



## Janett McNeil Crain

December 9, 1941 - December 14, 2018

Janett McNeil Crain, wife of Larry Crain, passed away on December 14th. She was born to the late George T. and Lorene Easterwood McNeil on December 9, 1941 in Flint, Michigan and grew up in Searcy where her family was active members of the First United Methodist Church and involved with the Searcy community.

A 1959 Searcy High School honor graduate and named Miss SHS, she was a member of the Searcy High School Band, cheerleading squad, Lion annual staff, the Lion's Roar newspaper staff, and an Arkansas Girls State delegate. Following high school, she attended the University of Arkansas where she was active in Delta Delta Delta sorority and named a Dream Girl for Pi Kappa Alpha. She and long-time Searcy High School sweetheart Larry Crain married while students at the University of Arkansas. Following graduation, they moved back to the central Arkansas area.

Mrs. Crain taught at Southwest Junior High School in Little Rock, Bald Knob High School, and Searcy High School. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Searcy where she served as trustee, youth and children's Sunday School teacher, president of the United Methodist Women, youth counselor, and Peru mission team member. She and her husband were also involved with the ministries of Good News United Methodist Church in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.

Active in her community and the one to call for a cause she supported, Mrs. Crain was president of Searcy Junior Auxiliary during the establishment of

Searcy Sunshine School. She continued to support the school until her death. She was an active volunteer in the Searcy Public Schools where she served as P.T.A. (now P.T.O) president at her sons' schools and always served as a cheerleader for their academics and athletic activities.

One of Janett's most endearing influences was the relationship she shared as the mother figure to the entire Crain Automotive Team and to the Arkansas Rimrockers players and organization. Her positive attitude and perpetual smile, while always sharing a kind word for each person in those organizations, will forever be remembered, and she will be missed.

Her accolades include being recognized as the Junior Auxiliary Mardi Gras Queen in 2004 and a Distinguished Alumnae of the Searcy Public Schools Education Foundation Hall of Honor in 2015. She served as past president of Chapter AA of P.E.O. She was an active member of the Main Street Searcy Board of Directors, the Arkansas Cancer Research Center Auxiliary in Little Rock, the Arkansas Governor's Mansion Commission, the Old Statehouse Museum Association, the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the Susan Rand Art Scholarship Trust, the Arkansas Alumni Association, the Towers of Old Main Society, and the building committee for the Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Mrs. Crain also participated in a literary group she fondly referred to as "Fabulous Book Club" with women of all ages who enjoyed literature as much as she did.

Surviving her are her devoted husband of fifty-seven years, Larry, her sons Larry Crain, Jr. and wife Joy of Little Rock, Marc Crain of Big Bear Lake, California, and Chris Crain and wife Jennifer of Conway. Known as "Grandy" to her grandchildren with whom she loved spending time and traveling are Chandler, Chase, Carrington, Christian, Cenzington, Covington, Cruze, Camryn, Caroline and great-grandchildren Saige, Stellar, Jack, and Cannon. Also surviving are her beloved sisters Julie and husband Dr. Larry Killough of Searcy, Cindy and husband Danny Lesley of Collierville, Tennessee, and a host of many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Millar Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity, once stated, "For a community to

be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other." Truly, Janett Crain embodied this ideal.

A celebration of Janett's life will be held at First United Methodist Church in Searcy with arrangements by Powell Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 18 at 1:30 p.m. There will be a gathering of friends at the First United Methodist Church from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, December 17. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Sunshine School in Searcy, or the Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
304 N Main St  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-5896

## Memorial Service

DEC 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
304 N. Main St.  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ I met Janett last year and had lunch with her. She was delightful. I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.

*Phyllis Lovelace*

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**Phyllis Lovelace** - December 20, 2018 at 02:56 PM

SG

*My husband, Ed Gilbert, worked for Larry Sr. He and I worked with Janet during the time they brought the Rimrockers to Little Rock. We had so much fun during that time. Janet was sweet and wonderful and fun.i just found out last week she passed in 2018. I just hope her family is past the worst of the grieving. Know that she touched so many lives with her kindness and grace.*

*Suzan Gilbert*

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**suzan gilbert** - November 04, 2020 at 04:10 PM

JM

“ Janett was a big part of my life from 10 years old to adulthood. Bring a neighbor in Meadow Lane I babysat the boys and enjoyed Janet's friendship. She was also my youth director at FUMC for many years. When I was 15 she even suggested I date Jerry Moon who I have been married to for over 40 years. I am sorry Larry and family. She will be missed!!

