



## Janet Ann Barr

March 19, 1954 - February 2, 2019

Janet Ann Barr of Dublin, OH passed away on February 2, 2019 after a sled riding accident with her grandchildren. Born Janet Ann Medwid, March 19, 1954 in Pittsburgh, PA to Andrew and Mercedes Medwid. She moved to Lexington, OH when she was 4. She was preceded in death by Andrew and Mercedes Medwid, brother-in-law Jim Barr and niece Sarah Medwid Gorsline. Loved by so many, she was an avid reader, swimmer, loved the ocean and the beach, and gardening. She graduated from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and recently retired from pharmacy in 2013. Janet Medwid Barr was often referred to as the dog whisperer. She loved all dogs and they loved her – at first site. Known as GaGa by her grandchildren she was especially involved in their lives – their games, school events, playing at the beach, teaching them to swim, baking cookies and making pierogies. She loved caring for them. But they knew to look out for her “back hand”. An avid gardener she recently had become most interested in making sure monarch butterflies flourished in the summer on their way to Mexico. A very competitive swimmer in her youth, she was invited to try out for the Ohio State swim team. She told the coach she was too busy with Pharmacy school. Recently she did a 2.5 mile river swim in Charleston, SC with her sister Susan. She stayed active with yoga and swimming weekly and biking with Joe. Rarely is she out in the community that she is not recognized as the nice pharmacist from Kroger. She and Joe loved to walk especially at High Banks Park. They enjoyed traveling nationally and internationally and she was especially an

expert at planning the all-family vacation at Kiawah Island every summer.

Janet and Joe met in grade school and then dated in high school and through college at The Ohio State University. They married immediately after graduation in 1977.

Their daughters also attended OSU. Fortunately, the girls married great men who wanted to live in and around Columbus, near Janet and Joe.

All who knew her often commented on the genuine, honest, giving, and loving way she lived.

She is survived by her husband Joe, two daughters, Jennifer (Nick) Dean and Beth (Craig) Krenzel, 5 grandchildren - Brayden, Ellie, Austin, and Colt Krenzel and Nolan Dean, and brothers Grady (Cindy) and Mike (Margo) Medwid and sister Susan (Andy) Francis. Family will receive friends at the Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W Olentangy Street, Powell OH on Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church 10700 Liberty Road Powell, Ohio with Father Jim Black as Celebrant. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. Online condolences can be sent to [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com). Those interested in giving to research in her name may send contributions to: OhioHealth Neuroscience Care at Riverside Methodist Hospital 3525 Olentangy River Rd Ste 5310 Columbus, OH 43214 or the Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank 262 Neil Ave. Suite 140 Columbus, OH 43215

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street  
Lewis Center, OH 43035

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Ann Barr*



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - February 06, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Janet Ann Barr*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Joe and family,*

*We wish to express our sincere sorrow on learning of the loss of your dear wife Janet. You are very much in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that faith, friendships and fond memories will help you through this difficult time.*

*God Bless,  
Jan & Peggy*

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**Jan** - February 19, 2019 at 10:51 PM

JF

“ So sad to learn of this tragedy and passing of your beloved wife Joe. Lifting you and your family up in prayer during this sadness. God Bless

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**Jeff and Barb Franz** - February 08, 2019 at 09:36 PM

TW

“ To the entire Barr and Medwid families, I send my deepest sympathies. I hadn't talked to Janet for over 40 years, but she is forever etched in my memory. I remember her best as what the theorist/inventor Buckminster Fuller called out in his book, "I Seem to be a Verb." Janet was a "verb:" an almost boundless source of energy all about doing things, not just "being there." I expect everyone in her life got to feel this about her in one way or another. It's not often we encounter people like Janet in our lives, but as we grow older, I think we all grow to appreciate it more.

*Ted Williams  
Arlington, Virginia*

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**Ted A. Williams** - February 08, 2019 at 11:47 AM

DA

“ Our deepest sympathy to Joe and family.

*David and Jackey Arrington*



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**David and Jackey Arrington** - February 07, 2019 at 07:33 PM

RJ

“ Dear Joe, and family. Our prayers, and thoughts, are with you. All our love; Randy, Helen, and Jamie Jagger.

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**Randall Jagger** - February 07, 2019 at 05:22 PM

LB

“ Dear Cousin Joe and family: Cousin Deborah told us out here in California of your tragic loss. I wanted to pass on to you and your kids and grandkids our condolences and love. Your Aunt Ruth's family are all praying for you. Love, Betsy

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**Lizabeth Jagger Boyd** - February 07, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



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February 07, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



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February 07, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ *Joe,*  
*We are so sorry for your loss. There is a saying in our family that when someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure. We have many fond memories of Janet and we're grateful to have known her. You and your family are in our thoughts.*

*Jeff and Jill Schafer*

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**Jeff Schafer** - February 07, 2019 at 10:51 AM

WF

“ With sympathy from everyone at 97.1 The Fan purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



With sympathy from everyone at 97.1 The Fan - February 07, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



