



Janet Coddington Kmetz-Morlock

May 10, 1929 - March 7, 2021

Janet Coddington Kmetz-Morlock (91) of Orlando, Florida, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 7, 2021, in the comfort of her home. Jan (Mim, as she was affectionately called by her family) was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was known for her outgoing and exuberant personality. Always quick witted and full of life, she was a force to be reckoned with.

Born in Matawan, New Jersey in 1929, Jan spent her formative years residing in Teaneck, NJ. She attended Columbia University, where as an accomplished clarinet player she performed at Carnegie Hall. After college she began working for New Jersey Bell where she met and later married Ray Kmetz.

In 1957 she and Ray moved to Succasunna, NJ, where they started their family and raised their three children. During her life in Succasunna, she was a founding member of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Jan was also active in the Roxbury Women's Club and was a swim instructor for Roxbury Recreation Department for many years. In 1985 she married her second husband, George Morlock, and shortly after they moved to Central Florida to be closer to family.

Jan was a longtime, active member of Salem Lutheran Church and cared deeply for her church family. Jan had a love for all children and decided to

come out of retirement and spend many more years passionately teaching swim lessons and working in the Orange County School System. Her work included teacher's aide with special education students and as a crossing guard.

She was a talented cross stitcher who loved to gift others with her wonderful creations. She was a cherished friend to many people, who will all attest she never met a stranger and took pride in talking about her family. She was exceptionally proud to be the matriarch of the beautiful family she created. It was in her family that she found her deepest joys in life. She will be forever missed by the many lives she touched. "Sweet Angels, Mimi."

Jan was preceded in death by her husband(s) Raymond Kmetz; George Morlock; her parents Walter & Esther Coddington and her sister Judy McDonald.

Jan leaves behind her three children; Judith Paschal (Don); Jeffrey Kmetz (Karie) and Joel Kmetz (Donna). Six grandchildren; Tamara West (David), Rebecca Wilcox (Brandee), Whitney Kessler (Andrew), Ryan Kmetz (Lauren), Tyler Kmetz (Alison) and Carleigh Kmetz. Five great-grandchildren Brandon Wilcox, Brianna Wilcox, Trey West, Kendall West & Charlie Kmetz.

A Celebration of Life in her honor will be held for family only (in person), due to Covid-19 restrictions, on April 10, 2021 at 11am. Any friends wishing to join this celebration are encouraged to attend via Zoom. Please visit the website of Salem Lutheran Church at <https://salemlc.net/> for the Zoom link information.

The family of Janet Coddington Kmetz-Morlock invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her loving memory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jan was a wonderful friend at John Young Elementary as well as Hunter’s Creek Middle. I’m thankful to have known her.* ”

philip mckinney - May 26, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Miss Jan ”



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - April 11, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ 1 file added to the album "Mim"ories ”



The Leon Family - April 10, 2021 at 06:46 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Miss Jan ”



The Leon Family - April 10, 2021 at 06:37 AM

“*Jan has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. We have shared 35 years as friends: she was always there for me and I for her. Jan gave love to all, especially her family, friends, and the children she worked with and taught. Her smile was contagious and when she laughed you could not help but laugh too.*

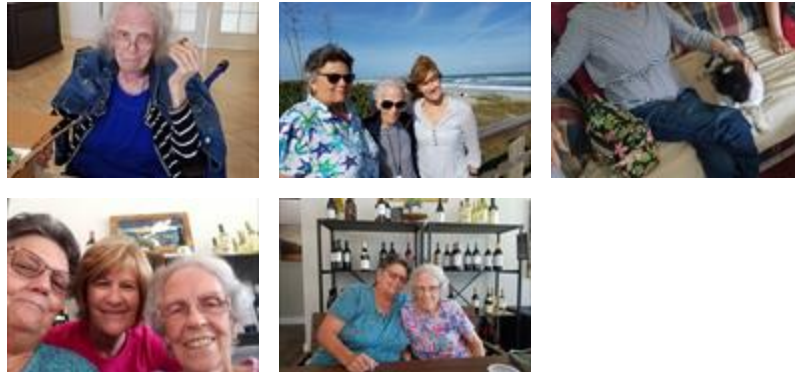
We always kept in touch with each other at least weekly, even when I lived far away. When I lived in North Georgia and was about to retire, she surprised me by coming up for my retirement party and staying for a few days so we could catch up. When Connie and I came back south for visits we always stayed with Jan and enjoyed her cooking and baking while we spent time together, went on adventures, helped with her Christmas tree and shopping, and so much more.

