



Janet Lee Payne Adelman

October 31, 1935 - April 6, 2026

Janet Adelman, born October 31, 1935, in Ironton, Ohio, passed away on April 6, 2026, in Hilliard, Ohio.

Janet was a lifelong educator who dedicated much of her career to teaching special needs students at Briggs High School in Columbus, Ohio. She had a deep love of nature and was endlessly curious about gardening and animals. An avid reader, accomplished seamstress, and certified scuba diver, Janet embraced life with creativity and enthusiasm. She spent most of her life in Columbus and enjoyed following her favorite teams, the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Cincinnati Reds.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Ohio University, where she was a member of the Chi Omega sorority. Later in life, she completed a master's degree from Nova Southeastern University.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Merrill Orvis Payne and Helen Rowley (Sheets) Payne of Kitts Hill, Ohio, and her brother, Thomas Julian Payne of Jackson, Ohio.

She is survived by her loving children: David Adelman of Columbus, Ohio; John (Marisol) Adelman of Pinckney, Michigan; and Susan (Jerry) Kelly of Dobson, North Carolina. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Indigo (Charlotte) Adelman; Aidan (Leanna) Adelman; Owen Warunek, all of Michigan; Ryan (Callie) Kelly of Louisiana; and Lauren (Tyler) Hawkins of North Carolina.

Janet's wishes were to be interred at Fairview Missionary Baptist Cemetery in Wilgus, Ohio. A private service will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ Susan, your family is in our prayers! Remain strong for the family and cherish the memories!

Tyrone Fisher - April 10 at 08:36 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss, thinking of you all in this difficult time.

Steve Duckett - April 10 at 01:17 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers lifted for the family.



Becky Castello - April 10 at 09:49 AM