



Janice May Van Portway Currie

April 3, 2020

Janice May Van Portway Currie passed away on Friday, April 3, 2020 at her residence in the Willow Valley Memory center at the Glen in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She lived with Alzheimer's for five years.

Janice was born in Columbus, Ohio on 19 September 1935 to Evelyn Dutton and Osmond Vann Portway. She was raised in St. Johns, Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada.

In 1957, she married Kenneth Lesley Currie and they settled in Chateaugay, Quebec. In the mid-60s the couple immigrated to the United States and took up residence in Easton, Maryland where they lived for the next 33 years raising two children.

Janice worked as a secretary for the Talbot County Planning and Zoning office for twenty years and served as secretary for the Talbot County Board of Appeals, County Council and Electrical boards. It was the perfect job for her as it combined all her favorite things, organizing, helping others, and being in the know. After retiring in 1997, she and Ken moved to the Manor at Willow Valley in 1999.

Janice enjoyed reading, PBS programming, the Royals and of course walking. For years, in any weather, Janice could be seen on her evening 6-mile walks throughout the neighborhoods of Easton and then later Willow Valley. Her independence was extremely important and in her later years she was very grateful for the Willow Valley daily bus trips and then later the staff from Connections with whom she could continue weekly shopping excursions.

Janice was predeceased by her husband, Ken and son, Philip. She is survived by her daughter, Heather Adams (husband, John) of Wiesbaden, Germany and three grandchildren, Brooke, Bryce and Becca. She is also survived by her dear friend and love Jack Goeller who was by her side when she passed.

Private service at the convenience of the family.

Comments



“ Charlene Bryan lit a candle in memory of Janice May Van Portway Currie



Charlene Bryan - May 08, 2020 at 01:06 AM



“ Janice was a dear friend to my Mother Olivia Fish and to me. We had many fun times together when I'd fly up from Texas to visit Mom. She was always there for me before I could fly up to Mom. I loved her dearly and I'm saddened to hear of her passing May God hold her in his arms and one day I'll see her again with a great rejoicing.

Charlene Bryan - May 08, 2020 at 01:10 AM



“ Janice and I became friends about 20 years ago. My late husband and I came to visit Willow Valley for a program for Prospectives. There were name tags on a table; Janice was serving as one of the hostesses. When I picked up my tag, she walked over, hand outstretched, and said, "Hello, Mrs. Curry, I'm Mrs. Currie." We chatted a bit, then went to the program. At the conclusion, Janice invited us to visit her apartment and meet her husband. We exchanged email addresses and continued to communicate for the next 5 years, until my late husband and I moved into Willow Valley early in 2005.

I visited Janice frequently when she moved into her smaller apartment on the 3rd floor of the Glen. The apartment was lovely, with all the yellow and white. She was often headed outside for a morning walk as I started my indoor circuit. Much later, I must have realized that her apartment was empty, but I didn't follow up.

I'll always remember Janice's sweetness and vivacity. She was a treasure!

Marie Curry, Willow Valley North

Marie Curry - April 21, 2020 at 11:33 AM