Jan could talk for days about her family. They were her world. She constantly recounted stories about their times together. Jan was elated in Christmas time and doing things for her family. Being a superb stitcher, Jan made all her kids and grandkids their own special Christmas stocking: one that matched them to a T. She often shared how she baked Jeff his special shortbread cookies and sent them to him hoping he would get them before Tyler and Carleigh found them. She loved to bake everyone their favorite cookies to take home at Christmas. That is a special mom! She often shared how she and Ryan had “special dates” as he was growing up. She was looking forward to meeting his son, her great grandson, Charlie. She enjoyed watching “sweet cheeks,” as she called Carleigh, swim and do so well. Jan recounted how special it was when Tyler would call her and let her know how life was going for him. Jan held on to all those special moments. In the last few months, she was working hard to get stronger so she could go to Tyler’s wedding. Jan’s kids always came first and foremost; she would not go against them when they thought it wasn’t best for her to live alone anymore. She moved to Inspired Living and did her best to be happy there.

It was always special for Jan and us when we came to visit her at Inspired Living and took her on day trips. She loved to eat pancakes or spaghetti and meatballs, go to Mt Dora, visit us at our house, and spend time at the beach. We enjoyed shopping for her granddaughter Whitney's wedding, and she was excited when asked to be the flower girl. This last year was so difficult for her and for us because we were unable to take these outings. But we always did our best to visit her often and made darn sure to bring her plain cake donuts (either Entenmanns or Dunkin Donuts), her favorite Chocolate Chip Cookies, and often spaghetti and meatballs.

Sometimes life brings someone to you who makes your life more meaningful and special, someone who makes you a better person. Jan did that for me.

Love you Jan, sweet angels, always in my heart.



Myra Gaban - April 09, 2021 at 11:06 PM

CH

“ I feel so blessed to have had Jan as a friend these last 24+ years. Myra and I spent a lot of time with her whenever humanly possible. When we moved to North GA we came down frequently and spent lots of time with Jan. We'd go clothes shopping, to garden shops, to Mt Dora (one of her favorite places) including the art festivals, we'd go out to eat or drive around to look at Christmas lights, or just go exploring. Sometimes we just hung out at Jan's talking, laughing, and crying together. One of my fondest memories is from 10 years ago when Jan made the effort to come to North Georgia for Myra's retirement. Jan and I cooked up a plan to make it a surprise. And boy was it ever. Myra was surprised and thrilled to tears, and so was Jan. I learned a lot from Jan about what unconditional love really looks like. While Myra and I are mourning losing her, and will always miss her terribly, and miss sharing life with her, we know she is at peace now and free of all the stress and sorrows of the last few years. She's one of our Angel's now, looking over us. Sweet Angels, Jan, Sweet Angels!



Connie Hogle - April 09, 2021 at 09:46 PM

CL

“ *Cathy Pavan and Dava Tony Amber and Kelly Leon purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Janet Coddington Kmetz-Morlock.*



Cathy Pavan and Dava Tony Amber and Kelly Leon - April 09, 2021 at 04:19 PM

DD

“ *Denker family - Gail, Kim, Chip, Robert, Dana purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janet Coddington Kmetz-Morlock.*



Denker family - Gail, Kim, Chip, Robert, Dana - April 08, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Janet Coddington Kmetz-Morlock.*



April 05, 2021 at 03:33 PM

JL

“ I cannot picture my childhood without the memories of all our adventures on Honeyman Drive and Beechwood Heights with the Kmetz family. “Aunt Jan” surely added to the life in many of those memories. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family during these difficult days of her loss. May your fond memories help keep her alive in your hearts forever!



