



Janet D. Carter-Gottschild

December 24, 1945 - January 14, 2026

Janet D. Carter-Gottschild, 80, of Fish House Road, Galway, passed away on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at St. Peter's Hospital surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born in Manhattan on December 24, 1945, a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Schenk Cranford and was educated at Commerce High School. Janet attended Fulton Montgomery Community College where she received her associates degree. During this time, she helped form a college battered women's support group. She became an advocate for fellow survivors of domestic violence. She went on to achieve a bachelor's degree in Human Services from Empire State University of Albany.

For over 20 years, Jan was employed as a counselor with Community Maternity Services in Gloversville and in her spare time she was known for her intuitive readings as a psychic consultant. She helped many people over the years, providing comfort and guidance while dealing with her own life struggles.

In her earlier years, Janet shared her passion for ceramics by establishing and operating her own ceramics business for many years. She took great joy in teaching classes, forming friendships and sharing the art of pottery with the community. She left behind a legacy of creativity in the pieces she taught others to make.

Janet was a smart, strong, and courageous women who raised 5 kids, always putting their needs first. Her beautiful, caring heart always provided

encouragement to those around her.

Janet loved spending time with her family, sitting on the back deck enjoying the outdoors and wildlife. She cherished her fur babies and her feathered friend. Children and others adored her for her playful imagination. Jan took pleasure in a variety of arts and crafts as she was very creative. She enjoyed ceramics, sewing, painting, shopping, canning vegetables and visiting with friends. As the heart and soul of our family, Janet's unconditional love, strength, and guidance will be profoundly missed by all who loved and knew her.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved son, Richard C. Carter.

Survivors include her husband, Alan P. Gottschald, whom she married on August 29, 1997; four children, Arthur D. Carter of Natchitoches, LA, James E. Carter of Galway, NY, Jerald G. Carter of Warrior, AL, and Jenean E. Carter of Galway, NY; a half-brother, Thomas Edwards of Rising Sun, MD; four grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Northampton United Methodist Church at Fish House. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **25**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Northampton United Methodist Church
1605 County Hwy 110
Broadalbin, NY 12025
(518) 842-1132

Tribute Wall

LW

“ I only met Janet once but I remember talking with her and having a lovely time in my moms kitchen when sue car to get a haircut but turned out to be taking the smallest amount off her hair ! I'm thankful I met your mom Jenean and we are th lucky ones to have had a very loving relationship with our mamas ❤️

Laureen Wolff - April 16 at 02:27 PM

KI

“ Jenean and family, I am so very sorry for your loss.

Kim - April 12 at 05:47 PM

JC

Thank you so much Kim. I appreciate all your support through this tough time. Your kindness and friendship means so much. You really helped me through the toughest time of my life. ❤️ thank you, sending many prayers and love back to you!

Jenean Carter - April 12 at 06:43 PM

LK

“ Love, Kim purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Janet D. Carter-Gottschald.



Love, Kim - April 12 at 05:42 PM

LK

“ Love, Kim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet D. Carter-Gottschald.

Love, Kim - April 12 at 05:42 PM

LG

“ I was so sorry to hear about Jan's passing. I have never met her but we had been in contact for decades. We met through a shared interest in Amateur Radio. She enjoyed the coincidence of her living In Galway, New York State and me living in Galway Ireland. I will miss her repartee and chat. RIP Jan.

I offer my deepest condolences to her family and friends and especially to Jenean.

Larry Mc Griskin - March 28 at 07:17 AM

JC

Thank you Larry. I hope to make it to see you someday. Mom talked about you often and told us of the conversations you shared. When I have a minute to breathe, I look forward to reading the magazine you sent to mom. Hugs from Galway in USA

Jenean Carter - April 12 at 06:38 PM

CO

“ Jeanne, from everything I know about your mom, she was a truly resilient woman. She fought until the very end — you must be such a proud daughter.

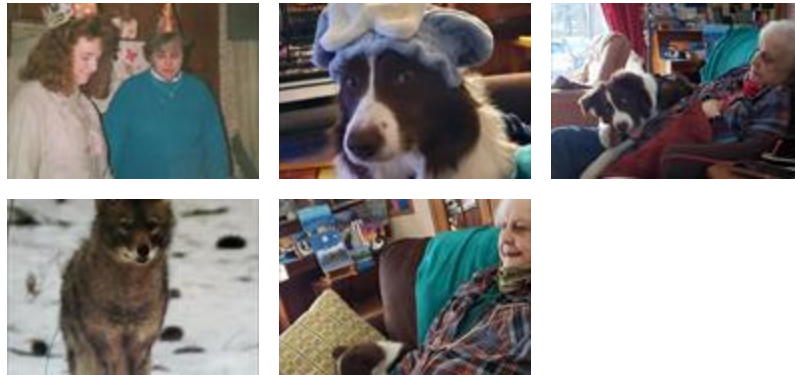


I send you my deepest condolences to you, her husband, and the rest of your family. My prayers are with all of you as you find comfort during this difficult time. □

Claudia O - February 27 at 08:32 AM

JC

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Jenean Carter - February 20 at 01:27 PM

CO

beautiful memories ❤️

Claudia O - February 27 at 08:27 AM

AM

“ I had the privilege of meeting Jane when my children were young my 3 sisters were in her group at Community Maternity. I joined her group and enjoyed our talks and outings. I lost touch after a while and when my youngest son passed away Jane reached out to me. She was always there with comforting words and encouragement any time our family was in need. She was a special kind of person and will be greatly missed by many

April Morehouse - February 20 at 10:07 AM

JC

Thank you April she cared so much for all her girls and their family. I'm sorry for your loss. Mom knew how it was to lose a son. I enjoyed when I was able to go on the outings to Howes Caverns and such. Always so much fun! Hugs Thank you for sharing!

