



Mrs. Janice "Jan" Dove McDonald

March 9, 1958 - February 5, 2025

Janice "Jan" Dove McDonald, age 66, of Gulf Shores, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Jan was born to Russell and Shelby Dove on March 9, 1958, in Jackson, Mississippi. She grew up in Thomasville, Alabama, where she graduated from Thomasville High School. She later attended Mississippi State University before dedicating her life to raising her family and nurturing young minds as a preschool teacher at Bright Beginnings.

Jan had a kind and loving heart, always putting her family first. She was known for her gentle spirit, warmth, and unwavering love for those around her. Her greatest joy came from the time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren at the beach.

She is survived by her husband, Harold McDonald; her mother, Shelby Dove; her brother, Stan Dove (Melissa); her sons, Eric McDonald (Mary) and Sam McDonald; and her grandchildren, Taurin McDonald and Tobias Trione.

She was preceded in death by her father, Russell Dove.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to The Autism Society at <https://autismsociety.org/ways-to-give/>.

Jan's kindness and love touched so many lives, and she will be dearly missed. A Celebration of Life Visitation will be held on Friday February 21, 2025 at 11AM from the Gulf Shores Activity Center 260 Clubhouse Dr, Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Tribute Wall

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“ My sweet friend Jan had the biggest heart and I never remember a time when she wasn't smiling and laughing. She just had so much joy! Joy for her life and her family, especially her sons Eric and Sam and her grandsons. I've known her for over 40 years and always new her to be a loyal friend and a nurturer. She loved her mom and dad and I know they loved her so very much. I will always carry her in my heart. She truly was an angel and heaven is blessed with her presence! Love you Jan my beautiful friend! Marsha

Marsha G Gottlieb - February 22, 2025 at 11:22 AM

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“ Jan and I were classmates in Thomasville AL. She was always a fun loving energetic and sweet person to be around. I was so happy to reconnect with her on Facebook. We will get to share school memories in Heaven 🙏

Janices Jackson Brown - February 21, 2025 at 10:16 AM