



## Janet Louise Craig

February 23, 1943 - November 27, 2024

Janet Louise (Payne) Craig was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 23, 1943 to Adam Joseph Payne and Louise Dewar Payne. Her older brother, Thomas, was born 2 years previously. Her father owned an auto parts store and the family lived in the apartment above the shop in the suburb of Lansing. Jan helped in the shop throughout her early life, ultimately leaving to become a stewardess with the original Frontier Airlines training on the DC-3 and Convair 580 aircraft based out of Salt Lake City, Utah. Following an illness that required a career change a few years later, Jan started work at Lutheran Bible Translators in Orange County, California. She ultimately met Dave Craig at a singles group at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa and they wed on May 17, 1980. Their only child, Laura, was born in November 1982. Jan served her family as a homemaker throughout Laura's education, later becoming a caregiver for her mother-in-law, her own mother, and her brother further down the line. In her free time, Jan loved to volunteer caring for the infants at multiple MOPS programs in her hometown. She spent hours pouring over her weekly Bible study lessons that she attended faithfully for many years as well.

Jan's grandchildren were her pride and joy. Her granddaughter, Avery, was born in 2013 and her grandson, Nathanael, was born in 2021. In 2022, Jan and Dave decided to be closer to Laura and the family and made the tough decision to move from sunny and warm southern California ultimately landing in Gladys, Virginia purchasing some land where Jan enjoyed the flock of

laying hens, dogs, cat, and rabbits they raised.

Jan leaves behind her husband Dave of 44 years, daughter Laura (Hunter), grandchildren Avery and Nathanael, nephews Daniel Payne and James Payne, as well as a sister-in-law (Sandra Notthoff), brother-in-law (John Craig) and many extended family.

Jan loved Jesus and instilled that love into her family, always reminding them that the Lord is faithful and just (1 John 1:9). She also fervently loved animals throughout her life- they somehow always knew and gravitated to her, too. We were blessed to know and love her and are looking forward to the day we will see her again with our Savior in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to organizations she loved and supported during her life: Samaritan's Purse International and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Organization.

A celebration of life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 7, 2024 at Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista by Pastor James Mashburn with interment to follow in Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Friday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

# Cemetery Details

## Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel  
809 Main St.  
Altavista, VA 24517

# Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Janet Louise Craig*



**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - December 07, 2024 at 12:29 AM

PR

*Thank you for making this possible so that we could be with the family and share this special time with them in celebrating God's gift of Jan to us!*

**Peggy Rigby** - December 07, 2024 at 11:48 AM

LR

*Thank you for sharing this with those of us who couldn't attend in person. Our deepest sympathy is with you.  
Lorelei (Fultz) Ryan & family ❤️🙏*

**Lori Ryan** - December 07, 2024 at 12:42 PM

VR

*What a beautiful memorial service for a great woman. My second cousin Jan will be missed tremendously. When ever I did get to spend time with her, she gave such joy and faith in the Lord to me. My Dad Donald Gillaspay surely greeted her in heaven. Love to all the family, Victoria Romero.*

**Victoria Romero** - December 08, 2024 at 12:03 PM

LA

*I remember us visiting at your dad and Teresa's wedding all those years ago. She really enjoyed getting to see your dad, Teresa, you and your sisters whenever we could. We appreciate the compassion and kindness in this season. Thank you for sharing, Victoria.*

Laura - December 09, 2024 at 08:03 AM

LA

*It was such a joy to get to visit with your mom and aunt Sue, Lori. We were able to catch up a little and hear about your family and your ranch. I'm so glad things are going well with you. Thank you for your kind words in this time.*

Laura - December 09, 2024 at 08:05 AM

LA

*So glad you could participate, aunt Peggy. You know she adored you and the many family memories made during the years of travel to Colorado (and of course the many memories made before I was born). I hope you enjoyed the photos I shared of you in the tribute video. <3*

Laura - December 09, 2024 at 08:06 AM



“ Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Louise Craig



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 06, 2024 at 10:13 AM

LW

*Dave, this was so wonderful to see the progression of her life and to see the family and several milestone events. Deepest prayers for you and your family as you seek to grieve well. What a rewarding Hope in Jesus we have that this is not the end of Jan's life, just the beginning. I pray you move through this season with love and friends around you and feel God's arms wrapped tightly holding you up. love Lorena and Rick Wood*

**Lorena Wood** - December 26, 2024 at 09:56 PM

RD

*“ My cousin Janet and I were born only a couple of months apart in 1943. She was always fun to be around when our families got together in our early years. She had a very outgoing and generous personality which was a blessing to her family and everyone who knew her. I am sure she will be greatly missed by them.*

**Robert Dewar** - December 07, 2024 at 11:19 AM

LA

*I hope you saw the photo I included of you and my mom, as well as aunt Bonnie and my grandma on the tribute video. Thank you for sharing kind and compassionate words with us. We are definitely feeling the void she leaves behind but we are not without hope of being reunited. -Laura (Craig) Cox*

**Laura** - December 09, 2024 at 07:55 AM

SC

*“ Jan was a Godly woman who loved the Lord and her family with all her heart. It was an honor to get to know her over the years and share special family memories. Jan will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known her. Rest in peace Jan.*

**Sherry Cox** - December 07, 2024 at 10:46 AM

LA

*We have such great family memories and the one Hunter shared at the celebration of life warmed my heart as you all were having a ball. I'll forever cherish the times we all spent together laughing and having fun. Love you.*

Laura - December 09, 2024 at 07:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janet Craig.

December 05, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Louise Craig.



December 05, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janet Craig.

December 05, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Janet Louise Craig.



December 05, 2024 at 06:24 PM

DP

“ Daniel and Sandy Payne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Craig.

Daniel and Sandy Payne - December 05, 2024 at 03:39 PM

DP

“ Daniel and Sandy Payne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Janet Louise Craig.



Daniel and Sandy Payne - December 05, 2024 at 03:39 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janet Louise Craig.



December 03, 2024 at 10:47 PM