



Janee Michelle Umbarger

June 30, 1969 - April 3, 2025

Janee Michelle Umbarger, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and social worker, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at the age of 55. Born June 30, 1969, in Osceola, Iowa, to Edward and Susan (Warner) Adcock, Janee lived a life filled with music, compassion, and unwavering dedication to others.

Her early years showcased her musical talent, playing piano, drums, and alto saxophone with such proficiency that she earned a college scholarship for band. A gifted cook, Janee created a warm and welcoming home, a haven of comfort for her family and friends. She attended Altoona Midway High School, later earning her GED, and went on to pursue higher education, achieving an Associate of Art Degree from Neosho County Community College, a Bachelor of Social Work from Pittsburg State University, and a Master of Social Work from Wichita State University.

Janee's life was marked by three marriages: to Steve Joyce, Walter Robertson, and Doug Umbarger. Through it all, her devotion to her "Fabulous 5" children remained steadfast. She is survived by Andrew (Kelli) Joyce of El Dorado, AR; Scott (Melinda Hunt) Robertson of Parsons, KS; Amanda (Tyler) Claibourn of Neodesha, KS; Breann (Eugene) Allen of Iola, KS; and Caitlyn Umbarger of Chanute, KS. Her legacy extends to her cherished grandchildren, where she was affectionately known as "Grandma Nee": Ella, Karter, and Jase Green; Vada, Tessa, and Blair Claibourn; and River Robertson.

Janee possessed a vibrant personality, a sparkling sense of humor, and a heart of gold. She was a friend to all, embracing diversity and extending her love without prejudice. As a counselor at Altoona Midway Schools, she was deeply admired by her students and colleagues, wholeheartedly supporting their academic and personal growth through college prep, scholarship applications, career fairs, and more. She took great pride in being a "Jet." Her professional life was a testament to her compassion, as she served as a social worker, advocating tirelessly for the vulnerable and marginalized – children, families, and individuals facing developmental/physical disabilities, trauma, abuse, mental illness, addiction, foster care challenges, criminal histories, chronic illness, homelessness, and unemployment. Janee's unwavering support and advocacy extended to anyone in need, regardless of their circumstances.

Janee is preceded in death by her father, Edward Adcock and stepfather, Jack Chapman. She is survived by her mother, Susan Chapman; sisters, Jaclyn Emo of Shawnee, KS, and Debbie Adcock of Osceola, IA; stepmother, Kathy Adcock.

A Celebration of Janee's Life will be held at Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th St., Fredonia, KS 66736 on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 11:00 am.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Memorial contributions can be made in Janee's name to the family to help offset expenses and can be left with the funeral home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Tom and Debra Kirkpatrick lit a candle in memory of Janee Umbarger



Tom and Debra Kirkpatrick - April 24, 2025 at 05:17 PM

AS

“ AMHS Class of 2025 and sponsors purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Janee Michelle Umbarger.



AMHS Class of 2025 and sponsors - April 24, 2025 at 04:15 PM

AS

“ AMHS Class of 2025 and sponsors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janee Michelle Umbarger.

AMHS Class of 2025 and sponsors - April 24, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Janee Michelle Umbarger.



April 24, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TG

“ *The Greers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janee Michelle Umbarger.*



The Greers - April 24, 2025 at 09:12 AM

TG

“ *The Greers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janee Michelle Umbarger.*

The Greers - April 24, 2025 at 09:12 AM

QF

“ *Quentin, Andrea Hingeley and family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Janee Michelle Umbarger.*



Quentin, Andrea Hingeley and family - April 22, 2025 at 07:50 PM

QF

“ *Quentin, Andrea Hingeley and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janee Michelle Umbarger.*

Quentin, Andrea Hingeley and family - April 22, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Countryside Funeral Home - April 22, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janee Michelle Umbarger.*



April 16, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Robert And Nila Clark lit a candle in memory of Janee Michelle Umbarger*



Robert and Nila Clark - April 09, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ *Thinking of all of you . Sending prayers . So sorry for your loss . Love Channing and Holly Miller*

Holly Miller - April 09, 2025 at 06:28 PM

HM

“ *Holly Miller lit a candle in memory of Janee Umbarger*



Holly Miller - April 09, 2025 at 06:26 PM

PC

“ *Pam Catterson lit a candle in memory of Janee Michelle Umbarger*



Pam Catterson - April 09, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janee Michelle Umbarger.*



April 09, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janee Michelle Umbarger.*

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“ she was a wonderful person. she was the greatest counselor anybody could ask for. there was never a dull moment when mrs. umbarger was around. she has the most contagious laugh that is unforgettable. she was the most warm hearted person you would ever meet. she will be truly missed

Nataley - April 09, 2025 at 04:38 PM