



Mrs. Janet Bender

July 2, 1944 - December 18, 2025

Janet Bender was borne in Anna Illinois on July 2 1944 and the oldest of 8 children. 7 girls and 1 boy made it interesting. Her father worked for the rail road and mom kept an eye on the kids. Jan finished primary school then attended Lincoln Christian College. Jan fell in love and married Bob Culleton who joined the Coast Guard and they moved to Elizabeth City. They adopted a baby boy and named him Christopher. A year later Jan delivered a baby boy and they named him Craig.

Jan and Bob split up some years later and a few years later Jan married Larry Keirns , a retired Fire Fighter from Illinois. Larry was diagnosed with cancer and died a short time after that.

Jan worked as the Membership Director for the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber Of Commerce.

She also worked for Bell South and AT&T installing phone systems.

One evening arriving home from work she turned on her computer and found that she HAD MAIL. Some guy named Tom Bender had sent her a friend's request. So she answered his request and rest is history. As it turned out Jan only lived 3 blocks from him. A date for dinner was arranger to meet each other at the PORT. We hit it right off and stayed at the restaurant 4 hours

talking.

Next night she called and told me she had no hot water and was trying to get someone to repair it. I told her I could easily do that for her. So I took a few tools along and found out both heating elements were bad. So we went out to dinner and stopped and picked up the parts then went to her condo and I installed the 2 heating elements. That was the start of a wonderful relationship.

We were married just over 25 years when she passed. She passed on December 19th at 11:15am from Dementia.

We are planning a Celebration of life party on Jan 9th at 12 pm. At the First Christian Church in Cocoa Beach. Next to Surfside Play house.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 12:00 PM.

First Christian Church
COCOA, FL