



Janice A. Pechtold

June 20, 1958 - June 14, 2022

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Born: June 20, 1958 / With God: June 14, 2022

Janice Antoinette Pechtold (nee Salvador) passed away on Tuesday, June 14, after a courageous 40+ year battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

She is the eternally beloved wife of Brian Pechtold, who dedicated his life to caring for Janice with endless love and devotion. Cherished sister of Michael (Shari) Salvador and Gary (Regina) Salvador; dearest sister-in-law of Debbie and Bill Cantrall. She is deeply loved by so many including her niece and nephews, large extended family, numerous friends, and devoted Caregiver, Linda Podgorski.

Janice is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Domenica Salvador; Brian's parents, Robert and Marilyn Pechtold; and her beloved basset babies too numerous to list here.

Everyone who knew Janice could not help but love her. She was sweet and beautiful. Her smile was infectious. If you told her even the most ridiculous joke she would laugh until she cried. She loved to sing and had the voice of an angel. But the two things Jan loved most both started with the letter 'B' – Brian Pechtold and Basset Hounds.

Jan and Brian were childhood sweethearts. They married on October 13, 1979, and their love for each other was steadfast and strong. So much love in fact, that Brian retired early to care for Janice when her MS worsened and began to affect her mobility. Janice battled this horrible disease with the utmost grace and rarely complained. Brian took care of her every need with love. And they were both extremely grateful to have Linda Podgorski as part of their caregiving team since 2013.

Janice's second love was her furry basset babies. Together she and Brian made their dreams come true in 1985 by opening their own kennel: BlueBelle Bassets. This kennel was not a source of income for Jan & Brian -- it was truly a labor of love. These bassets were their babies and were only adopted out to genuine, basset-loving homes.

We plan to celebrate Janice's life on Saturday, July 16 at the Hampshire Township Building (170 Mill Avenue, Hampshire). 11 am Visitation; 12 pm Memorial Service. Lunch will follow. Please come to share memories, laugh at the good times, and remember the full life she lived.

If you wish to honor Janice's amazing life, we hope you will consider donating to two organizations near and dear to Jan & Brian:

Basset Hound Club of America (BHCA) Foundation

<https://basset-bhca.org/bhca-foundation/>

44W985 State Rt. 72

Hampshire, IL 60140-8271

National Multiple Sclerosis Society | Greater Illinois

<https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate>

525 West Monroe Street, Suite 1510

Chicago, IL 60661

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hampshire Township Building
170 Mill Street
Hampshire, IL 60140

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *My sweet Janice!❤️ I was so saddened to hear of the news of your passing. You have been the most amazing client and friend . I have enjoyed our years together so very much! You were always a bright light . You always remained so positive no matter what was happening. You were so full of life and spunk and had the most amazing spirit! I had so many amazing conversations with you and always looked forward to our next visit! I will miss you so much Janice. My love always ❤️ Kristin*

Kristin Doane - July 13, 2022 at 12:07 AM

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“ *Although I never got the chance to meet Janice, I know how much the family loved her.
Regina shared with me their love of her, so I can only imagine how much the family and friends will miss her.
She will live on in your memories and love, so Mom and I are joining you in your celebration of her life from Zaragoza.
Our love and thoughts,
Fernanda & Susana*

Susana Miguel - June 23, 2022 at 10:23 AM

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“ I have known Brian and Janice since the 1980's through Fort Dearborn Basset Hound Club and all the dog shows we used to do, especially the IKC at McCormack Place!! We would laugh, shop and enjoy our dogs together! Janice always found treasures at the vendor booths, especially jewelry! She found the cutest earrings! Janice was full of bubbling spirit and always happy! We shared a special date in common, her wedding date and my birthday- October 13!

I am praying for Janice and know that she is just fine in heaven with all her past 4 legged loves who have gone before her! I'm sure heaven rang out with lots of basset howls when her babies saw her enter God's house!! Prayers for Brian! May God uplift you in His arms giving you peace and refuge as you grieve your Janice!! May God be with you, bless you and keep you, dear Brian!💕

Pamela Bruso - June 17, 2022 at 10:47 PM