



Mrs. Janet Ihlefeld Grant

January 31, 1926 - August 30, 2018

On August 30, 2018 Janet Ihlefeld Grant beloved wife of the late Robert Buswell Grant; dear mother of Mary Jane Grant, Deborah Godfrey, Robert Grant (Karen), James Grant (Janet), Bruce Grant (Gwen), Margaret Truchon and David Grant (Jane). Also survived by fifteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to the charity of your choice.

Interment private.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
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Baltimore, MD 21212
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Funeral Mass

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Assumption
5502 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Michael J. McDonough*

Very fond memory of Janet when I was a good friend of Jamie , Bruce and Meg . Actually , the whole family , very young and we knew Janet threw the softball games we played in the summer evenings behind Orkney Road. Jamie must have met her during those evenings playing left field behind her home . They both became an item very quietly and here I was thinking , I'd sure like to go out with Janet. She had a big smile and was very pretty. Needless to say I was too late. Jamie made it clear . He was in love and they were soon married. She was a wonderful girl . We were so happy for them . May God take her soul. Should be a great deliverance to our Heavenly Father.

Michael McDonough - September 18, 2024 at 07:07 AM

 David
Grant

“ Here too, is the statement I read in the delightful Celebration of Life held in the funeral home:

I'm David, baby of 7. Mom tended me carefully, sent many hand-me-downs but never let on that we lived within meager means.

It was a home FULL of love! Perhaps not the cleanest, quietest or most perfect on Rosebank, But FULL of Love!

Our Mother Lived her convictions;

**She believed in the Right To Life*

**She was a Strong Catholic*

**She baptized me one too; yet bit her tongue as she saw me decline Confirmation*

**She marched proudly in cold rains in Washington DC*

**She dragged home food for 7 in a wobbly wire shopping cart*

**Mom showed that you should be able to walk, ALL DAY LONG as if your life depended on it*

**My Mother was meek at times*

**She was run over with children and chores*

**But I watched her grow and learn to speak out when needed*

**She was carefully tender; but learned to be tough*

Once by the Senator, a guy swiped her purse, she whacked him with her umbrella and snipped, "You punk!"

**She marched me by bus to the Orioles, Colts and to see Pele'*

**She taught me How not to get knocked over by waves in the ocean (or by rude people)*

*My meek little Momma grew to be outspoken when needed
Her Opinions changed over the years!*

**She even came to respect ideas and people she disliked or disagreed with*

Like Father Berrigan

**She let me stay up late to watch Mission Impossible and Ed Sullivan*

MY MOTHER LIVED, LAUGHED, LOVED long before it was on a T-Shirt!

David, (the "favorite" according to my siblings)

David Grant - October 27, 2018 at 06:18 PM

JG

“ I'm Janet's daughter-in-law, married to David. Here are the remarks I made at Janet's viewing that I was asked to share here:

"Thank you, Janet Grant, for raising 7 kind people who are all successful as human beings. Janet was an amazing woman. She lost her husband at a young age and raised 7 kids to adulthood alone. She didn't have a driver's license or a car. Imagine trying to do that today! She also worked full-time and at times had to take 2 busses to get there.

To Janet's kids - it is so hard to lose your Mom. She is irreplaceable. She is the first person who loved you and she was also the very first person that you loved.

You knew this day was coming, even hoped it would come in the last few months to relieve Janet of her suffering at the end. But, it's still a deep wound that will never be healed. Janet didn't deserve such a difficult end. But, her family did their very best for her, making the tough decisions with love and caring. You all did good in an impossible situation.

Janet Grant taught her children some really important life lessons that are now evident every day in her children. It's her legacy...

Because Janet taught David how to share love and concern, I indirectly learned from Janet these things:

Life Lesson #1: When you're in a long line at the grocery store or bank, greet those around you with a smile. Share a story, crack a joke, ask a question and share love for your fellow humans. You just never know when you'll make someone's day and it helps you, too.

Life Lesson #2: When somebody calls you out of the blue to invite you out to dinner but you just started preparing the chicken that you'd planned to make, put the chicken back in the fridge and say "yes". You can miss out on a lot of fun (and love and experiences)

by not being spontaneous.

Life Lesson #3: If the police aren't calling, everything's probably OK. Concern and love are paramount, but unnecessary worrying doesn't do anyone any good.

Life Lesson #4: Don't worry if your house isn't spotless when people come over. It's much more important to have company than a clean house.

And finally, Life Lesson #5: A Janet quote "If they're looking at your shoes, they're not very Christian". This was probably originally said to a tween who was worried about not wearing the latest style. We say Janet's quote a lot at our house as a reminder, from Janet I Grant, not to fret about the outside of a person, but to value the inside, the heart and soul of a person, so much more.

With love from Jane E Grant

Jane E Grant - October 07, 2018 at 01:47 PM

KI

“ *I will always remember Janet's lovely, kind spirit, particularly when she would make the long journey to visit us in Vermont years ago. Sending much love and blessings to you all.*

Kelly I. - September 02, 2018 at 01:52 PM

KB

“ *Warmest thoughts and condolences to you all on the passing of your mother, Jan. from Katherine Boldon, your distant cousin from New Brunswick Canada.*

katherine boldon - September 02, 2018 at 01:06 PM

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Audrey C Combs - August 31, 2018 at 09:48 PM

 David Grant

“ *My mother instilled the fleeting joys of life, forgiveness, fallibility and determination. I live every day more full because of her. David (the baby)*

David Grant - August 31, 2018 at 03:04 PM