



## Anita Jo Yakle

December 22, 1961 - June 8, 2026

Anita Jo Yakle, 64 of Mattoon, formerly of Jacksonville, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on Monday, June 8, 2026.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at the Apostolic Center Church, 205 Country Club Road, Mattoon, IL 61938. Reverend Shine Doughty will officiate. The visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Monday, June 15, 2026, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Born on December 22, 1961, in Springfield, IL., Anita married the love of her life, John M. Yakle, on October 28, 1996, in Jacksonville, IL.

She is survived by her loving husband, John; five children: Jeremiah W. Coumbes of Jacksonville, IL, Joseph L. Yakle of Chicago, IL, Nicholas L. Stanley of New York, NY, Joshua L. Yakle of Chatham, IL (fiancé Lorenz), and Michael V. Stanley of Jacksonville, IL; one sister, Lou Allyn Byus of Jacksonville, IL; and seven grandchildren: Evan W. Coumbes of Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, Jack D. Coumbes (wife Anne) of Jacksonville, IL, Brendan M. Stanley and Bailey R. Stanley both of Quincy, IL, Benjamin W. Yakle and William G. Yakle both of Chatham, IL, and Alexander Yakle of Hannibal, MO.

Anita graduated from Lanphier High School in 1979, joining the family business, The Red Coach Inn in Springfield full time thereafter. After the passing of her father Wayne, she and her mother Bertie shared in the operation of the restaurant until it closed in 2002.

She later served as a Family Assistance Center Representative for the Illinois Army National Guard, supporting soldiers and their families through deployments. Her lifelong love of serving others, especially children, led to her career as a paraprofessional for the Eastern Illinois Association for Special Education, where she treasured her students in the classroom and beyond. Anita's happiest place was her yard and garden. She loved traveling to Fairfield Bay, Arkansas with John, and above all, she cherished every moment with her husband, children, grandchildren, her beloved Shelties, and her sister.

Though she has left this world, Anita's selfless spirit continues to shine through the countless lives she touched and the family she adored.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

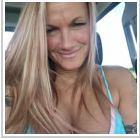
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## Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Apostolic Center  
205 Country Club Road  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Tribute Wall



“ Wow!!! What an amazing woman, I had the pleasure of meeting through my prior Job at the Honey Bee Cafe! She would come in and say girl!!!! We would hug! Where are u at, meaning she wanted my section.. I said I got u girl, and I did... I seen you and Jake at Walmart few back you rocking your purple, wondering where I had been. I told you no worries, I will be ok. GOD always provides! You said yes he does... we hugged she said I will be praying for you.. I told her Thanks.. I thank God for allowing our paths to cross.. see ya when its my time, my sweet friend..xoxoxo Ashleigh the best server ever.. in your words... xoxoxoxo

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**Ashleigh Malone** - 46 minutes ago



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Anita Jo Yakle.



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1 hour ago



“ With Love, Jim and Jodi Hildebrandt purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Anita Jo Yakle.



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**With Love, Jim and Jodi Hildebrandt** - 2 hours ago

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“ With Love, Jim and Jodi Hildebrandt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anita Jo Yakle.

With Love, Jim and Jodi Hildebrandt - 2 hours ago



“ She was always ready with a hug and a smile, I will never forget you my JFHQ Big sister!!!

Linda Raback - 2 hours ago



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Jo Yakle.

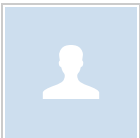


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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anita Jo Yakle.

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Jo Yakle.



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“ *Charity Hipkins purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Anita Jo Yakle.*



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**Charity Hipkins** - 4 hours ago



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Jo Yakle.*



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4 hours ago



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anita Jo Yakle.*

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RM

“ *Ron and Pam Morrow purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Anita Jo Yakle.*



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**Ron and Pam Morrow** - 4 hours ago



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Anita Jo Yakle.



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