



Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey

February 18, 1951 - August 11, 2025

It is with deep love and sadness that we announce the passing of Janet Kay Dorsey, 74, of Henderson, who went home to be with her Lord and Savior on August 11, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Born to Ken and Lorna Smith, Jan grew up with a heart for learning, teaching, and loving others. She shared 55 beautiful years of marriage with her husband, Terry Dorsey, building a life together filled with faith, laughter, and devotion. Jan was the proud mother of two sons, Chris and Jay, and a daughter, Shannon, each of whom carry forward her compassion, warmth, and quiet strength.

She dedicated her life to the education of children and taught First Grade in Henderson I.S.D. at Central Elementary and finished her career at Wylie Elementary. Her role as a teacher shaped countless lives, and her legacy continues in the many students she inspired over the years.

She found joy in life's simple and meaningful moments—quilting, crocheting, sewing, and, most of all, spending time with her beloved family. She also loved antiques and collecting Precious Moments figurines. Jan's deep love for Jesus guided her every step, and she lived her life as a testament to grace, kindness, and unwavering faith. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church where she was active in the Acteens programs with Gloria Mills.

Mrs. Dorsey passed away peacefully, held in the love of her family. Though she will be deeply missed, her light will forever shine in the hearts of all who knew her.

Mrs. Dorsey was preceded in death by her father Kenneth Smith, and granddaughter Kaitlyn Luethold.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Terry Dorsey of Henderson; mother, Lorna Smith of McKinney; children Christopher Grady Dorsey of Henderson, Terry Jay Dorsey and wife Chrysty of Meeker, Oklahoma, and Shannon Michelle Luethold and husband Luke of Chandler; grandchildren Cori Higgins and husband Joe, Tucker Dorsey and wife Cara, Rafe Dorsey, and Ryan Dorsey; sisters Charlene Taylor and husband Herschel of McKinney, Beth Dotson and husband Mac of Silverdale, Washington, and Susan Lebanowski of Jacksonville, Florida; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. The Dorsey family would also like to express their sincere gratitude to Hospice of East Texas and to caregiver Ameshia Carey for their wonderful care for Jan.

A celebration of Jan's life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Dr. David Higgs officiating. Interment will follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until service time on Saturday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Tucker Dorsey, Joe Higgins, Luke Luethold, Rafe Dorsey, Chance Dorsey, and Marlin Dorsey. Honorary pallbearers will be Ryan Dorsey, Keith Dorsey, Dodd Dorsey, Daron Dorsey, Donny Griffith, David Havrda, Herschel Taylor, Blair Taylor, Robert Dotson, James Dotson, and Michael Lebanowski.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the charity or church of your choice, reflecting Janet's lifelong commitment to service and love.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

AUG 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Michael And Aleeda Barton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey*



Michael and Aleeda Barton - August 18, 2025 at 11:38 AM

TB

“ *Teresa Brady lit a candle in memory of Janet Kay Dorsey*



Teresa Brady - August 16, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JC

“ *Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey*



Jan crow - August 15, 2025 at 10:54 PM

DE

“ *Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey*



Dianne Everitt - August 15, 2025 at 09:39 PM

PS

“ Pam Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Pam Smith - August 15, 2025 at 09:12 PM

LC

“ Liz Crye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Liz Crye - August 15, 2025 at 01:25 PM

DS

“ Terry & family, my sympathies in your great loss. Prayers for all the family. Debbie Stuart

Debbue Stuart - August 15, 2025 at 11:40 AM

GK

“ Gene And Debbie Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Gene and Debbie Kelsey - August 15, 2025 at 07:02 AM

DK

“ *David & Dianna Kelley*



David & Dianna Kelley - August 15, 2025 at 04:27 AM

DS

“ *May the Lord grant abundant peace and comfort to each and every family member.*



Doyle and Margaret Sumrall - August 14, 2025 at 04:50 PM

KJ

“ *Krissy Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey*



Krissy Jones - August 14, 2025 at 02:39 PM

WR

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Jan. Our prayers our with you, Terry, and your family.*

Wayne & Sandy Rushton - August 14, 2025 at 01:11 PM

HO

“ Jay, Chris, & Shannon I am so sorry for your mother's loss. You are all in my heart and prayers. I won't be able to attend services but your mother was always a sweet presence even though she was never my actual school teacher which says a lot. I know you will forever hold her in your hearts as she is now in Jesus' hands. God bless you always. Beka Cooke



Hope - August 14, 2025 at 11:41 AM

MC

“ Milton & Angie Christian lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Milton & Angie Christian - August 14, 2025 at 10:02 AM

KH

“ Mollie & Ken Hale



Ken Hale - August 14, 2025 at 09:54 AM

BM

“ Love and prayers for this sweet family. No matter the circumstances, it still hurts. I'm praying for that sweet peace that only God can give.

Betty Mullens - August 14, 2025 at 09:41 AM

NS

“ We are sorry to learn of Jan's passing. She was always a loving, caring person. Norman and Diane

Norman and Diane Simmons - August 14, 2025 at 09:36 AM

CF

“ Cliff And Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Cliff and Krista Furtick - August 14, 2025 at 08:48 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Pud Patterson - August 14, 2025 at 08:38 AM

RJ

“ Rena Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Rena Jordan - August 14, 2025 at 07:54 AM

SS

“ Susan Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Susan Stevens - August 13, 2025 at 11:35 PM

MB

“ Michael Chad Boatwright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Michael Chad Boatwright - August 13, 2025 at 10:05 PM

DC

“ Our Deepest Sympathies,
David & Kathy Chapman



David & Kathy Chapman - August 13, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ Condolences to her family. She was a great leader in Acteens when I was young, and shared the word of God throughout the world.



Angela Arnold - August 13, 2025 at 08:58 PM

BM

“ Terry and family so sorry to here this. Always thought a lot of Jan. Seems like I just saw her not long ago. Prayers for comfort and peace. Love ya'll Becky Miley

Becky Miley - August 13, 2025 at 08:27 PM

HM

“ Hal And Rosa Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Hal and Rosa Martin - August 13, 2025 at 08:04 PM

TC

“ Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - August 13, 2025 at 08:01 PM

BB

“ So sad to hear Aunt Jan passed. I still have the afghan she made me when I got married. It's a treasured piece I keep on display in my mom. Sending all my love to Uncle Terry, Chris, Jay, and Shannon.

Brittany Brewer - August 13, 2025 at 07:10 PM

DG

“ Darren Grammer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



darren grammer - August 13, 2025 at 06:57 PM

CD

“ I'm gonna miss you mama. Until I see you again. I love you!



chris dorsey - August 13, 2025 at 06:42 PM

GK

“ Gene And Debbie Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey



Gene and Debbie Kelsey - August 13, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with as all of you. I told Terry when Jan was teaching at Chamberlain I didn't know who she was and then I started sitting with her at church then a long came Facebook. I enjoyed visiting with Jan and getting to know her over the years.
Donna Dorsey Aaron



Donna Aaron - August 13, 2025 at 05:29 PM

LT

“ *LaNell Toon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Kay Dorsey*



LaNell Toon - August 13, 2025 at 05:01 PM

CW

“ *I knew Jan from my days working for Henderson ISD. She was quiet and dedicated, and loved by her young students. She will truly be missed. Praying for comfort for all the family.*



Cyndi Walker - August 13, 2025 at 03:51 PM