



Janet Lou Cabel

December 31, 1933 - March 7, 2023

Janet Lou (Johnson) Cabel, age 89, passed away peacefully on Tuesday March 7, 2023. She was born January 31, 1933 in Vincennes, Indiana to Dr. John Lawrence Johnson and Lillian Wilhelmina Duesenberg.

Janet graduated from Vincennes Lincoln High School and Indiana University with both a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Fine Arts. After graduating from IU, she began a 48 year teaching career starting in Bicknell schools, then L&M in Lyons, and then to White River Valley in Switz City until her retirement. Art was her passion and she experimented in several mediums including oils, watercolors, pottery, weaving, metal smithing, hooking, and sewing. Having all these mediums to draw from made her Art classes extremely popular with her students .

On December 30, 1955 she married Joseph Marion Cabel. Together they had four children, Joe (Jean,) Claire (Charlie), Dan (Adrienne) and Jon (Holly). They had seven grandchildren: Lillian, Joe, Kate, Emma, Austin, Benjamin, and Charlie Joe, and two great- grand children, Augustus and Leopold. Jan loved crafting with her grandchildren as they all got to spend extended time with her doing projects. (Ben is currently studying in Art in college).

During the summers, Jan was a swimming coach with her husband for the Linton Swim Club. While she seemed to like the teaching, organizing, and bus

trips, she spent many events with her fingers in her ears as the excitement was a little too much! She loved to garden during the summers raising heirloom vegetables and flowers which she had an incredible talent for arranging.

During the school year, Jan was the sponsor for the Pep Club. Over 100 students were in the club so, of course, she made reversible vests in two colors for everyone to wear...one side gold and the other black so they could spell L&M in the stands. She also made the team mascot (an Indian brave) a giant head to wear out of paper mache.

Along with her husband, they were the class sponsors for the Junior and Senior classes. That meant Jan's art skills, as well as the students, were pushed to the max designing the decorations for prom, homecoming, and graduation. She also was the yearbook sponsor which combined her skill at graphic art (her least favorite) and her angst with deadlines. Deadlines just don't suit an artist!

Jan expanded her repertoire in the 90's was to felting and creating Santas. Many in Greene County cherish the personalized Santas she made and the dolls she hand felted. Hooking and traveling to shows and sharing time with other hookers was her passion in retirement. She created elaborate hangings and rugs that her children, in particular, cherish. In retirement, Jan enjoyed her membership in the Daviess County Wool Guild and the Progressive Women's Club in Newberry.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Lyons in April. A time, date and venue will be announced soon. If you can, stop by and share a story, although I'm sure, there are too many to tell in one night...

Tribute Wall

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“ I taught with Jan and Joe for many years at WRV, and I consider them the epitome of educators. During my prep period, I spent hours chatting with Joe and watching Jan working with her art students. I miss them both, and future generations of students will be poorer for not having been touched by their wisdom. May they both rest in well deserved peace.

Don Terrell - March 13, 2023 at 05:17 PM



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What an amazingly talented lady your mom was, Dan. Wish she could have been my next-door neighbor—I would have learned a lot! You are blessed with a wonderful family. Your mom lived a beautiful life of 89 yrs inspiring so many lives along the way. May your memories comfort you & your family. My deepest sympathy. Kathy & all the Smiths

Kathleen Smith - March 13, 2023 at 06:38 PM

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Mrs. Cabel was instrumental in making art my daughter's life's work. She was her favorite teacher and encouraged her to pursue her talent. She now lives in Texas, so I sent her a copy of the obit. She told me she immediately started crying. She changed countless young lives, her family should be so proud of her legacy.

Cindy E Douthitt - March 14, 2023 at 02:02 PM