



Mary Janice Bian

December 13, 2024

Mary Janice Bian, lovingly known as Janice, passed away on December 13, 2024, in Moorestown, New Jersey, at the age of 65 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She was born on March 20, 1959, in Athens, Georgia, and grew up in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. Throughout her life, she called many places home, including Northern Virginia, before returning to New Jersey.

Janice was a dedicated substance abuse counselor and a passionate advocate for individuals in recovery. Her work touched countless lives and reflected her deep compassion and commitment to helping others.

Janice had a vibrant personality and a zest for life. She loved music and dancing and was known for her impeccable sense of style as a true fashionista. She had a generous spirit, often expressing her love through thoughtful gifts to family and friends. As a young girl, Janice excelled in gymnastics, earning medals in the Junior Olympics. She was also recognized with the Good Citizenship Award and participated in California's Gifted Academics Program.

An animal lover at heart, Janice shared a special bond with her beloved Havanese dog, Petey, who remained by her side throughout her illness. Her faith was an integral part of her life; she prayed daily and held a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary and St. Anthony.

Janice is survived by her father, John W. Bian (Geraldine Bian); her siblings, Kristen McCourt (Glenn C. McCourt), Mary Katherine DiGilio (Michael DiGilio),

and David Bian (Melissa Bian); as well as her cherished nieces and nephews: Matthew and Michael McCourt; Marin and Mya DiGilio; and Sarah, Eliza, Margaret, and William Bian.

In accordance with Janice's wishes, a private family celebration will be held to honor her life. May her memory bring comfort to all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Friends of Burlington Co.

Animal Shelter

<https://friendsofbcas.org/support/donate/>

Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

NM

“ That old picture(I have the camera and Janice in the blue) holds memories of our vacations to see our cousins. Janice and I the same age were off and running. Climbing the rocks behind us in Connecticut. We experimented with SuddenTan sitting on a street corner in Elmhurst and practiced driving up and down our short driveway in Ks on their way moving to NJ. We loved when we got to see each other.

We reconnected in sobriety and we knew we'd always be there . I can hear her laugh and at night I see her ✨ star

Nancy Mclennand - January 04, 2025 at 10:16 AM

NM

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Nancy Mclennand - January 03, 2025 at 09:38 PM

MB

“*Mary’s vibrant spirit, her infectious laughter, and the deep passion reflected in her eyes will forever remain etched in my memory. Although our time together may feel both brief and endless, the profound love and connection we shared are everlasting.*

Mary’s kindness and grace had a significant impact on numerous lives, leaving a lasting legacy of love and cherished experiences. I am deeply grateful for the moments we shared and for the honor of being a part of her extraordinary life.

In her memory, I encourage everyone to embrace their loved ones tightly and express their appreciation for how much they mean to you. Life is both precious and fleeting; let us cherish every moment spent with those we hold dear.

As Mary often reminded me of Saint Francis of Assisi’s words, “What is looking is what you are looking for.” May her insights motivate us to seek beauty and significance in every connection we form. Mary will be profoundly missed, but her love will continue to guide and comfort me, as well as all who had the privilege of knowing her.



Michael Brennan - December 18, 2024 at 10:34 AM

CS

“ I reconnected with Janice several years ago. We met in high school, my name Benninghaus she was Bian, we sat together in homeroom for 3 years and became friends. We use to often laughed over the fact that we knew each for almost 50 years. Over the past couple of years we would have had dinner together every Tuesday night. I will miss this the most. Janice you put a such a good fight but now it is time to rest. I will see you in future. All my love Carol

Carol Stone-Benninghaus - December 17, 2024 at 05:57 PM

CS

“ Janice and I reconnected and became very close. We met in high school, I was Benninghaus and she was Bian and we sat in home room for 3 years. We always laughed that we knew each other for almost 50 years, who has a friend so long. The past couple years we spent every Tuesday having dinner together I will miss this time the most. I will carry her laughter and contagious smile with me for every. Janice you gave it a really good fight now rest and I will see you in the future. Your loving friend Carol

Carol Stone-Benninghaus - December 17, 2024 at 03:51 PM

LI

“ Janice was a magical friend of mine.. We met about 40 years ago in the addiction field and worked together so well, we decided to have fun as friends together, and we did!! I feel blessed to have been in contact with Janice lately, chatting, texting and yes, the gifts .. She fought one tough as nails, battle.. I will miss her terribly, but find comfort that she is in the company of many wonderful family and friends now, those that left before she did.. I love you jersey girl <3

Linda - December 17, 2024 at 03:10 PM

MP

“ Michele Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mary Bian



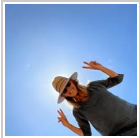
Michele Patterson - December 17, 2024 at 02:40 PM

LI

“ Lindy lit a candle in memory of Mary Bian



Lindy - December 17, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ Janice was an amazingly kind, creative and loving person. She & I were best friends in 5th & 6th grades. We shared a love of horses and gymnastics and dreamed of having a horse farm someday, somewhere together.

Janice absolutely adored her family and was popular at school with the boys and the teachers! I wish we had stayed in touch more closely when we grew up, but I was a California/Montana girl and she was an east coast women. Sending love to all who loved her, I know she will be missed! xoxo

Lori Lawson - December 17, 2024 at 01:58 PM

MD

“ Michele dangelo lit a candle in memory of Mary Bian



Michele dangelo - December 17, 2024 at 11:21 AM

CM

“ Janice was a godsend for me as a divorced Mom in need of backup/emergency childcare when my kids were younger. She stepped in when needed and was a ray of sunshine. She was patient, kind and loving. My kids adored her and we were blessed to have her enter our lives. She was a beautiful person.

Christina LaMonica MD - December 17, 2024 at 08:33 AM

TI

“ I met Janice in the hospital. It was the fall. She proudly showed me her Freudian slip Halloween costume. She asked me for my phone number and reached out to me. She told me wanted to be friends. She showed me friendship. She invited me to meetings. To this day, I still don't know what meetings we went to. But they were good. And she was a good friend to reach out and invite me. I tried to visit her in the hospital when she told me that's why she hasn't been around, but each time then they told me I had missed her. She had been discharged. It was confusing because I didn't find out until later her first name is Mary Janice. She told me about her new apt and roommate. She told me she was fighting cancer. I miss you friend. Rest in heavenly peace.

Tina - December 17, 2024 at 12:25 AM

CA

“ I am so truly sorry to know that Janice has passed away . My sincere condolences to the family . I worked with Janice for a number of years in the field of addiction services. I adored Janice , her sense of humor, her style , her devotion to helping others , her vulnerabilities that made her even more charming and available as a human. Our love and admiration for each never declined even though years past and we did not work together . Janice was all about love and service . May her memory continue to be a blessing .

carol - December 16, 2024 at 11:40 PM

KF

“ She was such a beautiful and loving woman that really did have a zest for life. She loved her family so much and she was my best friend for many years. Her memory will stay with me forever



Kim Felice - December 16, 2024 at 11:30 PM