kept the books for Ernie's businesses, raised her children, and worked as a reading and substitute teacher. In 1992, Janice started teaching reading at Green Acres Middle School until her retirement in 2005.

Jan enjoyed cooking, learning and perfecting new recipes, especially for her

Ernie. An avid reader, she loved Ann Tyler books, Scrabble, and had a way with words. She had always shown talent for art, drawing, painting and crafting. In retirement, she discovered a passion for quilting and joined the Valley Oak Quilting Guild, where she met her "Twisted Sisters", who shared in the joys and frustrations of the exacting artform. Janice and Ernie enjoyed traveling together, throughout California, especially Carmel and Lake Almanor, and the U.S., several times to Ernie's childhood home in Lewisport, Kentucky.

Janice is survived by her daughter, Amy Gabbert, son Buck (Adrienne) Gabbert, granddaughters Mollie and Gracie, her sisters JoAnn Camp and Beth Morton, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ernie, her parents, Carl and Norma, brother Larry McLeod, and granddaughter Sierra Gabbert.

A memorial service will be held Friday July 14th, 2023 at 6 o'clock in the evening. The location is Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave, Visalia, CA 93277.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Memorial

JUL 14. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Janice Lee Gabbert*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - July 10, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Janice Lee Gabbert*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - July 10, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Lee Gabbert.*



July 14, 2023 at 02:12 PM

KJ

“ Kathryn J. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Lee Gabbert.

Kathryn J. - July 11, 2023 at 09:04 AM

KW

“ I knew Janice's mother, father and brother before I met Janice and we became pledge sisters at Kappa Alpha Theta. We both grew up in rural Fresno County and this created instant kinship that grew deeper in our years together. When we graduated from CSUF and weRe finishing up credentials, we shared an apartment while Ernie courted her before marriage. So many good memories of this beautiful, funny, lady. My condolences go to Amy and other family members who are experiencing this loss.



Kathryn Wage - July 05, 2023 at 04:48 PM

DM

“ Mrs. Gabbert was one of my favorite teachers at Crestwood. I remember her fondly!! Condolences to the family and may she rest in peace. 🙏

David Mueller - July 03, 2023 at 06:15 PM

JH

Janice McLeod Gabbert and I were great friends not only at Riverdale High School but also at Fresno State College. Lasting memories of our time together will always be cherished. A small donation has been made in her memory to the literacy program at her first teaching experience at Crestwood Elementary School. Leslie Cantrell, the literacy teacher at Crestwood, told me that Janice was one of her favorite teachers.

Jim Hamilton - November 18, 2023 at 02:10 PM