Jenean Carter - February 20 at 01:30 PM

ES

“ So sad to hear of Janet's passing...I loved hearing the stories of her childhood in the apartment on 18th Street in NYC where my late mother, Georgette, lived with her parents Helen and John. She remembered so many things! when my parents were married they also lived in that building, and Janet was like a little sister to my Mom. She was with her when my brother got his first pair of shoes! I will miss hearing her stories about those days, and hope she rests in sweet peace, and is with them again. My condolences to all of you, with love, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Straub - February 19 at 09:26 PM

JC

Thank you Elizabeth for sharing. I'm trying to remember because as kids we would run/race up the black and white stairs, stopping at a few floors to say hello to neighbors. Mom would say we're stopping to see Carl on the 4th floor and I remember stopping to see an older couple in an apartment in the back of the building. Maybe it was your mom and grandparents? My grandmother lived on the fifth floor. I always loved going to the city. It was a great adventure! Mom was always excited to see the old neighborhood and friends. Sending love your way, and don't hesitate to reach out if you want to reminisce about NYC. I loved it there! Thank you ❤️

Jenean Carter - February 24 at 08:53 AM

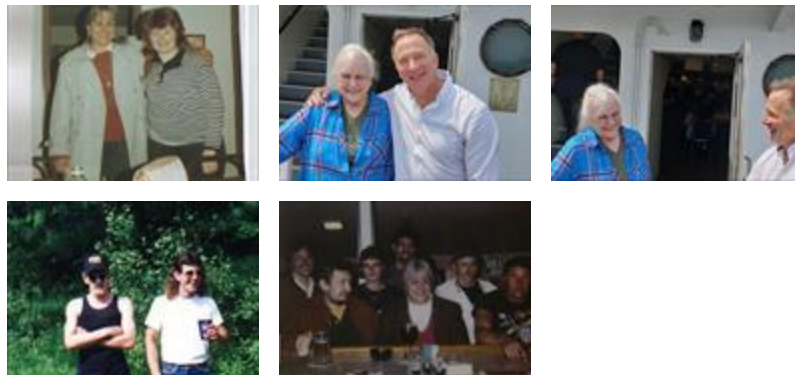
JM

“ I met Janet over 50 years ago, in Michigan. My sister Carol and her became fast friends. I caught back up with Janet a few years ago, I let her know Carol had passed in 2002. Janet was a smart, funny, beautiful woman who cared about her friends, and loved her family, who were her world. I remember the boys running around and laughing. I'm so sorry, my prayers and condolences to her family. I know she meant alot to many people and will be missed by many. Janet will never know how many lives she touched. I know she has a huge smile being with Richie and seeing Carol, the story's they will share. May you RIP old friend. 😞

Janet muncy - February 19 at 08:24 PM

JC

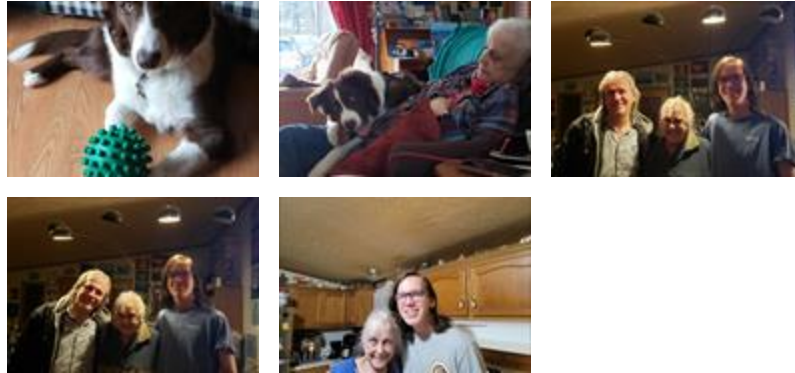
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Jenean Carter - February 19 at 07:31 PM

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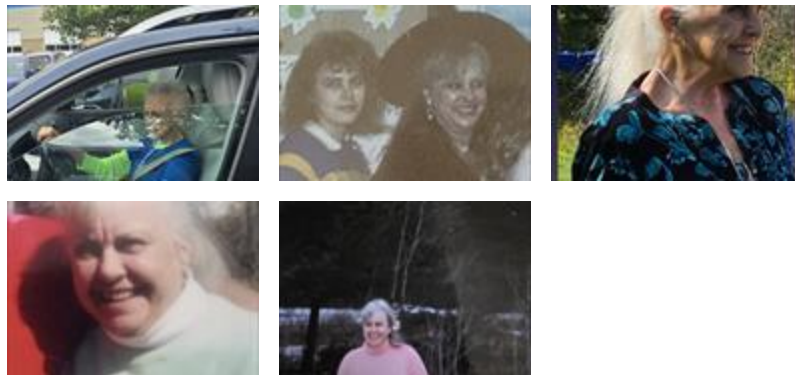
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Jenean Carter - February 19 at 07:27 PM

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Jenean Carter - February 19 at 07:24 PM

BM

“ *I called her my other Mother.. She was always kind and loving to me. She will be missed. Great woman that raise some wonderful kids I call my friends!!!! RIP Ma!!!*

Brady Mayer - February 17 at 05:02 PM

JC

Brady, she loves you like one of her kids. She was always happy you thought of us enough to come visit when you came home. Mom was proud of all of us including you 💕

Jenean Carter - February 19 at 07:34 PM

JF

I am so sorry for the great loss of Janet. I lived next door to her and would joke with her about building a walk bridge between properties. I would go over there and play with Hogan and feed him treats. RIP Jan. My prayers are with her family at this time of loss.

jeannie Forand - April 15 at 04:43 PM