



Jan Jay

April 20, 1944 - March 19, 2026

Jan Jay, age 81, resident of Ringgold, Georgia, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at The Canopy.

Mrs. Jay, daughter of the late Charles Raymond Blansett and Virginia Irene Overall Blansett, was born April 20, 1944 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She was retired from Catoosa County School system where she faithfully worked for 29 ½ years. Mrs. Jay was a longtime member of First Baptist Church Ringgold, where she was a member of the Joy choir and Pioneer Sunday School class. She enjoyed watching her grandkids play softball; watching Georgia Bulldog football; attending multiple sporting events; and taking cruises with her husband. Mrs. Jay was a Breast Cancer longtime survivor.

The family remembers her as a Godly woman who was a fighter and loved her family immensely, particularly her grandkids.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Virgil Jay, Jr.; one brother, Ronald C. Blansett; one sister, Juanita Blansett; and her father and mother in-laws, Ralph Jay, Sr and Sarah Jay.

Mrs. Jay is survived by two daughters, Lori (Tommy) Kimbrell and Benita (Billy) Johnson; two sisters, Virginia (Frederick) Langrehr and Renee Davenport; seven grandchildren, Kalei (Blake) Sexton, Jordan Kimbrell, Brittany (Keith) Wilson, Billy (Desi) Johnson III, Bethany (Sean) Kittle, Samuel Johnson, and Nathaniel Johnson; 12 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Carolyn (Randy) Rolen; several nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services are scheduled at First Baptist Church Ringgold, 7611

Nashville Street, Ringgold, Georgia on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 2 p.m. with Reverend Eric Kennedy officiating. Interment will follow at Catoosa Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends prior to the service at the church from 12 noon till 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to First Baptist Church Ringgold, ATTN: Building Fund, 7611 Nashville Street, Ringgold, Georgia 30736.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Patty Ceccotti of Hearth Hospice and to the Ladies of The Canopy Boynton Ridge (JoAnna Ragland, Debbie Erickson, Elisa Garnica, Whitney Anderson, Tasha Riedel, Payton Sawyers, Savannah Young, Tori Stoker, Katie Lovett, Sahra Keith, Izzy Watkins, McKenzie Soria, Desiree Langston, Erica Ledford, Cindy Crumley, Sonya Martin, and David McDaniel.

Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel, 443 Boynton Drive, Ringgold, Georgia 30736.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church-Ringgold
7611 Nashville St
Ringgold, GA 30736
(706) 935-2358

Funeral Service

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM.

First Baptist Church Ringgold

Burial

MAR **24** (ET)

Catoosa Memorial Gardens
Boynton Dr.
Ringgold, GA 30736

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jan Jay.*



March 22 at 06:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jan Jay.

March 22 at 06:51 PM



“ *Jan was such a talented, loving, and kind person. We cherish our memories of her and extend our deepest sympathy to all of you as you mourn her death and celebrate her life. She made the world a better place and oh, how she loved each one of you. We were blessed to have known her.*



Howard and Marilyn Bledsoe - March 21 at 03:32 PM

JR

“ I had the privilege of caring for a precious lady whose memory slowly faded but whose heart never did. Dementia took pieces of her story, yet somehow the moments we shared felt whole. We spent plenty of times putting puzzles together, sometimes searching for the same piece over and over laughing when we realized we'd both missed it. We would color side by side like we were little kids again.

One of the most special memories I will hold onto is going to her granddaughters wedding with her. Even through the confusion, you could see the love in her eyes. She knew it was important, she knew she was surrounded by family, and she held onto that joy in her own way. Being there with her felt like stepping into a piece of her life that dementia couldn't take away.

Thank you so much to Lori and Benita for sharing your sweet mom with me and for allowing me to care for her and treating me like I was part of your family. I will treasure all the love and memories we shared forever!!

Joanna Ragland - March 20 at 06:28 PM

DW

“ Miss Jan was a Joy. Queen of the puzzles. Lover of her girls and grandchildren. She loved the Ga. Bulldogs. I know Ralph was waiting on you at the pearly gates. My love and prayers are with you Lori, Benita and family.



Dale Williams - March 20 at 05:40 PM

DM

“ It was truly such an honor caring for Mrs. Jan at The Canopy, and she is someone I will never forget.

Even through her rough battles she faced physically and mentally, her strong and determined spirit never faded. She kept us on our toes and made sure we earned every bit of her trust, and somehow even in those moments, she could still make us smile.

That feisty, resilient part of her was so special, and it spoke volumes about the life she lived.

She was truly one of a kind, and it was a privilege to care for her and share in her days.

My heart goes out to her sweet family.

Thank you for allowing me to love her. She will be deeply missed and always remembered.

David McDaniel

David McDaniel - March 20 at 05:05 PM