



## Janis Jeanne Mullikin

June 12, 1940 - December 23, 2017

Janis Crist Mullikin passed away on Dec. 23 in her home. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m on Dec. 27, 2017, at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 28, 2017 at First Assembly of God Church in Siloam Springs.

She was born at home in Van Buren County, Iowa, on June 12, 1940, to Melvin and Esther Crist, joining two older brothers and an older sister as the fourth of five children. Janis grew up on the farm and from an early age helped with chores around the homestead. She graduated a year early from high school in Douds, Iowa at age 16 in 1957, graduated with a teaching degree from Northeast Missouri State College in 1959, and began teaching 4th grade at Eldon, Iowa. She married Donald Mullikin in 1959. After one year of teaching, she stayed home to be a mom. In the following years, she would have four children and served as bookkeeper for husband Don's business in Brighton, Iowa.

Known for her musical and piano-playing abilities, Janis was instrumental in creating the Mullikin Family singers, who sang across Iowa and the surrounding states from roughly 1972-1986. Her family made two albums in Nashville, TN in 1977 and 1978. Janis also was a newspaper columnist for a newspaper in Iowa and in Siloam Springs, AR where she moved with her husband in 1994. She loved directing children's choirs in Iowa, was a member of PEO in both Iowa and Siloam Springs and was an active member of the First Assembly of God Church in Siloam Springs.

Janis could harmonize with anyone and played songs on the piano in any key needed for changing voices through the years. The family came together to sing a few hymns in September 2017 with Janis still tickling the ivories. Janis was a devoted wife, a wonderful mother to her four children, a fantastic grandmother to 10 grandchildren, and a great-grandmother to two little ones. She could talk to any stranger and gave countless hours in service to her family and the churches she attended. Through the years, Janis cheered at thousands of basketball, baseball and football games for her children and grandchildren, and then for her youngest daughter's basketball teams in Siloam Springs.

Janis is survived by her husband of 58 years, Donald Mullikin of Siloam Springs, AR; Son, Randy Mullikin and wife, Sandy of Springdale, AR; Daughter, Robbin Souer and husband, Keith of Montezuma, IA; Son, Richard Mullikin and wife, Cynda of Galveston, TX; Daughter, Rebecca Ault and husband, Kevin of Siloam Springs, AR; grandchildren Josh Mullikin, Justin Mullikin, Kelsey Phillips, Sarah Souer, Cristine Souer, Susan Souer, Smythe Mullikin, Andrew Mullikin, Ashlin Ault and Fenric Ault; great-grandchildren, Daniel Mullikin and Brookelyn Mullikin; brothers Bill Crist and Ron Crist, sisters Yvonne Strang and Marilyn Umphrey and numerous nephews and nieces and cousins.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Assembly of God Building Fund, 927 S Oak Hill St, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Service

DEC **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Assembly of God  
927 S. Oak Hill  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Lou Leeper. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.*



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**Lou Leeper.** - January 01, 2018 at 05:42 PM

BA

“ *Praying for you, Rich and family. Love you, Great Grandpa Bobby*

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**Bob Armstrong** - December 27, 2017 at 07:40 PM

SF

“ *I enjoyed my friend, Jan, so very much. She was a wonderful help when I was Main Street director. Thanks for sharing her with our community. I loved her dearly. I will keep family and friends in my prayers.*

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**Suzy Ferguson** - December 27, 2017 at 04:52 PM

IT

“ *ISM team purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.*



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**ISM team** - December 27, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.



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December 27, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.



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December 26, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.



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December 26, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.



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December 26, 2017 at 01:37 PM

CA

“ Besides her talents in playing piano and singing, she was also an excellent basketball player and look out when she had a ping pong paddle in her hand! Great memories of a great lady!  
*Chuck Ahlbrecht*

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**Chuck Ahlbrecht** - December 26, 2017 at 12:20 PM

LF

“ *LuAnn & Mike Boehm Family, Becky Cathey Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.*



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**LuAnn & Mike Boehm Family, Becky Cathey Family** -  
December 26, 2017 at 11:33 AM

YF

“ *Your Brighton United Church Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.*



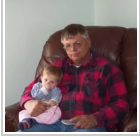
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**Your Brighton United Church Family** - December 26, 2017 at  
07:59 AM

WF

“ *With Love, Yvonne, Kevin, Kirk,Carma and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.*



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**With Love, Yvonne, Kevin, Kirk,Carma and families** -  
December 25, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ *It is with a heavy heart to hear of Jan's passing. The spark and grace she brought to others was amazing. Although she has been gone from Iowa for several years, memories of her still bring a smile. She will be missed, but she is with Jesus celebrating His birthday.*

*Dale Dohlman*

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**Dale Dohlman** - December 25, 2017 at 12:09 PM

CP

“ *Sincere sympathy to all of you. She was a wonderful person and I was glad to have known her for many years. God bless you.*

*Carolyn Mc Donough Peacock*

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**carolyn peacock** - December 24, 2017 at 07:38 PM

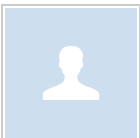


“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.*



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December 24, 2017 at 06:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janis Jeanne Mullikin.*



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December 24, 2017 at 04:51 PM