



## Jan Miriam Vashus

March 23, 1956 - August 5, 2023

Jan Miriam Vashus, age 67, of Heber City, UT, passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at her home, among her family, following a valiant battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held Friday, September 1, 2023, at 3:00 pm, in the Chapel of Silha Funeral Home with Avis Anderson officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Jan was born, March 23, 1956, in Helena, MT. She was adopted into the home of Robert and Miriam (Millier) Johnson on August 21, 1956. Jan graduated from Dawson County High School, with the class of 1974.

Following high school, she attended Dickinson State University. She was married to Darrell Vashus, on August 30, 1975. On June 6, 1978, her son, Kyle David, was born. On April 18, 1981, her family was complete, with the birth of their daughter, Jill Marie.

Throughout her life, music played an enormous part of her life. In addition to participating in choir and band throughout high school and college, she was a member of the initial Teen Pipers group, founded by her mother. The same group was restarted by Jan and Miriam, in the late 1990s, with Jill as a member. She also was active in the Fractured Follies, for many years. She also taught piano lessons, for several years, and would sing for many weddings, as well.

Jan's life revolved around her kids and grandchildren's activities. No distance traveled was too far for her to see her family play sports or perform in a band or plays. She loved to laugh, as well, sharing her father's sense of humor, and

love for classic comedy, like Carol Burnett, and Tim Conway. She also enjoyed socializing with her special group of friends, with events like golfing, or attending sporting events.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Miriam. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Darrell, her two children, Kyle (Kari) Vashus, of Vineyard, UT, Jill (Lucas) Sanchez, of Midway, UT, Doug and Kayrene Vashus. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Alex, Ethan, Mason, and Maxwell, and several nieces.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Stand Up 2 Cancer.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 1. 3:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Dave Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



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**Dave Reynolds** - November 28, 2023 at 10:20 AM

JS

“ *The Johnsons were best friends of my parents. We spent so much time with them. Mariam was my first voice teacher and I loved her. I remember when they got Jan she was a beautiful baby and we all loved to hold her and spoil her. She was a joy and dear to all. Blessings and prayers to all her family. Judy Carter Stegmeier*

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**Judy Carter Stegmeier** - September 12, 2023 at 06:42 PM

TS

“ *Darrell, Kyle & Jill -*

*My sympathies to you and your families as you remember Jan. She was a truly amazing woman, full of so much joy and light.*

*Tiffany (Hagan) Shermak*

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**Tiffany Shermak** - September 05, 2023 at 01:20 PM

JS

“ *Darrell and family*  
*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Jan always had a smile on her face and could talk to anyone!*

*Gordy and Judy Schmitt*

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**Judy schmitt** - September 01, 2023 at 03:08 PM

DR

“ *Doug Raden lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



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**Doug Raden** - August 31, 2023 at 05:52 PM

MK

“ *Jan was a delightful woman; I enjoyed having her as a student at DCC. She was a talented vocalist and a treasured member of her community; My deepest sympathy to her family.*



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**Myrna Kintz** - August 31, 2023 at 03:16 PM

GJ

“ *Greg Peggy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



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**Greg & Peggy Johnson** - August 31, 2023 at 11:39 AM

LP

“ *LuAnn Price lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



LuAnn Price - August 31, 2023 at 11:18 AM

TP

“ *I had the privilege of working with Jan at Boise Cascade in Billings. She was a bright spot. Always friendly and energetic. She spoke often of her family and was very proud of them. I was very sorry to hear about her passing.*

Toni Pallett - August 29, 2023 at 06:14 PM

SG

“ *Jan was a childhood friend. We sang together in the teen pipers many fond memories. She is now an angel singing in heaven. God bless her family love and prayers. Sandy Saunders gunwall*



Sandy gunwall - August 27, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ *Andeen Raymond lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



Andeen Raymond - August 21, 2023 at 05:22 PM

KW

“ Our deepest condolences to Darrell, Kyle & Jill and their families. We always enjoyed catching up with Jan whenever we would bump into each other. Of course we had kids & grandkids to brag about. She was so courageous in her fight against cancer & had so many people praying for her. Take care of each other. Wilbur & Karen Wallace

Karen Wallace - August 20, 2023 at 11:40 AM

BT

“ Jan's family  
I don't remember where I met Jan probably baseball! Always smiling...  
Cherish. Your Memories hold them close the do help  
RIP Jan  
Becky(Chouinard ) Tipton

Becky Tipton - August 20, 2023 at 12:23 AM

DB

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Jan at this difficult time. Prayers to all.



