



## Janice H. Ashley

May 1, 1939 - July 10, 2019

Janice Hiawatha Cooper Ashley departed this life on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at Indiana University Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. By her side was her devoted husband, loving daughter, priest and a dear friend.

Janice was born to the late Roosevelt and Lelia Jones Cooper in Montrose, Georgia, on May 1, 1939. Her father and mother were farmers; her mother was also a nurse, teacher, missionary, evangelist, entrepreneur and founder of Starlight Church of God and Christ, in Dublin, Georgia. Janice grew up in a loving and nurturing family environment.

After graduating from Millville High School in Dudley, Georgia, Janice continued her education at Fort Valley State College, Fort Valley, Georgia, where she received her Undergraduate degree in education. She later received her Master of Science degree from Butler University, in Indianapolis Indiana.

Janice began her teaching career in the North Carolina school system and continued her career for thirty-three years in the Lawrence Township school system in Indianapolis, Indiana. She taught accounting, computerized accounting, keyboarding, as well as, various other Business and Vocational courses at Lawrence Central High school, Lawrence North High School and McKenzie Career Center located in Lawrence. She spearheaded the first

Computerized Accounting Labs at both Lawrence North and the McKenzie Career Center. Janice was highly respected by students, parents and colleagues alike. Under her leadership, her students competed annually at local, state and national levels in Computerized Accounting and as Business Professionals of America. Further enhancing the minds of the youth, she and other teachers stood as chaperones to students on European trips as part of the People-to-People home stay program started by President Eisenhower.

Janice was a dedicated member of the Church of Nativity where she served on the Vestry and as an usher. Her interests included precious time with family, reading, traveling, exercising and visiting her Georgia snow-bird home. Janice was a member and participant in various organizations, including Lawrence Education Association, Indiana State Teachers Association, Indiana Business Education Association, Indiana Vocation Association, Business Professionals of America, Delta Kappa Gamma Professional Retired Teachers, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Janice was a compliment and never yielding support for her husband, Major (Ret) Otis Ashley, through his many sacrifices for the country, state and his family. She was and still is a nurturing yet strong guiding hand for her children and grandchildren. She ensured their love and drives for education culminating in her daughter becoming a lawyer and her son a military physician. One of her most fervent desires during her 4 year battle with cancer recurrence was to make it to her granddaughter Peyton Ashley's graduation from college. By the grace of God, she accomplished this goal. All 8 of her grandchildren are in some stage of academic achievement and career pursuit. Throughout her life, she has been an unequalled advocate for childhood education, teaching, and mentoring and promoting life experiences to thousands of children. She demonstrated this calling to the end knowing that her time with us was complete and that she could rest confidently in the strength and love of the Lord and her family.

Left behind to cherish her loving memory is her devoted husband of 60 years, Major (Ret) Otis Ashley; two loving children, Attorney Cassandra Ashley Jordan (Jeff) of Indianapolis, Indiana; Colonel (Ret) Ricanthy Ashley, MD (Patti) of Fayetteville, NC; eight grandchildren: Ian, Cameron, Cohen Gaelyn, Peyton, Madison, Morgan and Ronin; three siblings, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Valerie Cooper-Miller, NP (Nathaniel) of Bradenton, Florida; Gwendolyn Walker of Macon, Georgia; and, James Morris Cooper (WyNell) of Dublin, Ga; an ailing aunt, Rose Vickers (Zebedee) of Miami FL; several nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

Janice will always be remembered as a loving wife, caring mother, grandmother, sister, reliable friend, gifted teacher, mentor, and child of our God.

