



## Jan Marie Kaaz

April 16, 1930 - November 5, 2023

Janice Marie Kaaz (nee Tiesler), known affectionately as Jan, peacefully passed away on November 5, 2023, in Sunset Hills, Missouri. Born on April 16, 1930, at St. Mary's Hospital St. Louis, Missouri, she was the beloved daughter of Oscar and Marie Tiesler. Her childhood years were spent in Kirkwood, Missouri. She was baptized May 4, 1930, confirmed on June 13, 1943 and married to Edward (Ed) Kaaz on December 27, 1953 all at Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, Missouri.

Jan's dedication to education led her to a career as an elementary school teacher in Atchison, Kansas, where she had the fortune of meeting her cherished husband, Ed. Upon returning to the St. Louis area, while raising her children she was a substitute teacher and was the pioneer preschool teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Des Peres, Missouri. Jan's commitment to shaping young minds left an indelible impact on the lives of many.

Jan held her faith close to her heart and found solace in the embrace of Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, Missouri; Trinity Lutheran Church in Atchison, Kansas; and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres, Missouri. Her devotion to her religious community was a cornerstone of her life, providing her with strength, guidance, and a sense of belonging.

In addition to her professional and spiritual pursuits, Jan was an original

member of the church handbell choir and extended her warmth as a greeter, ensuring that all who entered the church felt welcomed and valued. She enjoyed playing bridge and pinochle with friends, camping with family and friends and offering her help to anyone needing assistance.

Family meant everything to Jan. She leaves behind her loving son, Raymond (Linda) Kaaz, and daughter, Nancy (Jim) Hart. Jan's role as a grandmother brought immeasurable joy to her heart, and she adored her four granddaughters, ten great-grandchildren, and one heavenly great-granddaughter. Jan also held a special place in her heart for her nieces and nephews and many friends.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 11, to honor Jan's memory. The service will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 12345 Manchester Road, Des Peres, Missouri 63131. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM. Internment will be immediately following the service at St. Paul's Cemetery, 921 N Ballas Road, Des Peres, Missouri; all are welcome.

To honor Jan's legacy, contributions can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran School in Des Peres, Missouri. These donations will support the Tell the Wonders He Has Done building campaign, ensuring that future generations receive the same educational opportunities Jan valued.

Oak Hill Cemetery and Chapel Hill Mortuary in Kirkwood, Missouri is assisting the family by providing support and guidance.

Janice Marie Kaaz will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her commitment to education, her unwavering faith, and her dedication to her loved ones serve as an enduring legacy that will be cherished for generations to come. May her soul find

eternal peace, and may her memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to all who mourn her loss.

# Cemetery Details

## St Paul Cemetery

Des Peres, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

St Paul Lutheran Church  
12345 Manchester Rd  
Des Peres, MO 63131

## Celebration of Life

NOV 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

St Paul Lutheran Church  
12345 Manchester Rd  
Des Peres, MO 63131

## Interment

NOV 11. 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

St Paul Cemetery  
Des Peres, MO

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ Love love love Jan! She welcomed me to St Paul's 18 years ago and talked me into joining her Greeter Team! I grew up Missouri Synod but was new to St Louis & St Paul's. Here I was, a brand new member, brand new Mom and standing at the church door with my babies following her lead...thank you Jan for your motivation and encouragement! Praying for God's comfort for the family, and looking forward to our unending greeting in Heaven! God Bless!



**Cory Ahlbrand** - November 14, 2023 at 09:50 AM

DC

“ Jan was such a warm and welcoming person. She made us feel at home ever since we joined as new members many years ago. We even shared the same confirmation verse. It was always such a pleasure to see her smiling face and have a chance to catch up with her at church. We will definitely miss her. She was such a blessing to us and many others at St Paul's.

**Dyan Chong** - November 12, 2023 at 10:34 PM

KF

“ Kristen Baum & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jan Marie Kaaz.



**Kristen Baum & Family** - November 10, 2023 at 03:17 PM

SC

“ Jan was the greeter when my husband and I attended New Member classes at St. Paul's 20 years ago. She never forgot our names and was always welcoming to everyone. Her servant heart will be missed! Praise to God for her faith - until we meet again!

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**Sandra Claus** - November 09, 2023 at 01:07 PM

GT

“ Jan was an amazing and beloved pre-kindergarten teacher and introduced four of our children to St. Paul's Lutheran School. She shared Jesus with each of them and taught them life lessons they still talk about today. I remember when Jan started the bread ministry at St. Paul's and let me be a part of it. Jan was a great blessing in my life and I will always hold her in my heart. We are sorry to miss the funeral but Jim and I will be out of town.

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**Gayle Truesdell** - November 08, 2023 at 08:32 PM

DM

“ She was the best grandma and great-grandma. I miss her so much. But I know grandpa was really happy to see her. Im sure she walked in and loudly said "Ed!" And he said "you dont have to yell Jan!"❤️🤔



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**Denise Mix** - November 08, 2023 at 12:13 PM

KJ

“ Both Jan and Ed were part of the heart and soul that is St. Paul's Des Peres. Q quick smile and wit was her trademark to me. Prayers to the family for healing, peace and comfort. Jan will be greatly missed!! Soli Deo Gloria.

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**Keith Jakle** - November 08, 2023 at 11:32 AM

PB

“ Jan was one of the first to welcome us to St Paul's. She always had a smile and kind word for us and made us feel wanted and cared for always. She was a pleasure being around. She was fun playing Bridge. She was one of the first bell choir members I think. She is happy in heaven with our Lord! Penney Beaudean

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**Penney Beaudean** - November 08, 2023 at 11:08 AM