



## Mrs. Janice Cofield Martin

September 2, 1948 - February 18, 2020

Janice Marilyn Cofield Martin age 71, of LaFayette, GA departed from the world peacefully with her family Tuesday – February 18, 2020 at Emory Hospital, after a second courageous battle with Leukemia. Janice was born on September 2nd of 1948 in Eastman, Georgia to the late Ellis B. Cofield Sr., and Audrey Christina Hargrove Cofield. She graduated from Dodge County High School. To further her education, she attended college at Georgia Southern University then, transferred to Georgia Southwestern University where she graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Education. She was a founding member of Kappa Delta Sorority, the Phi Kappa Phi Sweetheart and the Homecoming Queen of 1969. While there, she also obtained her Master's Degree as well as her gifted endorsement several years later. Jan worked her dream job of teaching for thirty-four years. She was highly acknowledged for her accomplishments and recognized as Teacher of the Year numerous times. In 1991, she and her daughter, Melissa, as winners of the Georgia Mother – Daughter Pageant represented Georgia in the nationally televised Mother – Daughter Pageant in Los Angeles, California. After retiring in 2005 due to battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia and surviving against the odds. She lived life to the fullest, traveling the world with her beloved family and friends. Jan had a bright and energetic personality and was known for her ability to sense when people needed her help. She touched many lives with her generosity and passion for life. Jan was an amazing wife and mother to her children. She was also a devoted grandmother to her twelve grandchildren. Jan was a

devoted member of First Baptist Church of LaFayette and her Women of Faith Sunday School Class. At her church, she enjoyed working on the flower committee and was always involved in Bible School. She was also very active in the lives of her family, especially her grandchildren. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother: L.C. Cofield. She is survived and cherished by her husband of sixteen years: Derrick Martin, her children: Melissa Griffin, Brent (Marty) Martin, Amanda (Roger) Mitchell, Candace (Jade) Thornton, her siblings: Joann Cravey, Carol (Terry) Coleman, Diana (Albert) Glass, Ellis Cofield, Jimmy Cofield, grandchildren: Kaitlyn Cromer, Baylee Mitchell, Griffin Green, Cofield "Cole" Griffin, Jacob Mitchell, Dylan Roark, Carson Griffin, Ross Martin, Andrew Martin, Saige Thorton, Gracelee Thorton, Esley Thorton, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Saturday from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at First Baptist Church of LaFayette. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 pm – Saturday – February 22, 2020 with Dr. Derrick Fielder officiating. The family request her Women of Faith Sunday School Class, Andrew Martin and Roger Mitchell to serve as honorary pallbearers. Cofield Griffin, Carson Griffin, Griffin Green, Ross Martin, Dylan Roark and Brent Martin will serve as pallbearers. Graveside services will be handled by Stokes - Southerland Funeral Home and be held at 2:00 pm – Sunday – February 23, 2020 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Eastman, Georgia with Dr. Jerry Peele and Reverend Ted Goshron officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at [www.donate.lls.org](http://www.donate.lls.org). Local arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes – LaFayette Chapel. Online guestbook at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

Ward Street  
Eastman, GA 31023

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of LaFayette  
201 North Main Street  
LaFayette, GA 30728

## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

FEB 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Cemetery  
Ward Street  
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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ When Jan came to Roan school to teach we remember how we were all amazed at her beauty and southern charm. It didn't take long to find that inwardly she possessed the sincerity, warmth and delightful sense of humor that made her a cherished friend to all who knew her. She was such a Godly woman— as displayed in how she mothered her beautiful girls , loved her family, her devotion to her school and to her beloved church. As she showed wisdom and strength in dealing with her own problems, she also provided the heart and shoulder to help the rest of us endure our tough days. A precious child of God! Her Roan School Family

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**carolyn** - February 21, 2020 at 06:17 PM

DA

“ I loved teaching alongside Jan at Roan School for a decade. She was a beautiful person and made this world a better place with her beautiful smile!

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**Debbie Autry** - February 20, 2020 at 07:57 PM

BS

“ Jan was a good friend & classmate of mine! We graduated from Dodge County High School in Eastman, Ga! I. Never saw Jan without a smile on her face!! My thoughts & prayers are with her entire family & friends! She will be missed 🙏❤️

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**Brinda Kelly Stanley** - February 20, 2020 at 05:38 PM

DW

“ *Jan and her children were dear friends of Dawne and I when they lived in Perry. We traveled together and loved Jan dearly. My sweet Dawne died 4 years ago and I know they are rejoicing in heaven. May God bless you girls and your families .*  
*Draper Watson*

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**Draper Watson** - February 20, 2020 at 04:43 PM

BN

“ *Jan was one of a kind, she had it all, kind heart, brains and beauty, but most of all she had love. Her family and friends meant the world to her. She always had something nice to say about everyone, her sense of humor was second to none, she would have you on the floor laughing. Her stories were the kind you never forget. May her legacy of love live on with her wonderful family. She was so very proud of her family. I cherish the years I had with Jan and all the wonderful memories she left behind.*



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**BeLinda Nikkel** - February 20, 2020 at 03:38 PM

DC

“ Jan was always a source of encouragement to me personally, when we worked together in Dalton. She could accurately sense when I was down and discouraged, when the weight of running a school was at times heavy. I could always depend on her to say something positive to make me smile and lift my spirits. She had a kind and professional manner about her that was disarming, even if she had a disagreement with something I did as principal. I always knew where she stood on any matter because she would let me know straight up.

Jan was trustworthy, gentle, supportive, and fair; just the kind of teacher a principal needed every day. I will always remember Jan's kindness and her God-given attributes that endeared her, not only to me, but to so many as well. When she greeted me with Dr. C, I always expected words that were gracious, truthful, and elevating to follow. And she never disappointed. Anyone who knew of our professional relationship, was well aware that she was a favorite of mine. I missed her after our professional relationship ended. And I will continue to miss her for a long, long time. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Dr. Sylvester Carrington** - February 20, 2020 at 02:43 PM