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**Jan Moon** - December 20, 2018 at 02:20 PM

TF

“ Though I only had a few occasions to visit with Mrs. Crain it was obvious to all she was a very kind and caring soul. My heart goes out to the entire Crain family as they mourn their great loss. Our families thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Our deepest sympathy,

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**The Pulliam Family** - December 18, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 18, 2018 at 05:18 AM



“ *My memories of Janett will always be filled with joy and that warm smile she always had for everyone. I will always treasure the times we had traveling with the RimRockers especially that first year. Her light wil always shine and she is missed already. To Larry, SR & JR, Chris, Marc and all the rest of the family please know we are praying for you as you adjust to the new days ahead of you. God will comfort and strengthen you as you lean on him.*

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**Jay Runyon** - December 18, 2018 at 12:58 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 17, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 17, 2018 at 07:09 PM

VR

“ Volkswagen Credit, Inc. - South Central Region purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Janett McNeil Crain.



Volkswagen Credit, Inc. - South Central Region - December 17, 2018 at 06:43 PM

VR

“ Volkswagen of America, Inc. - Central Region purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Janett McNeil Crain.



Volkswagen of America, Inc. - Central Region - December 17, 2018 at 06:11 PM

CB

“ Janett was an amazing lady, she could light a room with her beautiful smile and her caring heart..!!! I feel truly blessed to say I knew her..!!!! Prayers for the entire Crain Family!!  
Crystal France Bolton

Crystal France Bolton - December 17, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janett McNeil Crain.



December 17, 2018 at 02:55 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 17, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ *Crystal France Bolton, Greg, Tara and Steven purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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**Crystal France Bolton, Greg, Tara and Steven** - December 17, 2018 at 02:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 17, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ *Janett was an absolute sweetheart and always a joy to talk to or be around. My thoughts and prayers are with the Crain family.*  
*Greg Peters*

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**Greg Peters** - December 17, 2018 at 01:22 PM

HO

“ I AM A PROUD MEMBER OF THE CRAIN FORD TEAM. I NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MRS. CRAIN BUT I HAVE HEARD SO MANY BEAUTIFUL THINGS ABOUT HER. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.  
HOLLIE

HOLLIE - December 17, 2018 at 12:45 PM

NG

“ Larry,  
We are so sorry to hear about Janett. She had the gift of being able to light up a room just with her presence.  
We pray that your many wonderful memories will be of comfort as you mourn.  
Rose and Neal Gladner

neal gladner - December 17, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.



December 17, 2018 at 12:24 PM

HC

“ Harco Constructors purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.



Harco Constructors - December 17, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 17, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *Larry,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Janett was a great person who always had a kind word for all the staff when I was managing your radio stations. Alpha has such fond memories of Janett when we lived in Searcy. If we can help in any way just let us know.*

*Mike and Alpha Horne*

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**Mike Horne** - December 17, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Her Crain Buick GMC/Conway Family purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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**Her Crain Buick GMC/Conway Family** - December 17, 2018 at 11:32 AM

CC

“ *My Deepest sympanthy to Mr Crain and the rest of the Crain family - Mrs Crain was a sweet, kind lady. She was always concerned about how everyone else was doing. She had a great smile on all of the time and it was a joy to see her come in the office just to say Hi and check to see how our day was going. Always caring for others - she will be truly missed by so many. Prayers go out to the Crain family during this very difficult time - just remember she will always be with you by watching over you!!!*

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**Cathleen "Cat" Cavender** - December 17, 2018 at 10:56 AM

SB

*My condolsecence's being sent to her husband children,familyand friends. Bought a brand new equinox from them..great Wonderful family...Fly high in heaven with our Lord Jesus and angels....*

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**Sherry Lee Bradley** - December 17, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 17, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 17, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Janett McNeil Crain.*



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December 17, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ *Janet was a kind beautiful person, it was a honor to know her, she was kind and always had a way of making you feel comfortable and bring a smile to your face. My thoughts and Prayers are with Larry, Chris and all of the Crain Family during this time of grief.*  
*James moss*

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**James Moss** - December 17, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Janett McNeil Crain.*



