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Janice Marie Ryder of Safety Harbor, passed away on Monday, May 20, 2024, at the age of 78. She was the beloved wife of Jimmy Ryder.

Janice was born on February 8, 1946, in Chicago Illinois, to the late Anthony Matz and Mary (Mark). Janice was an English and Literature Teacher at Thornwood High School. She loved to travel, and she will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Janice is survived by her husband Jimmy Ryder, her son Chris Ryder, his wife Dana and grandchildren Cassandra and Dylan Ryder.

At the family's request, funeral services will be held privately.



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LS

Laurie Fabiszak Schmidtke posted:

I was one of Jan's English students when Thornwood H.S. was brand spanking new. Jan was a new teacher; judging by her birthdate, she was about 11 years older than I! My husband and I were talking about our favorite teachers, and of course I told him about Jan. She was kind, empathetic, had heart, and was enthusiastic about her calling. I was a book nerd. (Still am!) Jan gave me books to read and report on for extra credit. She also guided me through some of the common teenage angst. I came back to visit after graduation and was treated as the adult I thought I was! I was encouraged to call her by her first name- even babysat Chris a few times when he was an infant. I actually tried to nominate her for a Red Apple Teacher's award, after graduating, but didn't know where to begin. I knew Jan was probably long retired as a teacher, but wanted to see if she was still in the area. Then I found she had only just passed. Condolences to the family. I wish you all the hopeful comfort of knowing Jan Ryder was a wonderful teacher, a friend, and truly made a difference to this (former) English student!

July 12 at 11:20 AM

PR

Penny O'reilly posted:

For those that we truly treasure, the heart never forgets, and that's the case with Jan. Most of my teaching years at Thornwood were spent working with, laughing with, choosing how to do the best for this or that student in our program or classes. Jan was an uplifting presence and a person you could trust for a straight and honest opinion always. So sad that we all must part eventually in this world. Sending thoughts and wishes at this difficult time to Jim, Chris, and family. Penny O'Reilly

June 7 at 9:06 AM

PA

Pat Adcock posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. She was such a generous colleague. She encouraged me to bring my granddaughter by one Halloween and gave her a most wonderful book for a treat. Angie and I spent a Christmas Day with the Ryders in Florida one year where we feasted the entire day. Although feeding the alligator hotdogs was a highlight. She will be greatly missed. I sincerely wish the memories and support of friends and family comfort Jim and family. Sincerely Pat Adcock

June 6 at 5:41 PM

LL

Leo Lazaroff posted:

Jan was my dear friend and colleague at Thornwood. We had a wonderful time visiting her and Jim at their Florida home. She will be missed by all of our Thornwood friends

June 6 at 3:16 PM



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May 24 at 9:51 AM



Saralyn Richard June 6 at 6:09 PM

Jan and I worked together teaching English at Thornwood, and we shared plan and lunch periods for years. In addition to loving literature, we both had sons about the same age, and we had a lot of great talks. Later, when we retired from District 205, Jan included me on her email list, so I received interesting articles and jokes from her regularly. When I became an author, she raced to be among the first to read each of my books, and she always gave me fabulous reviews. Although we lived in different states, we enjoyed keeping in touch, and I will miss her. My condolences to Jimmy and Chris and the rest of Jan's family and friends. She was one in a million, and she made a difference in many lives, mine included.



Candice Justice June 6 at 2:58 PM

Oh, Jim and Chris, I am so sorry to hear about Jan's passing. I taught with her for 30 years; she was an excellent teacher, loved by staff and students. Even more than that, I remember her love and care of animals. We used to tease her that she put up signs in your yard, advertising that only dogs over 100 pounds need apply. The world dimmed a bit with her passing - sending much love and warm hugs. Candice Justice



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