



## Jane Marie (Will) Blackham

September 3, 1935 - December 13, 2022

Jane Marie (Will) Blackham passed away peacefully at home in Dacula, Georgia surrounded by her loving family on December 13, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jane was born on September 3, 1935 to Harry J. and Catherine Will in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Jane is preceded in death by her loving husband of nearly 65 years, William Hamilton Blackham, who passed away on September 19, 2022. Jane is survived by her six children and their spouses; Bill and MaryAnn (McConville) Blackham, Mike Blackham and Whitney McGrath, Ann and Loren Hursh, Amy and Rick Alcala, Patty and Scott Rider, and Fred and Jenni (Wolf) Blackham. In addition, Jane is survived by her fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren who loved and adored her. Jane cherished family and faith above all and instilled those same values in her children and grandchildren. Jane was also preceded in death by siblings, James D. Will, Dorothy (Will) Mathews, and Mary Grace Will. She is survived by a special sister-in-law, Dolores (Blackham) Marefka and her identical twin sister, Nancy Lee (Will) Greenwood with whom she shared an extraordinary bond. Jane and Nancy were inseparable in their childhood and remained close throughout their adulthood with their spouses and eleven children. Although the families were separated by many miles after Jane and Bill moved to Florida, family times remained a priority. Countless memories were created with the large extended family which included many special nieces and nephews. They cherished

many happy memories in Johnstown, Pa.

Jane was a 1953 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and later became a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Jane was a devout Catholic and lived her faith through service to others. From Johnstown to Pittsburgh, Coral Springs, FL, Leesburg, FL and Dacula, GA she was always active in her church. She served as a Eucharistic Minister, food pantry volunteer, dedicated member of Council of Catholic Women (CCW), and spent countless hours collecting and distributing items for those in need. Her hobbies included sewing, quilting, crocheting, and gardening. Jane was a beloved friend to many; these friendships have endured through the decades.

A funeral mass will be officiated by Father Ignacio Morales at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch on December 19, 2022 at 10:30am .

Receiving family and friends at 9:45am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CCW of Saint Paul's Catholic Church in Leesburg, Florida or Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Jane and Bill will be buried together in the Blackham family plot at Homewood Cemetery in Pittsburgh. They leave a legacy of love in their large family.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center and Dennis Dwyer of Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

# Tribute Wall

HK

“ Jane was the kindest and most wonderful person I have ever known. We were friends for 50 years. Most certainly she is in heaven with Bill and all her loved ones who went before her. Love you always..Hazel,Bob, and Family

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**hazel Ann Kemper** - December 17, 2022 at 11:44 PM

HK

“ hazel Kemper lit a candle in memory of Jane Blackham



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**hazel Ann Kemper** - December 17, 2022 at 11:28 PM

KB

“ Kim Barnett lit a candle in memory of Jane Blackham



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**Kim Barnett** - December 16, 2022 at 10:56 PM

DN

“ I meet Jane almost 5 years ago when her grandson Ricky married my daughter Elizabeth. I fell in love with her and Bill, they are such a loving couple. I'm so thankful to have known them and will miss them very much. I'm praying for the family and I know you have lots of wonderful memories.

Love you all,  
Debbie Nelson

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**Debbie Nelson** - December 16, 2022 at 07:40 PM

SL

“ My twin and I met Nan and Jane and we created a special bond as both sets were twins and nurses. Two very special girls that I truly love and admire as they both are so very family oriented. Jane will be so very missed.

love sandra lewis

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**sandra lewis** - December 16, 2022 at 01:22 PM

RA

“ To all the Blackham's....I'm so sorry for your loss. Jane will always be remembered with love by the Acampora's. She was a beautiful example of a mom, wife, sister and friend. Prayers to all of you that miss her dearly. Love, Rosanne

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**Rosanne Acampora** - December 16, 2022 at 10:33 AM

DJ

*Bill, Ann, Mike, Amy, Patti, & Fred*

*You are amazing children, all the loving care that you have given to your Mom & Dad over the past several months. It is difficult for me to realize that they are both gone. God Bless you and watch over you at this difficult time. Bill & Jane are forever in our hearts.*

*Aunt Boots*

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**Dolores Marefka, sister of Bill & Jane** - December 18, 2022 at 10:05 AM