



## Jan Rae Ellis

January 9, 1948 - December 7, 2021

Jan Rae Ellis of Urbandale, age 73, passed away peacefully while surrounded by loved ones the morning of Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Jan was a vibrant woman with an infectious laugh and a zest for life rivaled by none. If she wasn't on the dance floor, you could find her attending the latest production at the local event center. She loved to travel and could fill a small house with her many pictures chronicling her adventures with friends, family, and coworkers. Her one true love was life itself, and that love shone through in all she did, brightening the lives of everyone she met.

Jan worked for Compressor Controls Corporation for 26 years as a secretary and event planner. She loved her job and made many lasting friendships during her time with the company. Outside of work Jan has a large community of friends and family. In fact, Jan was so well-loved that she couldn't go to the grocery store without running into someone she knew, turning a 15-minute trip into a 50-minute one.

Jan is survived by her only daughter, Teri Barney, and her two granddaughters, Allison Campbell and Amber Barney. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Eleanor and Dale Ellis of Sioux City, Iowa.

A Celebration of Jan's Life will be 2PM, Friday, December 17, 2021 at the

Merle Hay Funeral Home, 4400 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, Iowa. Visitation will be from noon until service time with cremation to follow service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, in loving memory of Jan.

All floral deliveries may be made to Merle Hay Funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Merle Hay Funeral Home  
4400 Merle Hay Rd  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
(515) 278-4633

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Jan Rae Ellis*.



December 16, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of *Jan Rae Ellis*.



December 16, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Jan Rae Ellis*.



December 14, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Jan Rae Ellis*.



December 14, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jan Rae Ellis.*



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December 13, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Jan was a special friend. We did everything together, we traveled together, laughed together, cried together, talked about our problems, & our success, we danced together & ate together. No one can ever take her place. I'll miss her so very much.*

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**Karen Damerville** - December 12, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jan Rae Ellis.*



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December 12, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jan Rae Ellis.*



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December 12, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jan Rae Ellis.*



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December 12, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Jan had a smile and laughter that could brighten any room. She was always upbeat and loved her family and coworkers. She was a beacon of light! Jan you will be greatly missed by all of us who were blessed to call you our friend! Thanks for making my job at CCC more fun! I am sure that now you are an amazing angel spreading more laughs and smiles in heaven.*

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**Deb Schroder** - December 11, 2021 at 08:52 PM



*Jan was a loyal and trusted friend. Her physical presence in my life is a void that can never be filled by another because Jan is one of a kind. She was a special and unique gift to all who knew her. I will greatly miss our conversations, lunches, road trips and her bright shining light at the many events she attended. I know she will be with me in spirit and her light will continue to shine brightly in my life as I think of her and reminisce over the memories of my dear friend.*

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**Shirley Treanor** - December 12, 2021 at 01:13 AM



*Thank You Jan for giving us all a clue on how to live an open hearted life filled with joy and happiness.*

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**Dennis Kelly** - December 14, 2021 at 02:29 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**debra moller** - December 11, 2021 at 06:04 PM