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Janet Lynn O'Brien, lovingly known as Jan or Mimi, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Lewes, Delaware, on Monday, March 9, 2026. She was 74 years old.

Jan was born on August 14, 1951, in Takoma Park, Maryland, to Frances and Lacy "Bud" Horsley. She lived a life defined by warmth, dedication, and a deep love for her family and community.

On December 29, 1978, Jan married the love of her life, Dr. Edward A. O'Brien. Together, they built a life rooted in partnership, hard work, and shared dreams. Throughout her career, Jan worked for the FAA and also devoted her time to running an after-school program, where she touched the lives of many children and families. She later worked alongside her husband in his podiatry practice, and in their final years together, they became proud owners of The UPS Store in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Jan found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved Caribbean cruises, long walks on the beach searching for seashells, and spending time outdoors playing golf, tennis, and annual games of horseshoes. Some of her most cherished memories were made in Florida, sharing laughter with family while shucking oysters in the backyard with her parents. At home, she enjoyed crocheting blankets, solving crossword puzzles, and playing online poker.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dr. Edward A. O'Brien; her parents, Frances and Lacy "Bud" Horsley; and her brother, Glenn Horsley.

Jan is survived by her sister, Barbara Bifareti; her son, Jeff Halbert (Stacy); her daughter, Kyla Gebeau (Jeff); her stepsons, Eric O'Brien (Crystal) and Chad O'Brien (Shannon); and her cherished grandchildren, Tyler, Logan, Zach, Mia, Alia, Gavin, AJ, Miles, Tristie, and Bella. She also leaves behind many dear friends, extended family members, neighbors, and her adorable Yorkie, "Pepper."



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Jan will be remembered for her kindness, her sense of fun, and the love she gave so freely to those around her. Her presence will be deeply missed and forever treasured.

Services will be private for immediate family.

“The ones we love shine for us—

in the stars, in the glow of the moon,

in the sun each time it rises.”

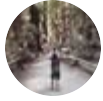
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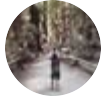
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Courtney O'brien posted:

Mr favorite memory was planning piano in her home when I stayed with you for a few months in college. She was so glamorous and also welcoming. RIP Aunt Jan.

March 27 at 6:07 PM



Courtney O'brien posted:

My fondest memory was playing piano for her when I stayed with you all for a few months during a college internship. What a great few months that was! She was always so glamorous and also welcoming. RIP Aunt Jan.

March 27 at 6:06 PM



Kyla Gebeau March 27 at 7:00 PM

Oh yes I remember those times. She just loved your piano playing. ❤️



Monica Wilson posted:

My fondest memory of Jan was the giddy ecstasy both she & Ed displayed upon their engagement! Over the years, the best memories were all the fun, laughter & partying we all shared at family weddings -innocently celebrating joyful unions & memorable milestones. It seems like another lifetime now but we were blessed with family bonds & precious memories to warm our souls & fill us with gratitude. Rest in peace, Jan.You're all in my heart, my head & my prayers. God Bless.

March 27 at 5:05 PM



Kyla Gebeau March 27 at 7:09 PM

She loved and respected you so much. Your continued support and love you extended to my mom were so appreciated. Lots of memories and stories to cherish.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Janet by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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