



## Mary Janet "Jan" Pullen Barnes

December 3, 1944 - December 6, 2025

Jan Barnes, 81, of Frankfort, peacefully passed to "Moon River," the song she cherished with her beloved late husband Tommy. We know Tommy was there to greet her with a warm "Hello Darlin'."

Born on December 3, 1944, Jan was the daughter of W.D. Pullen and Ida Maybrier Pullen. A lifelong resident of Frankfort, she was a 1963 honor graduate of Frankfort High School, where she was an outstanding musician and vocalist. She continued her education at Georgetown College and Kentucky State University.

Jan retired from the Kentucky Department of Education after 27 devoted years of service. Beyond her career, she lived a busy and fulfilling life grounded in love, creativity, and community. She deeply enjoyed time with family, history and genealogy, cooking, music, theater, gardening, and especially adored time spent with her kids and grandchildren. She was active in the Bluegrass Theater Guild, the Capital City Choir, and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Jan was married to her high school sweetheart, Thomas C. "Tommy" Barnes III, for 47 wonderful years. Together, they built a loving family and a life full of memories with their four kids and seven grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Tracy Barnes, Tara Graves (Larry), Todd Barnes (Kristin), and daughter-in-law Lindsay Barnes, all of Frankfort. Her loving grandchildren: Tessa Barnes, Connor Graves (Heather), Carson Graves, Thomas Carter Barnes V, Brady Barnes, Annabelle Barnes, and Beau Barnes; and her sisters, Betsy Dozier (George), Nan Taylor (Jerry), and Sarah Maynard (Greg), along with many nieces and nephews.

Jan is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas C. "Tommy" Barnes III; her son, Thomas Carter Barnes IV; and her brother, Robert D. Pullen.

A funeral service will be held at LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 1:00 PM, with visitation beginning at 11:00 AM and continuing until the time of service. A graveside service will immediately follow at Frankfort Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be her precious grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jan's memory to the Alzheimer's Association.

Jan's gentle spirit, her love for family, and her devotion to music, learning, and heritage will continue to live on in all who knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

# Cemetery Details

## Frankfort Cemetery

215 E. Main  
Frankfort, KY 40601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

LeCompte-Johnson-Taylor Funeral Home  
1725 Louisville Rd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 223-5858  
[ljtfuneralhome@gmail.com](mailto:ljtfuneralhome@gmail.com)  
<https://ljtfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

LeCompte-Johnson-Taylor Funeral Home  
1725 Louisville Rd.  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Sending condolences to all the family. I met Jan at KDE but sad to say we lost touch after retirement. I do remember her kind and giving nature and always welcoming. I also remember her deep faith and love for her family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Georgie Burton

Georgeann Burton (Georgie) - December 11, 2025 at 10:50 AM

RH

“ Jan and I played trumpet in the FHS Band, she was admired and loved by all. When we practiced at Sower Field she would give a ride to whoever needed. Fond memories of times past. Roland Herzel.

ROLAND HERZEL - December 10, 2025 at 04:29 PM

RK

“ Rita Abrams Kempley purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Janet "Jan" Pullen Barnes.



Rita Abrams Kempley - December 10, 2025 at 02:30 PM

RK

“ Rita Abrams Kempley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Janet "Jan" Pullen Barnes.

Rita Abrams Kempley - December 10, 2025 at 02:30 PM

YF

“ Your GMD family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Janet "Jan" Pullen Barnes.



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Your GMD family - December 09, 2025 at 06:46 PM

MC

“ Multiply Church purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Janet "Jan" Pullen Barnes.



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Multiply Church - December 09, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Janet "Jan" Pullen Barnes.



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December 09, 2025 at 02:56 PM

WF

“ With Love, David & Andrea & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Janet "Jan" Pullen Barnes.

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With Love, David & Andrea & Family - December 09, 2025 at 02:56 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of Jan’s passing. Joe talks about his memories of all of the “Pullens” with his parents in the past. You all have our sincere sympathy and prayers at this difficult time. Love to all, Joe & Debbie Bane

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**Joe & Debbie Bane** - December 09, 2025 at 01:41 PM

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“ Jan will be remembered as a good friend, a good neighbor, and a good shopping buddy. She was down-to-earth, but optimistic, and always got right to the point. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

Sandie and I send our condolences and best wishes to her family. We will make a contribution in her name to the Alzheimers Association .  
Captain Thomas and Sandra Taylor

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**Thomas Taylor** - December 09, 2025 at 01:13 PM

BD

“ I fondly remember the day (and the place) Moma told Bobby and me that she was expecting a baby. Bobby was 11 and I was 8. We were so thrilled to know that we were to have a baby to love- we considered her “ours.” All our little sisters were greeted with the same joy! She was dearly loved even before she was born.

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**Betsy Pullen Dozier** - December 09, 2025 at 11:56 AM