February 07, 2019 at 06:11 AM

BA

“ Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Bob Andrews

Bob Andrews - February 07, 2019 at 06:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



February 06, 2019 at 10:34 PM

TK

“ Dear Dr. Barr I was deeply saddened to hear of Janet's tragic passing. Please know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Terri Kyser

Terri Kyser - February 06, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



February 06, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



February 06, 2019 at 06:03 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



February 06, 2019 at 05:41 PM

SA

“ *Sandy, Terri, Skyla, Doreen, Susie, Lorri purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Janet Ann Barr.*



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**Sandy, Terri, Skyla, Doreen, Susie, Lorri** - February 06, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.*



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February 06, 2019 at 02:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.*



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February 06, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.*



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February 06, 2019 at 12:45 PM

MB

“ Dear Dr. Barr and Family, I am saddened to learn of the passing of your wife, mother, and grandmother. Holding you each in my heart and prayers.

*Melissa Billings, O.D.*

*OSU Optometry Class of 2001*

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**Melissa Billings** - February 06, 2019 at 10:31 AM

JC

“ My sincere condolences to Janet's family and friends. Janet was a lovely woman, filled with life and joy. You all are in my prayers.

*Judy Custodio*

*former Director of Music*

*St. Joan of Arc Church*

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**Judith Custodio** - February 06, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



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February 06, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



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February 05, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.*



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February 05, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest condolences for your family's loss.*  
*Elise Kramer*

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**Elise Kramer** - February 05, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ *Words cannot express the deep sadness regarding Janet's death. Janet loved her family deeply! I'm sure she is in heaven looking down up on all of you with a great smile on her face and thanking you for all the joy you gave her.*  
*You are all in my prayers!*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Vickie Mickey*

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**vickie mickey** - February 05, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.*



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February 05, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.*



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February 05, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ *Joe,*

*I am so sorry to hear about Janet's accident. Please know that I am praying for you and your family.*

*God Bless,  
Dave Sattler*

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**Dave Sattler** - February 05, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ *Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss. My family and I will keep you in prayer, that The L-rd send forth His comfort and succor at this painful time. There is a balm in Gilead. Greg Sucilla*

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**Gregory Sucilla** - February 05, 2019 at 03:29 PM

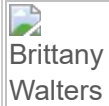


“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.*



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February 05, 2019 at 02:34 PM



Brittany Walters

“ I am so so very sorry to hear about the passing of your mom Jennifer. My thoughts and prayers are with and your family at this difficult time.

*Brittany Walters*

Brittany Walters - February 05, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



February 05, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



February 05, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ Joe , so sorry to here of the loss of Janet, condolences to you and your family . John OBrien

john ibrien - February 05, 2019 at 11:08 AM

JD

“ Joe so very sorry to hear of this tragic loss. May her memory be eternal. Condolences to you and your family. Jeff Delianides

Jeff Delianides - February 05, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



February 05, 2019 at 10:06 AM

BB

“ To the entire Barr family, We are so heart broken to hear of Jan's tragic passing. May you find strength in your family's love. We will never forget the joy that she brought to the world. She touched so many hearts.

With all our sympathy & love, Barrie and Kathy Brandt (friends from Dublin schools and cheerleading days)

Barrie Brandt - February 05, 2019 at 09:53 AM

MH

“ Joe, Jen, and Beth, we are so saddened to hear of Janet's passing. She was a light that always shone so bright. Her smile and laugh could always make you feel good. My heart breaks for you and those precious grandchildren that she loved so much. May you find the strength to get through this difficult time. Hugs to all. Love, The Henry's

margie henry - February 05, 2019 at 09:31 AM

DL

“ Joe, Jennifer and Beth, I am without words... I am so sorry for your loss. Janet was a wonderful person and I always thought so highly of her. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie McDaniel-Luedtke

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**Deborah P Luedtke** - February 05, 2019 at 09:13 AM

TF

“ Joe,

*I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in all the good memories you have. You and your family are in our prayers.*

*Tim & Cheryl Fries*

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**Tim Fries** - February 05, 2019 at 08:45 AM

DO

“ Joe

*My deepest sympathies to you and your family for your tragic loss. May God's comforting embrace surround you and support through not only this most difficult period but also as you journey forward.*

*My continuing prayers are with you my friend.*

*Dan Fuller*



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**Daniel G. Fuller, OD** - February 05, 2019 at 08:22 AM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Sharon** - February 05, 2019 at 12:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



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February 04, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



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February 04, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.



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February 04, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Barr.*



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February 04, 2019 at 08:08 PM



“ *Joe, Jennifer, Beth and families...*

*I send love and prayers to all of you in this terrible loss of my dear friend and Rx partner Janet. I have to share that I often looked up to Janet as a Mom, Wife and Friend. She truly LOVED and LIVED life to the fullest and loved her family. What a fabulous role model. I often said when I went part-time I wanted to go “Janet” PT (traveling and enjoying her family) She didn’t have an enemy. I can hear her giggle so clearly.*

*Love to all of you!*

*Stacey Holz*

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**Stacey Holz** - February 04, 2019 at 06:37 PM