



Janet "Punky" Fagan

May 28, 1947 - November 18, 2024

Janet "Punky" Fagan, 77, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on Monday, November 18, 2024, at Southern Maryland Medical Center.

Born and raised in Elmira, New York, Janet was the second oldest of ten children to the late Robert F. "Buster" and Marion "Mimi" Howland Gordon. A 1965 graduate of Southside High School, she went on to earn her degree from SUNY Cortland in 1969, where she developed a lifelong passion for education.

Janet was predeceased by her sisters Sharon "Sherry" Grafius, Carol Gilboy, and Mary Gordon, as well as her brothers Michael "Mickey" and Mark Gordon. She is survived by her sons, John Wales, Ryan Fagan, and Adam (Theresa Gallagher) Fagan; her beloved grandchildren, Tony Gallagher, Cole, Kyle, and Claire Fagan; and her siblings, Robert "Bob" (Rose) Gordon, Nancy (Mark) Waggy, Diane "DiDi" Burchard, and Alan Scott Gordon. Janet is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and her longtime friends, Laura Hazzard and Janice Cunningham.

A dedicated and inspiring English teacher, Janet touched countless lives during her nearly 25-year career at Leonardtown Middle School, retiring in 2012. She was passionate about traveling, reading, and enjoying the birds, squirrels, and chipmunks near her home in Southern Maryland. Above all, she cherished time spent with her children, grandchildren, and beloved dogs.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
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Service

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Tribute Wall

EG

“ Aunt punky you will forever be missed I want you to know you have raised 3 amazing passionate boys that I love so very much! Your boys did an amazing thing today they had asome of my mothers (your sister) ashes buried along side of you so all of you including gram and gramp be at peace together and it was an honor to be part of that and I won't ever forget that!! That's your doing because you did an awesome job with them boys!! Your an amazing mother those boys were lucky to have you as their mom! You were there for my mom throughout her cancer you help her see how strong she was to beat it! I loved visiting you when we were young that I had my daughter do the same and she had so much fun you went out of your way to make sure that every time was a memorable time and thank you for always taking pictures because now we can go back and enjoy all the memories forever! You will always be in our hearts and forever missed! I love you aunt punky ☐ 

Ericka Grafius - December 02, 2024 at 10:12 PM

LO

“ Lois purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janet "Punky" Fagan.



Lois - November 24, 2024 at 12:38 PM

TI

“ Aunt punky not only was my aunt she was me God mother. I have so many wonderful memories spending summers with her and the boys. She planned our summers making sure we saw it all and visited great places we would never forgot. . Even drive to Virginia so we could go to the beach. When we grew up and had kids she would take our kids and give them the same experiences they would never forget so thank you for being wonderful, thoughtful and loving. You will never be forgotten Rest in peace Aunt punky We love you ❤️

Tiffany - November 24, 2024 at 12:12 AM

NW

“ Nancy W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet "Punky" Fagan.

Nancy W. - November 23, 2024 at 09:55 AM

SP

“ You will never be truly gone ...
We will hold you safely in our hearts Forever.

We Love You Punky .
Nancy ,Mark ,Katie,Justin and Stace



Stacie PrahI - November 23, 2024 at 07:09 AM

SP

“ Aunt Punky I love you and you will be so very missed . You were the coolest Aunt , I remember being little and thinking you were so fun and so adventurous. I wanted to be just like you when I grew up . Nothing stopped you . If you wanted to take a trip with your Boys you got in the car and you went on a new adventure . I always had so much fun when you visited us . I feel so lucky to have had our girls trip With You , Mom Aunt Di and Me . You made me laugh and smile . I will never forget us riding E.T. And at the End him saying our Names and we looked at each other . You said Aww he said your Name “Little Girl” . It didn’t matter how old I got that’s what you still called me . Every time I think of you , I see you being that cool , funny , smart , Beautiful Woman that you were . You are forever her in my memory. I am so glad Katie and Justin got to visit you and go on adventures with you too. They have their own Aunt Punky Stories . I’m so glad you and Mom and Aunt Di had each other . You talked everyday and that is a gift . I lost count of the times I went to call my Mom and got the same response “I’m talking to Aunt Punky “. I love you Always and Our little world is just a bit dimmer now that you are gone . You make sure to give Heaven a little Hell Aunt Punky . <3
Stacie Lynn

Stacie Prah - November 23, 2024 at 06:56 AM

CC

“ Cole, Kyle, and Claire planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet "Punky" Fagan.

Cole, Kyle, and Claire - November 22, 2024 at 05:11 PM

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“ Cole, Kyle, and Claire purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Janet "Punky" Fagan.



Cole, Kyle, and Claire - November 22, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janet "Punky" Fagan.

November 22, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janet "Punky" Fagan.



November 22, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DW

“ May God rest her beautiful soul. Janet was truly one of a kind and I absolutely loved working with her. She was a fantastic English teacher and always shared her joy each and everyday. Her dedication, determination and friendship will be missed. I know she is bringing joy to those in the heavens. Her humor and candor will be appreciated.

DIANA P WOLFE - November 22, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ There are so many memories but some I'll never forget was going to see He-man secret of the sword in theatres and taking me to Maryland a few times which she took me and adam to see the white house which was my first and only time and the museums which I had my first astronaut ice cream which adam just had to have me try and FYI still not sure how I feel about that 🤔 and took me to my first MLB game the Orioles. Alot of us cousins looked forward to summer because we knew she would visit and because of her all of us cousins got together and had alot of memories that'll last forever. And my favorite memory was at my mom's funeral where she gave a speech about her, things I didn't know and brought some humor and light to a very dark period at the time I love you Aunt Punky and you'll always be missed love Derek

Derek Grafius - November 21, 2024 at 08:10 PM

CN

I worked with Janet at LMS from the time she arrived until we retired. She loved her job. I will always think of Janet and her infectious laugh. She was one of the last teachers to leave the building each day and make her hour long drive home. She was a great friend. I will miss her!

Cheryl Nuhfer - November 22, 2024 at 07:22 AM