Visitation will be Friday July 19, 2019 from 4:00 P. M. To 8:00 P. M. at Shirley Brothers, Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road; and, Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 2:00 P.M. until the time of service at 3:00 P. M. at Church of the Nativity, 7300 Lantern Rd. - between Sargent Rd. and Fall Creek rd.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made for "Janice H. Ashley" to:

Church of the Nativity, 7300 Lantern Rd, Indianapolis, Indiana 46256  
317-849-3656

For more information go to: <http://nativity-indy.org>

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211  
(877) 907-8585  
<http://arlingtoncemetery.mil>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel  
9900 N. Allisonville Road  
Fishers, IN 46038  
(317) 841-7878  
[info@shirleybrothers.com](mailto:info@shirleybrothers.com)  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Visitation

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Nativity  
7300 Lantern Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46256  
(317) 849-3656  
<http://www.nativity-indy.org>

## Funeral Service

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JUL **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Nativity  
7300 Lantern Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46256  
(317) 849-3656  
<http://www.nativity-indy.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ Hi Valerie  
This is Faye Hall Patterson your classmate.  
Praying for you and your family. So sorry for  
your loss. Love you much



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**Faye Hall Patterson** - August 11, 2019 at 07:51 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Janice H. Ashley.



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July 24, 2019 at 06:44 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family  
of Janice H. Ashley.



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July 23, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - July 23, 2019 at 09:25 AM

CM

“ *Ellyce & I are truly sorry for your family loss. We are so grateful to have spent time with her and to have met her. She was truly a great person. She will forever be in our hearts.*

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**Christine M** - July 20, 2019 at 11:33 PM

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“ *Dianne F. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Janice H. Ashley.*



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**Dianne F.** - July 20, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janice H. Ashley.*



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July 18, 2019 at 11:58 AM

CS

“ I did not spend a whole lot of time with Aunt Janice and Uncle Otis, but the times I did spend with them meant the world to me. Aunt Janice was a beautiful woman inside and out. I am going to miss hearing my mom telling me " I talked to Janice today...". Whenever she was in Dublin, she would always let my mom know and try to see her. The last time I saw Aunt Janice, she gave me the biggest hug; a hug that I will never forget. Uncle Otis, Cassandra, and Ricky, stay strong and know that you all are in our prayers. Just last year we lost our dad, so we know the feeling of losing a parent and spouse. You all are forever in our hearts and prayers.  
Love always,  
Connie Strange-Smith (daughter of Jeanelle Strange)

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Connie Smith - July 17, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Janice H. Ashley.



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July 16, 2019 at 07:17 PM

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“ your devoted children Sandy, Ric & their families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Janice H. Ashley.



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your devoted children Sandy, Ric & their families - July 16, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice H. Ashley.*



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July 16, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *To my auntie Gwendolyn and Valerie and my friend Cassandra may the Lord continue to give you all strength in the passing of your love one. On behalf of the Walker family from St. Petersburg FL you have our condolences. Charlotte Walker Brown*

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**Charlotte Walker Brown** - July 15, 2019 at 08:44 PM



“ *Sandy I'm so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. You have my deepest condolences and you're in my thoughts during this difficult time.*

*Brian R.*

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**Brian R.** - July 15, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *I am so sorry about the passing of Janice. She was such a special person. My prayers are with your family.*

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**Mary Etta Lattimore** - July 15, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Condolences sent to your family. Valerie ( my high school graduate friend) I am praying for you guys. Faye Hall Patterson*

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**Faye Hall Patterson** - July 14, 2019 at 09:16 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Faye Linda - July 13, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Janice H. Ashley.



July 13, 2019 at 07:44 AM

FL

“ Thanks for all the smiles and love you'll shared with me and my family.I'm so greatful R.I.P !  
Love, Cousin Faye Jones of Montrose Ga.  
Family I love You!!



Faye Linda - July 12, 2019 at 10:20 PM

SG

“ *Rest In Peace Cousin Janice 🌹  
You Will Never Be Forgotten..  
Love Your Dublin Ga Family.  
Love Sarah Edwards  
Daughter Of The Late Mark & Katie  
Mae Smith*



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**Sarah Edwards, Dublin Ga** - July 12, 2019 at 09:24 PM