Denise Borotrager - August 19, 2023 at 10:11 PM

TH

“ Tracey Hughes-Sand lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus



Tracey Hughes-Sand - August 19, 2023 at 11:12 AM

CZ

“ We were so sorry to hear that Jan had passed away. She was the sweetest person. We don't remember ever seeing her that she didn't have a smile on her face. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Cindy Zimmerman** - August 19, 2023 at 08:23 AM

BA

“ Jan, I will keep your family in my prayers. We started kindergarten together and graduated together along with being friends on the heights. I had been talking to God about you for quite a while. I hope that he has you singing.....you will add so much for the heavenly choir.  
RIP my friend.

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**Barb Anvik** - August 18, 2023 at 10:18 PM

KR

“ I have some very special memories of Jan and her parents Miriam and Bob. It was so fun watching Jan in the Miss Montana pageant in Billings. Such a beautiful voice she had and a warm, fun personality. I'm sending my heartfelt sympathy to the family. The world is better because Jan was in it - she will be so missed 💜 Kristi Bergland Ragar

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**Kristi Bergland Ragar** - August 18, 2023 at 08:08 PM

ES

“ Ed Helen Schmitz lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus



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**Ed and Helen Schmitz** - August 18, 2023 at 10:55 AM

GK

“ Grace Koffler lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus



Grace Koffler - August 18, 2023 at 10:26 AM

PR

“ Patty Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus



Patty Reynolds - August 17, 2023 at 10:29 PM

LM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jan was a wonderful person and will be missed by many. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers today and in the difficult days to follow The world lost a beautiful soul and heaven gained a wonderful angel.  
With sincere and deepest sympathy  
Loretta McDanold Miller

Loretta McDanold Miller - August 17, 2023 at 08:41 PM

PL

“ Pam Lewis lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus



Pam Lewis - August 17, 2023 at 07:38 PM

GG

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Jan’s passing. Praying for you all, Darrell, Kyle and Jill and families. May you find peace in the sweet memories of your beautiful Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Jan indeed fought the good fight. Hugs and love from Jack and Georgia.



Georgia Gannon - August 17, 2023 at 04:53 PM

MW

“ Mark Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus



Mark and Sheryl Walsh - August 17, 2023 at 01:11 PM

MD

“ MJ Doll lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus



MJ Ron Doll - August 16, 2023 at 08:55 PM

RO

“ Ray Mary Ann O’Donnell lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus



Ray and Mary Ann O’Donnell - August 16, 2023 at 08:04 PM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



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**Janette Legato** - August 16, 2023 at 05:27 PM

IR

“ *Jan was a lovely woman, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Irene Reynolds** - August 16, 2023 at 01:13 PM

JH

“ *Jan, you fought the good fight. I wish for your family that precious memories will reveal themselves as the years go by. Old ones, as well as new ones that will present themselves out of nowhere and make their hearts glad. Thank you for singing at our wedding so many years ago.*

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**JoJo (Jonutis) Herem** - August 16, 2023 at 12:49 PM

MM

“ *Marla McCormick lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



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**Marla McCormick** - August 16, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jan Miriam Vashus.*



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August 16, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Stacey B lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



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**Stacey B** - August 16, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *John Andrine Haas lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



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**John & Andrine Haas** - August 16, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *I am so sorry. May you find comfort in loving memories, strength in the support of those who care and hope in each new day.*



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**Penny Zimmerman** - August 16, 2023 at 08:53 AM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of Jan’s passing. She is no longer in pain and watching over her family from above. I will keep her in my thoughts and prayers



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**Karen Shanley** - August 16, 2023 at 06:34 AM

LP

“ LuAnn Price lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus



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**LuAnn Price** - August 15, 2023 at 10:45 PM

DJ

“ I am sorry for your loss. I remember good times taking care of your poodles.  
Debbie at Great Grooms

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**debbie jones-lenz** - August 15, 2023 at 09:34 PM

MR

“ So very sorry to hear of Jan’s passing. God’s peace to you all.  
Margie Rahr

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**Margie Rahr** - August 15, 2023 at 09:27 PM

DD

“ *Dan Donna Dobson lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



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**Dan and Donna Dobson** - August 15, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jan Miriam Vashus.*



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August 15, 2023 at 04:38 PM

NS

“ *Norma Shearer lit a candle in memory of Jan Vashus*



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**Norma Shearer** - August 15, 2023 at 12:58 PM