



Janie Mae Benjamin Buskey

June 13, 1942 - June 16, 2024

Early Life

Janie Mae Benjamin Buskey, born on June 13, 1942, in St. Matthews, SC, to the late Jeff Davis Fordham and Eva Benjamin Jackson, was a woman of deep faith. Her early years were shaped by her upbringing in Orangeburg, SC, and her education at Wilkinson High School. Janie's faith was a cornerstone of her life, leading her to join Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in St. Matthews, SC, at a young age. In 1962, Janie married Frank Thirkeel Buskey Jr. They had two children: their daughter, Gwendolyn L. Buskey, and their son, Frank T. Buskey III.

A New Life in Connecticut

The family moved to New Haven, CT in 1966, marking the beginning of a new chapter in Janie's life. She found employment at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in North Haven, CT, where she excelled, earning several awards during her 26-year tenure. Her ambition and dedication was further demonstrated as she pursued her education at Eli Whitney Regional Vocational Technical School, graduating in 1982 as a Surgical Technician. Janie's commitment to her profession was unwavering as she balanced her role as an Operating Room Technician at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven, CT, with her job at Pratt and Whitney. During her free time, Janie engaged in a range of meaningful activities. She cherished

moments spent with her children and grandchildren above all else. Janie's enthusiasm for sports was evident, particularly in her unwavering support for the Dallas Cowboys and UCONN Women's Basketball team. Bowling was another passion that played a central role in her life; she actively participated in Pratt and Whitney's Third Shift League and the Designing Women of New Haven bowling team. Janie's commitment to bowling led her to compete in tournaments nationwide. Apart from sports, she found joy in fishing as a relaxing pastime.

A Life of Service

Janie's faith journey continued in New Haven, CT, where she became a Pitts Chapel Unified Freewill Baptist Church member. Her active participation in the church community was a testament to her faith and selflessness. She served on the Senior Usher Board and eventually became the president of Pitts Chapel's Junior and Senior Usher Board. Her dedication was further evidenced by her role as head usher for the General Conference. Janie's service to the church and community was a beacon of light, inspiring those around her. She considered it a privilege to serve God both within and outside the church. Janie's roles as a foster mother, and hairdresser, were not merely occupations but a testament to her steadfast faith and profound belief in the impact of service and compassion. Until her passing, Janie remained committed to serving others. At Yale New Haven Hospital Saint Raphael's Campus, she comforted her roommate and uplifted the spirits of her caretakers with her smile and gratitude, even while in hospice care.

Celebrating a Life of Love

She is survived by her son, Frank T. Buskey III, and his wife, Shawn Buskey, of East Haven, CT. Janie leaves behind five grandchildren, who were the light of her life: Jamell Buskey and his wife, Melissa Buskey, of West Haven, CT; Robert and Rayvone Buskey of New Haven, CT; Paris Buskey of Louisa, VA;

and Natasha Mbiya and her husband, Francis Mbiya, of Broadway, VA. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren, who brought her immense joy, and her goddaughter, Marie Staton, who she considered as her own. Janie's siblings include Martha Whetstone of North, SC; Malikah Madyun of St. Matthews, SC; Henrietta and her husband, Marvin Howell, of Orangeburg, SC; Audrey Bonaparte of Hinesville, GA; Jeff Fordham Jr. and Henry Fordham of St. Matthews, SC; and Sylvester Fordham and his wife, JoAnn Fordham, of Elloree, SC. She also leaves behind numerous relatives and friends. Janie was preceded in death by her husband, daughter, parents, sister, Della Robinson, and stepmother, Mary Ruth Fordham.

Cemetery Details

Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 22. 8:00 AM (ET)

Pitts Chapel U.F.W.B Church
64 Brewster Street
New Haven, CT


Funeral Service

JUN 22. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HS

“  To Buskey Family: Sending my prayers on our beloved friend, Will miss her 😊 and stylish dressing will miss our casino playing, and visiting me at Stop&shop talking .Now going home with her family and friends sharing her wisdom & cooking skills May her soul RIP



Helen C Powell cashier stopandshop - June 21, 2024 at 09:26 PM

CT

“ Sending condolences to the family. Mrs. Buskey was a beautiful loving and caring woman and loved by all who knew her. I have ushered with her many times during our usher anniversaries in the past. She is missed. God bless this family and I will keep you all in prayer.
Love,
Carol Teel



Carol Teel - June 21, 2024 at 09:04 PM

JB

“ I send my love to the Buskey family at this time. They always show their love towards me and my first born daughter LaStarr, your house was always an open door for many. To sleep, eat , stay for long periods of time. Thank you, Mrs Buskey I love you From the BANKS family

Jackie Banks - June 21, 2024 at 08:32 PM

PB

“ Pat, Sandy & Bobby purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Janie Mae Benjamin Buskey.



Pat, Sandy & Bobby - June 21, 2024 at 02:44 PM

PD

“ Ms. Janie was one of the sweetest person I've known. She always had a smile on her face. We talked over the phone at times. She encouraged me in so many ways. She would tell me to 'leave it up to God' he'll fix it. I miss her already. Now she will get some well deserved rest. I'll see her at the resurrection. God bless her family. If I can be of any service to you just give me a call. Love you all.

Patricia Davis

Patricia Davis - June 21, 2024 at 02:13 PM

TF

“ Tee, Ants, Bernard Buskey and Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janie Mae Benjamin Buskey.



Tee, Ants, Bernard Buskey and Families - June 21, 2024 at 02:01 PM

TF

“ Tee, Ants, Bernard Buskey and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janie Mae Benjamin Buskey.

Tee, Ants, Bernard Buskey and Families - June 21, 2024 at 02:01 PM

AV

“ Amaro V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janie Mae Benjamin Buskey.

Amaro V. - June 20, 2024 at 09:43 PM

AS

“ Angela Staton lit a candle in memory of Janie Benjamin Buskey



Angela Staton - June 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM

JJ

“ John Kennedy - Kennedy Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janie Mae Benjamin Buskey.

John Kennedy - Kennedy Johnson - June 20, 2024 at 07:45 AM

JJ

“ John Kennedy - Kennedy Johnson purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Janie Mae Benjamin Buskey.



John Kennedy - Kennedy Johnson - June 20, 2024 at 07:45 AM

JK

“ I always told Janie kiddingly that she was my “favorite” client and it wasn’t because she delivered pies to me every year at Thanksgiving. No one was more dedicated to the welfare of her family than Janie. And, while she was always polite and respectful, no one was more dogged in protecting their interests. At the same time she was incredibly nurturing. I told her she was perfect except that she was a Cowboys fan. I can hear her chuckling now. What a terrific and well lived life. She will be terribly missed. Condolences to the entire Buskey family who stand on the shoulders of this amazing woman.

John Kennedy

John Kennedy - June 20, 2024 at 06:08 AM

SD

“ To the Family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother was a real happy go lucky person. she show so much compassion. She was God fearing. contiuie to be strong at this most difficult time . The Moody Family.



Sylvia davis - June 19, 2024 at 10:56 PM

SA

“ Sending condolences to my cousin and other family members. Wishing you all the peace and comfort possible. Janie was a sweet and loveable person. She'll surely be missed. Let her sweet memories always be in your heart forever.

Love

Stephanie V Whaley-Andrews



Stephanie V Andrews - June 19, 2024 at 04:38 PM