



## Janet Margaret Tiernan

August 20, 1922 - January 12, 2016

Janet Margaret Tiernan, 93 of Longwood, Florida passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Mrs. Tiernan was born August 20, 1922 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Paul and Mamie Haekler Imse. She was united in marriage to Harry James Tiernan on July 14, 1951 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He preceded her in death March 23, 1999. They were married for 47 happy years.

Janet received her degree in journalism from Marquette University. She worked as an associate for the Milwaukee Catholic Herald Citizen prior to her marriage. After her marriage, she held many roles, including military wife, mother, journalist and teacher. During the course of her husband's military career, the family moved eighteen times and Janet made each and every house a home. In the 1970's, she returned to school to learn computer programming and went on to design and implement the first automated circulation system for Virginia's Chesterfield County Public Library System.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: Susan (Richard) Wilson, Winter Springs, FL, Kathleen Willis, Arlington, VA, Paul Tiernan, Midlothian, VA; Patricia (Steven) Waugh, Lorton, VA; 6 loving grandchildren: Katie Wilson, Emma Tiernan, and Robbert, Michael, Virginia, and William Waugh; sister-in-laws: Fern-Aileen Imse, MaryEllen Drake, Patricia Ann Tiernan, and Eldine Imse Mast; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister Marion Ossmann, brothers Philip and Thomas Imse, and son-in-law Henry Samuel Willis.

Graveside services at Arlington National Cemetery will be held at a later date. Date and time will be announced on this website when available.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that you make donations to The Nature Conservancy, [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). If you do send flowers, please be sure to exclude any Lavender or Eucalyptus in the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Sanford Chapel  
905 Laurel Ave  
Sanford, FL 32771  
(407) 695-2273  
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## Rosary

JAN 17. 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside

MAR 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ Sue, Kathy, Tricia and Paul,  
I don't know if you will read this because your mom has now been gone for more than 4 years now. But I was just thinking of her and googled her name and images. When I saw that smile I recognized her immediately. It has been years since we exchanged Christmas greetings with her and probably more than 50 years since we visited in person. Yet I still think of Janet often. Your mother was one lovely lady. In 1967 my husband Ralph was a new young lieutenant stationed at Ent Air Force Base in Colorado Springs working under your dad, Lt. Col. H. J. Tiernan. It was Ralph's first active duty assignment right out of college and we were newly weds a long way from family in Pennsylvania. Your parents opened up your home to us like family. We were welcome to drop in for a visit and often stayed to share a meal and just to enjoy some family time with you children too. I can recall vividly some of those times and the things I learned from Janet. When we moved into our first house in 1972 they passed on their dining room furniture to us. Your parents will always be remembered by Ralph and I for their generosity, thoughtfulness and for the life lessons we learned from watching them. To us exemplified what it meant to "love one another" in their roles as married partners, parents, and mentors. We were blessed to know them both. Rosemarie Gutowski

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**Rosemarie Gutowski** - July 13, 2020 at 05:31 PM

PS

“ Dear Sue, Kathie, Paul and Tricia,  
What a wonderful lady..and beautiful Mom...We are remembering her with smiles and lots of love...Remembering so many of the stories that you all shared about your family and its adventures. Our prayers are with you during this special time that Jan became your Special Guardian Angel...She is happy and enjoying being in her new life with God and your Dad...May she rest in peace...All our Love and Big Hugs...Patty and Gary Smith

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**Patty & Gary Smith** - January 18, 2016 at 03:36 PM



“ To Sue, Kathie, Paul and Tricia, Just heard today from Ann that Janet had passed away. I have wondered about her often, not knowing just where she was spending her last years, months etc. Since we are the same age, she was like a sister to me for many years but the years changed all that. You and your children will miss her but I am sure you took care of her when she could no longer care for herself. Our generation is disappearing and I wish we were leaving you a better world. Clyde and I are still in Gainesville taking each day as it comes. If you are ever near, stop by. I will be with you in thought tomorrow. El Imse Mast

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**Eldine Mast** - January 17, 2016 at 06:08 PM

SS

“ Our special thoughts & prayers to all the Tiernan family - Have special memories of your mom & PTA years ago & of your dad - Still have Christmas ornaments from your parents of elephant & donkey for our tree & think of them every year they come out - Special memories to be always cherished & parties at your house - Love, Sandy & Tom Storey

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**Sandy Storey** - January 17, 2016 at 04:54 PM

AM

“ Dear Ms. Sue, Ms.Kathleen, Mr. Paul, Ms. Patricia, and other family members. My years knowing Ms. Jan at Village On the Green were very special to me. Just to see her smiling face each day were a joy to me. Her smile made me smile each and everyday. It was also a joy to see Ms. Josie work with her because her face would just shine with that beautiful smile once she saw her. My deepest heart felt love, and condolences to each one of you.  
Love,  
Alice M. Manley- Posley & Family



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**Alice Manley-Posley** - January 17, 2016 at 03:14 PM

VJ

“ Paul...  
I am sorry to hear of your loss. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
  
Vince Johnson

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**Vincent Johnson** - January 16, 2016 at 01:12 PM

DM

“ Don Wilson, Sandy, Brian, Laurie, and Melissa purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Janet Margaret Tiernan.



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**Don Wilson, Sandy, Brian, Laurie, and Melissa** - January 15, 2016 at 08:49 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Janet Margaret Tiernan.*



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January 15, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ *Daniel and Linda Steiger purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Janet Margaret Tiernan.*



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**Daniel and Linda Steiger** - January 15, 2016 at 01:21 PM



“ *Sue, Rich, and Katie,*

*I'm so sorry for your loss! I enjoyed meeting and talking to Janet the time I dropped in unexpectedly on Christmas. The companionship and conversation was delightful! She leaves a marvelous legacy in your family!*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Marty*

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**Marty Pickard** - January 15, 2016 at 08:40 AM

LP

*Paul,*

*We are so sorry for your loss - we are thinking about you.*

*Brad & Laurie Pearson*

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**Laurie Pearson** - January 15, 2016 at 07:18 PM

MJ

*Sue, Kathy, Tricia, and Paul*

*My deepest sympathy to you in the passing of your mother.*

*I know she has left you with so many wonderful memories.*

*I was so fortunate to have been able to spend time with her and get to know all of you.*

*I remember her sweet smile and her fun loving spirit*

*She always spoke often of each of you and always looked forward to your special time together at the Outer Banks.*

*She loved her family and leaves a beautiful legacy.*

*She will always have a special place in my heart*

*Love,*

*Maxine*

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**Maxine Jones** - January 16, 2016 at 10:28 PM

BS

*My condolences to the entire Tiernan family~ Special memories of your Mom as we were in PTA together and I remember a few field trips, too. Always impressed with her cheerful nature! And still adorning my Christmas tree is an ornament your parents gave me many years ago. The memories linger! My thoughts are with you!*  
*Beverly Surratt*

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**beverly surratt** - January 17, 2016 at 08:09 AM

AI

*Sue, Kathy, Tricia and Paul: I'm so sorry about your mom. She was an excellent aunt, always interesting and welcoming when I saw her. I'm glad you had a lot of good years with her. I hope your memorial services are a comfort as you hear lots of her friends tell you their great memories. If you are ever in Denver, give me a call. It's been great to catch up as adults with other of my Imse cousins.*

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**Ann Imse** - January 17, 2016 at 08:53 PM