



Janet Karen Burks

February 24, 1952 - April 16, 2025

Janet Karen (West) Burks, 73, of Louisville, Ky. passed away Wednesday April 16th.

Born on February 24, 1952, in Lexington, Ky., to James Vernon and Francis Nelle West. Jan grew up in Louisville and graduated from Butler High School in 1970 and was in the choir. She loved music. She went on to start Jefferson community college in 1971. There she met her husband Sherman D Burks, and they were married on February 16, 1972, in Louisville, Kentucky. Jan was Christian by faith and was a member of Shively Baptist Church.

She worked for Liberty Mutual for a short time in the early 70s and served as PTA president at Eisenhower Elementary in the late 80s. She was so selfless and loving, and it showed in her actions and words every day. Jan and Sherman celebrated 53 years of marriage in February of this year. She was so loved and will be missed.

Preceded in death by her parents and son Gary Burks.

Survived by her husband Sherman Burks, two sons Jimmy, and Shawn, and adopted and unadopted children as well, including Tabby Leffler and Mary Vanhorn, Jason Epperson, and Jenny King.

Funeral services will be Thursday April 24, 2025, at 11:00am Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway with burial to follow Bethany Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 10:00am-8:00pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Bethany Memorial Cemetery

10917 Dixie Hwy
Louisville, KY 40272

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Janet Karen Burks.* ”



April 22, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Janet Karen Burks.* ”



April 20, 2025 at 04:51 PM