



Janice M. Balz

October 14, 1937 - January 6, 2026

Janice M. Balz, 88, passed peacefully on January 6, 2026.

She was born October 14, 1937, in Louisville to the late Ardoth Allen and Denver (Bell) Allen. She was a member of Ralph Avenue Baptist Church.

The epitome of a doting wife and mother, Janice dedicated her life to creating a loving home for her husband of 68 years, Kenneth R. Balz, and her three sons. She and Ken set an extraordinary example for married couples everywhere. Janice was the heart of her family and loved gathering everyone in her home for holidays. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, attending their school activities and sporting events whenever she could. She loved them at every age but sparkled with joy most when holding each of them as babies.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her sons, Michael (Denise), Steven (Brenda) and Kevin (Amy) Balz; grandchildren, Mike (Nicki), Josh, Nic, Joe and Jacob Balz, Krissy Daniel (Brian), Jazmine Keith (Ish) and Jordan Stayton (Chance); and great-grandchildren Wyatt and Cooper Balz, Radley and Kensley Daniel and Eli and Caliee Keith.

The family would like to extend special thanks to her caregivers: Michelle Bright, Tammi Overall, Kenzi Peyton and Lori Topping.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 12, 2026, at nine a.m. at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, with burial to follow in Louisville Memorial Gardens West. Visitation will be Sunday from 4–8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Cara and Dale Priddy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Janice M. Balz.*



Cara and Dale Priddy - January 10 at 06:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janice M. Balz.*



January 10 at 04:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice M. Balz.*



January 09 at 09:58 PM

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“ *The Skiles Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janice M. Balz.*



The Skiles Family - January 09 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Janice M. Balz.



January 09 at 09:37 AM