



## Janet Lee Rich

November 5, 1934 - September 27, 2020

Janet Lee Rich, age 85 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 4:20 AM, Sunday, September 27, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Champaign-Urbana, IL.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 10:00 AM, Thursday, October 1, 2020 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL; Pastor Brad Brown will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Dodge Grove Cemetery.

Janet was born on November 5, 1934 in Mattoon, IL to Vernon Augusta and Gladys Vesta (Cross) Branson. She married Rayburn "Ray" Lee Rich on September 2, 1956; he preceded her in death on February 17, 2016. She is survived by two loving daughters, Kim R. Welton and husband Mark, Sandy D. Lucier and husband Mike; three grandchildren, Tyler Lucier and wife Heidi, Alexa Lucier, Macey Welton; two great-grandchildren, Isabelle and Bryson Lucier; and one brother, Jim Branson, all of Mattoon, IL. She is preceded in death by three brothers, Keith, Bob, and Bud Branson; and one sister, Dalene Irwin.

As an interior decorator, she had a keen eye for fashion, décor, and gardening. With a heart-of-gold and beaming smile, Janet radiated kindness and warmth. She was a dear friend to many. Always present in all aspects of her family, Janet cherished all the experiences and memories made

throughout the years. Mrs. Rich was a God-loving woman, devoted wife, and adoring mother and grandmother. She truly touched the lives of many and her legacy will live on.

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.

# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Janet Lee Rich

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Janet was a loving and gracious woman! A first cousin, Dad-George Cutright was truly blessed with having sweet Janet as one of them. Due to the Pandemic Mom and , I didn't attend services. But, we will always remember that she was a wonderful woman. Sincerely,  
Anne Cutright and Dorothy Cutright

Anne Cutright - October 01, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janet Lee Rich.



September 30, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Janet was like another mother to me. I remember spending a lot of time with Kim and Sandy over the years growing up. I still make her Snickerdoodle cookies and cherish the handwritten cinnamon roll recipe she gave me. Although I moved far away over 40 years ago, I would visit when I could and she, Ray, Kim, and Sandy have been thought of very often with love.

Debbie Soto - September 30, 2020 at 07:07 PM

DR

*I will be lifting prayers of comfort, peace & strength throughout the days ahead for all. I fondly remember spending the night with Sandy and remember how impeccable the floors were; and I always went sailing through the kitchen on the rug at the back door....I laugh every time the vision plays out in my mind. She was a Mom to all of us. Such a classy woman. My love & respect to you all.*

Debbie (Hogan) Romine - October 01, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Lee Rich.



September 30, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JA

“ As a little girl I ate many a popsicle on her porch! What a sweet lady with great talent.

jannaoverstreet - September 30, 2020 at 07:29 AM

KC

“ Kathi Cobble lit a candle in memory of Janet Lee Rich



kathi cobble - September 30, 2020 at 07:18 AM

SM

“ Steve and Missy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Janet Lee Rich.



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Steve and Missy - September 29, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Lee Rich.



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September 29, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Janet Lee Rich.



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September 29, 2020 at 05:22 PM

DM

“ Such a beautiful lady!! Loved talking to her and seeing her many talents!! She and Ray hung a lot of wallpaper for me over the years. Great people and beautiful family ! Two great daughters and terrific grandchildren. She will be missed!!

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Debbie Matheny - September 29, 2020 at 05:08 PM

PG

“ *I remember her fondly! She was a friend, former neighbor, and part of my church family. I will remember her beautiful smile and words of wisdom forever. My condolences to her family!*

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**Paula Gordon** - September 29, 2020 at 02:44 PM