



## Janja Jordan

October 9, 1938 - May 23, 2024

Janja Jordan-

Born October 9, 1938, passed away peacefully with her children by her side on May 23, 2024. She was born in Zagreb, Croatia at the end of WW2. Janja was studying to be a nuclear chemist, but shifted studies to her passion, and got a music degree. She eventually joined the band, Do-Re-Mi, where she met her “to-be” husband, while touring in Germany. They quickly fell in love, married, and moved to the United States. A handful of years later, they adopted her daughter Jasmin and Kristian, as a bonus gift, from separate orphanages.

Janja then taught piano in her home and sewed at night, to allow her to be home when the kids were in school. Janja was at all sporting events during the kids’ “sporting careers” from little league through high school.

Once the grandchildren arrived, Janja got them all off the bus and cared for them daily. The grandchildren were her pride and joy and helped fulfil her retirement years. She lived a wonderful life and couldn’t have been happier to the very end.

Janja was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Justin Jordan, sister Branka Stimac. She is survived by her children, Kristian Jordan and Jasmin Burch (Robert Burch); grandchildren, Ryan, Jama, and Kyle; and nephew, Vlado Stimac.

A Memorial Visitation will be held Friday, June 14, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville

Road, Fishers.. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Janja's memory are suggested to the IRT online at <https://tickets.irtlive.com/donate/contribute1>. Please select Tribute Give in the dropdown menu under "I would like to make a gift" and fill in the information below.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 14. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel

9900 N. Allisonville Road

Fishers, IN 46038

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<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ To me Janja (and Jud) meant a meal, conversations, mostly about family and swimming in the pool. Whenever we went to their home, first with Rajko and Luigina and later with our kids, and finally just the two of us, we knew we were in store for a great treat. Whether it was a roast beef, a traditional Croatian dish, or something else, we always knew it would be the best meal we would have during our time in Indianapolis. And we could always count on it ending with her famous booze cake, my father’s favorite!

Typically we were in Indianapolis in the summertime and we knew those afternoons would include pool time, a special time for conversation mostly centered around each of our kids and later the grandkids. Boy did she love her grandkids!

Our memories of Janja and Jud are sweet ones, where they were always giving of themselves to serve us and make us feel even more welcome at their house than our own. They have been a shining example to all of us on how to be selfless givers always doing whatever is necessary to make someone feel loved and special. Our memories of them will always be strong.

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**Andy Benedik** - June 14, 2024 at 11:38 AM

JB

*Thank you so much!*

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**Jasmin Burch** - June 18, 2024 at 09:26 AM

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“ I moved to Indianapolis my Junior year of high school and soon became good friends with Kris. At the time I was living with my older brother and Janja took me in and became like a second mother to me. I will never forget her kindness. I have such great memories of the time I spent in the Jordans home with the entire family. Let's not forget the great food... love those cabbage rolls!!!

Nate Slabaugh - June 14, 2024 at 10:49 AM

JB

Thank you so much Nate. You are definitely dear to our family

Jasmin Burch - June 18, 2024 at 09:26 AM

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“ Ivan, Ana, Jr and Chris Pongracic purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Janja Jordan.



Ivan, Ana, Jr and Chris Pongracic - June 13, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Janja Jordan.



June 12, 2024 at 07:50 AM

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“ Doyle Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janja Jordan.

Doyle Family - June 12, 2024 at 07:50 AM