



Janice Kretschmar

September 26, 1937 - December 10, 2025

Janice Faye Bodden Kretschmar, 88, was united with her heavenly father on December 10, 2025. She was a long-time resident of Sugar Land, Texas. She was a loving wife, mother, and Grammies, and a beloved friend to many. She is preceded in death by her parents John Culver Bodden and Frances Reeves Bishop Bodden, brother, John Culver Bodden, Jr., beloved husband, Walter E. Kretschmar, Jr. and grandson, Evan Painter.

Janice was born in Mobile, Alabama on September 26, 1937. She lived in Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana prior to moving to Houston where she attended Pershing Middle School and graduated from Lamar High School in 1955. After high school, she attended Baylor University where she earned a baccalaureate degree majoring in elementary education in 1959. A friend from Houston introduced her to Walter shortly after arriving in Waco. Three years later they were married on August 30, 1958, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas. They had three daughters, Cynthia Schiefen, Shirley Horstman, and Susan Oxley, six grandchildren Holly Painter Swenson, Wayne Schiefen, Brooke Painter, Valerie Schiefen, Evan Painter, and Clay Painter, and son-in-laws William Schiefen, Daniel Horstman and Douglas Oxley. Janice is also survived by sisters Francelia Barzilla and Barbara Tanz and sister-in-law Renate Bodden and many special cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Janice was a lifelong Lutheran and a longtime member of St. Philip Lutheran where she taught 5th grade Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed bible studies and had an impressive knowledge of the bible. She volunteered in other capacities including VBS and Alter Guild and was active in the Ladies Guild. She served as a Deaconess and as a Stephen's Minister while a member of Fishers of Men Lutheran Church. She made many treasured friends within her church communities and was at her happiest when welcoming new visitors to the church. She had the heart of a servant for Christ and enjoyed providing service and support to others.

Janice loved to spend time with friends and family, especially her grandchildren who she loved dearly. She loved to travel with her best friend, Barbara Kurtz. They had adventures visiting many European countries and even visited the Holy Land and Egypt together. They had a true friendship of a lifetime that lasted nearly sixty years until Barbara was called to be with the Lord in 2023.

Janice's family would like to thank her doctors and nurses and would like to extend a special thank you to the wonderful medics and caregivers at the Greatwood Assisted Living home. They took great care of Janice and were very kind to her, her daughters and to family and friends who visited her.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 11 am at Fishers of Men Lutheran Church in Sugar Land, TX with a family visitation at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Fishers of Men Lutheran Church's memorial fund in Janice's name, Citizens for Animal Protection, or a charity of choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fishers of Men Lutheran Church
2011 Austin Pkwy
Sugar Land, TX 77479-1254
(281) 242-7711

Tribute Wall

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“ *Friends at FET Cannon Services, Stafford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janice Kretschmar.*



Friends at FET Cannon Services, Stafford - January 06 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Janice Kretschmar.*



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