Jeanne Proia Law

Jeanne Proia Law - March 27, 2021 at 09:59 PM

PV

“ To Jan’s beautiful family,
May you hold her memory forever in your hearts and know that she will be with us always. For those we really love, never really leave us when we tuck them away in a special place in our hearts. She will be with us forever, and her legacy lives on through each of you. Thank you for sharing her with me for over 60 years. I was blessed to have known her.

*Love always,
Phyllis VanFleet*

Phyllis VanFleet - March 20, 2021 at 04:05 PM

JO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Joel.Kmetz - March 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM

GD

“ Jan was the nicest, sweetest friend of 45 years that one could ever wish or ask for! We shared our thoughts, love, children, family and my kids all knew her well as "Aunt Jan". She made every wedding (including mine and Dick's 40 years ago), and birth of my kids with Dick and all of my grandchildren. She even taught several to swim. She was very close to my first two children (Kim and Chip) and helped Kim dress for her wedding. We could not get her veil to stay on, and Aunt Jan found a way to jam bobby pins in and make it stay on, and although Kim was late for her wedding, Aunt Jan made sure she was happy and beautiful).

For years and years several of us would go to "Clydes" on the weekends to her the "Good Friends Band". We got to see her so happy and having so much fun! We were a cherished group, until we all moved to new places, and states, as the years went on.

Jan was the world to me and my family! Her friendship went further than I could ever hope for. I miss her terribly and will always miss her, and will always remember her as the earth "Angel" she was! She was ALWAYS my angel. She helped get me through cancer and I will forever be grateful.

I remember well, her kids weddings and birth of grandchildren (she was a very proud Grandma (Mimi), her wedding to George and all the love they shared! She always told of all her fond memories of Ray, and their children growing up! I was so pleased and privileged to meet her children and most of the grandkids.

I loved her so much, and always will. Miss you dearest Jan!

Sweet Angels, my dearest friend!

Love, Gail

Gail Denker - March 15, 2021 at 01:34 PM

GD

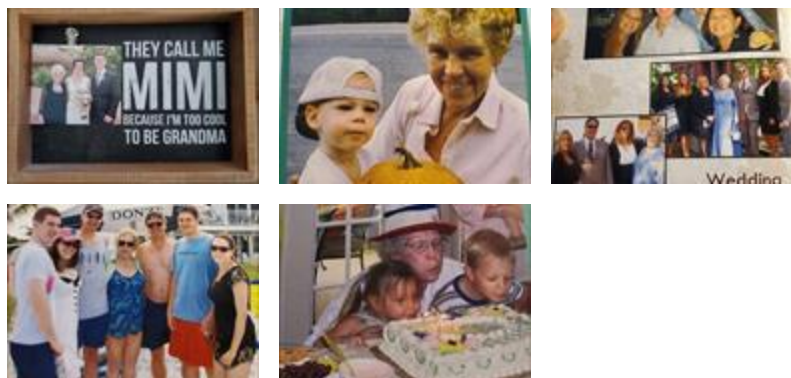
“ Gail Denker lit a candle in memory of Janet Coddington Kmetz-Morlock



Gail Denker - March 15, 2021 at 01:08 PM

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Joel.Kmetz - March 13, 2021 at 01:26 PM

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“ Judi and I shared crafting days with our Moms! We had so much fun even though we didn't make much money!

Dede Dincan - March 12, 2021 at 06:37 PM

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Rebecca Wilcox - March 12, 2021 at 03:52 PM