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December 17, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ *We, as proud members of the Crain Team, wish to express our condolences to the Crain family. May your faith, family and friends give you comfort and peace during this difficult time and sustain you all in the years ahead.*

*Todd and Lisa Parnell  
Lovette and Ura Mae Parnell*

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**Todd Parnell** - December 17, 2018 at 09:28 AM

BD

“ *Janett was such a nice person. When I moved to Searcy over 50 years ago, she was one of the first to greet me, welcome me to Searcy, and make me feel at ease in a new community. She remained a friend to me and every other person throughout the years. I do believe she loved doing good things for others and lived a life of sharing her many talents with everyone.*

Barbara S Duncan - December 17, 2018 at 07:41 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



December 16, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



December 16, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



December 16, 2018 at 02:58 PM

IC

“ *Irma C. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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**Irma C.** - December 16, 2018 at 12:11 PM

BO

“ *Bobby and ABM Staff Montgomery AI Office purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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**Bobby and ABM Staff Montgomery AI Office** - December 16, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 16, 2018 at 11:00 AM

DC

“ *Our condolences to you Larry and the entire Crain family. It was always such a joy to see Janett in the office. She always had such love and concern for everyone else. She will be missed. I pray the Holy Spirit comfort y'all in your time of sorrow.  
Dale and Phyllis Colclasure and office staff.*

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**Dale & Phyllis Colclasure** - December 16, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 16, 2018 at 09:12 AM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 16, 2018 at 04:25 AM



“ *I will love you forever and ever more than you will ever know. Every time I see something beautiful I will think of you. My heart won't be completely whole while until I see you again.*

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**kristen** - December 16, 2018 at 04:11 AM



“ *Sending prayers to the entire Crain family and organization. I only met her a few times but always the light of the room. A very special lady whom i admired greatly and was loved by so many. A strong mother and business woman !! ❤️ Our condolences.*

*The Veuleman family - Bill n Christy Veuleman*

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**Christy Veuleman** - December 16, 2018 at 12:03 AM

BM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am so glad I had the opportunity to know Janett. She was a very special person and will truly be missed. She had a way of making you feel comfortable and was so easy to love. I am sorry for your loss.

*Brenda Martin. Crain Buick GMC*

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**Brenda Martin** - December 15, 2018 at 11:01 PM

GB

“ Janett served as an example of how to love and serve others in our community. She was always giving of herself for those causes most dear to her heart. I am thankful I had the opportunity to know Janett. She is gone from this world but will be forever in our hearts.

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**Ginger Beebe** - December 15, 2018 at 10:53 PM

DH

“ Larry, I extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I am deeply saddened by the loss of Janet, whom I knew well in high school. I pray that God will grant you His grace and strength in this time of sorrow. My most sincere condolences.

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**Del Hughes** - December 15, 2018 at 09:05 PM

PA

“ So sorry for your loss your family is in my prayers may God give you peace and contentment at this difficult time .....

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**patghumes** - December 15, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 15, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4*

*My prayers are with the Crain family. She was such a wonderfully sweet and kind woman.*

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**Mandy Crow** - December 15, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 15, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Janett McNiel Crain.*



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December 15, 2018 at 06:16 PM

CR

“ *Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

*My family is joining together daily in prayer for your Family. We are Blessed to be a part of the extended Crain Family and we're always here for yall.*

*Sincerely, Corey, Sharon, Preston, Natalie and Bentley York*

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**Corey G. York Crain RV** - December 15, 2018 at 04:32 PM

JP

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss.*

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**James Payne** - December 15, 2018 at 04:05 PM

EW

*I will never forget her kind smile she always had a hug for everyone always cocern about everything and everyone. We will miss her dearly her sweet smile 😭 We love you Mrs Janett we will always be thankful for getting to know her 💕💕*

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**Elena Wilson** - December 15, 2018 at 11:00 PM

CH

*Prayers to the Crain family - Charles Hunter & family*

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**Charles Hunter** - December 17, 2018 at 10:04 AM

RT

*Chris and the Crain family, you are in my heart felt thought's and prayers. Mrs. Janett always put a smile on my face and lifted me up, she will truly be missed.*

*Ray Talley - Crain Hyundai of Conway*

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**Ray Talley** - December 17, 2018 at 10:57 AM