



Janet Brusnahan Bahler

October 17, 1931 - October 18, 2013

Janet Bahler passed away on October 18, 2013, at George Ade Memorial Healthcare Center in Brook, Indiana. Mary Janet was born in Champaign, Illinois to Paul and Cecelia Brusnahan and moved to Rensselaer when she was 10 years old. She attended St. Augustine School and Rensselaer High School, where she met her husband Chuck - both graduates of the class of '49. Following that, she went to St Francis in Joliet then joined Chuck at Purdue University. She graduated from Purdue with a degree in Economics and remained a loyal Boilermaker (that's putting it mildly) throughout her life, as well as a proud Alpha Delta Pi. Later, she became a secretary and teacher, then found her true calling as a florist. Her window displays at Brand's floral are still remembered by many Rensselaer residents. After she & Chuck married in 1953, they lived in Los Angeles (Whittier) California - where Chris & Maggie were born, quickly followed by Melbourne, Australia, Akron, Ohio - where Chip was born, and Farmington Hills, Michigan. She was an active member of the Red Hats as well as a Daughter of Isabella. They returned to Rensselaer in 1996 after Chuck retired, where she enjoyed volunteering at Jasper County Hospital, St. Augustine's and at various local events on behalf of the Jasper County Historical Society. She was also a gifted painter, as shown through her membership in the Prairie Arts Council and active participation every summer at "art camp." She was a past president of the Fountain Park Art Colony and loved her time at Chautauqua in Remington. Chuck & "Pook" traveled around the world twice, and later in life enjoyed

places like Alaska and Banff, Alberta, Canada. Pook loved antiques, DQ barbecue sandwiches and going to the Busy Bee for any kind of frozen yogurt. Most importantly, she cherished her many long friendships some of which spanned over 70 years.

She had been a resident at George Ade Memorial Healthcare Center since suffering a stroke in late 2006. Even though she lost her power of speech, she was still able to “communicate” with her bright smile and her sparkling blue eyes. Her sense of humor also remained intact. We will be forever grateful to the people there who took such incredible care of her. They truly made her last years dignified, meaningful and very, very special.

She is survived by her devoted husband Chuck, her son Chip Bahler (fiancée Kimberlee Airgood), her daughter Maggie (Chuck) Rizzio, her dog Willi and grand-dog Griffin, as well as many cherished nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Ceil and her son Christopher. She loved flowers, but if you wish to make a donation, please give generously to St. Augustine’s in Rensselaer or George Ade Memorial Healthcare in Brook. Visitation will be held at Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 2-8 pm with a rosary at 7 pm. Mass of Christian burial to be held at St Augustine Catholic Church on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 10 am with Father Don Davison. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Rensselaer.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
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<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Brusnahan Bahler*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Chuck and family, so sorry to hear of Janet's passing. Our sincere condolences to all of you.*

Gordon and Marie Stump

marie stump - December 11, 2013 at 01:58 PM

MN

“ *We'll miss you Aunt Janet!
Moo and family*

Mary Nurminen - October 23, 2013 at 12:13 AM

LA

“ *Thinking of you all. Prayers & peace to you.*

Russul & Leigh Ann Patel

leigh ann - October 22, 2013 at 06:35 PM

AB

“ *Andrea, Mark, Kaleigh & Brigid lit a candle in memory of Janet Brusnahan Bahler*



Andrea, Mark, Kaleigh & Brigid - October 22, 2013 at 01:09 PM

GR

“ *"Mom Bahler" was a second mom to me. She especially helped me during my teen years, providing laughs, love, a caring ear, hugs and a place to stay. And she taught me how to read a pattern, to cut the fabric and how to sew. She also made sure she had extra mashed potatoes and gravy and ribs whenever I came for dinner, which was often. I was always treated as one of the family by Janet, Chuck, Maggie, Chris and Chip. They gave me love and a sense of belonging. My children, Julia, Christine and Michael, were treated as Pook and Chuck's grandchildren and Bruno, my former husband, was taken in as if he was their son. You can't find more love than that. I am forever grateful to Janet, Chuck, Maggie, Chris, Chip and all the extended family and friends. I love you, Mom B. You made a difference in this world.*

*With love,
Gretchen*

Gretchen - October 22, 2013 at 11:10 AM

RS

“ *Roger & Vicki Steffen lit a candle in memory of Janet Brusnahan Bahler*



Roger & Vicki Steffen - October 22, 2013 at 09:58 AM

JS

“ *Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of Janet Brusnahan Bahler*



Judy Siegrist - October 22, 2013 at 07:28 AM

PW

“ *Poly-Jen Williams lit a candle in memory of Janet Brusnahan Bahler*



Poly-Jen Williams - October 21, 2013 at 08:58 PM

BF

“ *Bethel Ford lit a candle in memory of Janet Brusnahan Bahler*



Bethel Ford - October 21, 2013 at 08:00 PM

KK

“ *Karen Jo Kobek lit a candle in memory of Janet Brusnahan Bahler*



Karen Jo Kobek - October 21, 2013 at 07:09 PM

ST

“ We are thankful to have known Janet. She was a special lady! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Al, Sandy and Chet Turnbeaugh

sandy Turnbeaugh - October 21, 2013 at 04:16 PM

DW

“ Don & Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Janet Brusnahan Bahler



Don & Gloria Waymouth - October 21, 2013 at 01:44 PM

JG

“ Jerry Gwin lit a candle in memory of Janet Brusnahan Bahler



Jerry Gwin - October 21, 2013 at 10:15 AM