



## Virginia Janell Cook

September 4, 1936 - March 6, 2021

Virginia Janell Cook was born September 4, 1936 at Martins Mill, Texas to Robert Grady and Willie Pearlee Peel. She had three sisters and a brother: Jacqueline Petty, Lafern Mince, Cornelia Manley and Thurman Peel. Janell leaves behind her loving husband, Bill Cook of Terrell; sister, Cornelia Manley of Dallas; children; Marty Alan Roberts of Athens, Lindy Keith Roberts and his wife Anna of Quinlan, Brian Kelly Roberts of Terrell, and Lori Nell Roberts also of Terrell, Robert Peel and his wife, Cathy of Canton; grandchildren; Landon Roberts, Ami Roberts, and Casey Doner, Skylar Hoffman; great grandchildren; Ashlyn, Emma and Annmarie. Also surviving are stepson, Todd Cook and his wife Layla and their daughter Violet Rose, (Janell's granddaughter, born on Janell's birthday) of Wills Point and stepdaughter Sabrina Cook of Missouri City, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many special friends: Jodie Hobs, Angie Tucker, Kayla and Jamie Samples, just to name a few. Janell grew up on a farm in Canton where she attended and graduated Canton schools in 1956. That summer she married Edgar Roberts. Over the next several years their four children were born. Janell added a special son, nephew Robert Peel, to her family. They all lived in Janell's home place just out of Canton, where Janell loved to sew, cook, and raise vegetable gardens. She loved to go fishing and especially loved deer hunting, which she did frequently. In 1973, they sold Janell's farm and moved to Terrell. Janell worked at Hermoine's in Terrell for several years, as an accomplished seamstress before beginning her career at Terrell Hospitals. She was an administrative

manager in charge of handling insurance claims for the hospitals. She retired from Terrell Community Hospital in July 2000, in preparation to marry childhood friend and school mate, Bill Cook, of Houston. On November 25, 2000 she and Bill were married at Cana Baptist Church. She moved to Houston with Bill where she enjoyed retirement to the fullest, Country Club living on the golf course, shopping and dining at many restaurants, numerous trips to Minute Maid Park (where she loved to watch HER Houston Astros), vacationing in the Ozarks, frequent trips to Galveston for lunch and afternoons of sitting on Murdock's decks watching sea gulls and dolphins as the waves rolled in. She especially enjoyed riding the ferry from Galveston to Port Bolivar and back. Janell and Bill were active members of Heritage Baptist Church in the Houston suburb of Missouri City where Bill served as a deacon. After moving to Terrell in 2016, they transferred their membership to First Baptist Church of Canton, where they enjoyed worshipping and visiting with many of Janell's cousins and classmates. In the last few years, she enjoyed her morning trips to McDonald's for breakfast and her favorite, FRAPE. Perhaps her greatest pleasure over the last several months were her multiple strolls. Bill pushed her in her wheelchair about a mile down neighborhood streets, where she gleefully waved and smiled at passing cars. She met many new friends during this daily stroll. Janell loved and was very close to Classmates from Canton High School, and especially the group of girls who gathered once a month for lunch every year since graduation. Janell was loved by all who knew her, and she made friends easily. Janell "added" a very special son, Police Officer Michael Anders of the Terrell Police Department. He "pulled over" Bill and Janell one day as Bill was pushing her down the street in her wheelchair. Bill told Janell, "I guess we are going to get a ticket for riding in the street." The sidewalks were too broken to ride there. Instead, Officer Anders ran over and hugged Janell and said, "I have to meet you because you always wave at me as I drive by." Over the following months Officer Anders stopped many times at their home to hold Janell's hand, tell her how beautiful she was, and often prayed for her. Just seeing him brought a big smile to Janell's face.

She loved him dearly and he loved he loved her, calling her mom and she called him son. A special thanks to Dr. Wesley Wilson, and the multitude of Doctors, nurses, and therapist who cared for Janell, and especially Alinea Family Hospice who gave such professional and loving care to Janell. They are OUTSTANDING.

SHE WILL FOREVER BE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO LOVED HER.

Funeral service for Janell will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 12, 2021 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel. Her family will receive friends an hour prior to service time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Janell Cook*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - March 12, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Virginia Janell Cook*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Betty Brazeal lit a candle in memory of Virginia Janell Cook*



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**Betty Brazeal** - March 12, 2021 at 01:33 PM

KS

“ Bill, Lori Nell, Kelly, Lindy, Marty & family, We were so very sorry to hear about your wife, Mom, grandmother, sister & our dear friend. Janell was truly an Angel here on Earth. Her smile would light up a room & you could feel her love when you were around her. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time! We love you! With Deepest Sympathy, Karo, Wilson, Duane & family



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**Karo Stewart** - March 12, 2021 at 09:19 AM

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“ Mark Manley lit a candle in memory of Virginia Janell Cook



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**Mark Manley** - March 12, 2021 at 08:56 AM

VA

“ Victoria Arnold lit a candle in memory of Virginia Janell Cook



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**Victoria Arnold** - March 12, 2021 at 03:01 AM

VA

“ *My aunt nell was like another mom to me when I needed to talk to someone she listened and never judged me we had secrets no one knew but us and we got together we would laugh and plot and laugh bit never give each other up you'll live in my heart always keep laughing and know always you were my favorite aunt love you victoria*

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**Victoria Arnold** - March 12, 2021 at 03:00 AM

DT

“ *Donna Tapp lit a candle in memory of Virginia Janell Cook*



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**Donna Tapp** - March 11, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.*



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March 11, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - March 11, 2021 at 11:20 AM

BC

*The light of my life, my precious wife, Janell, went to Heaven 3/6/21. I told her she took my heart with her but I said that is ok because I do not need it anymore, since she is gone. We laid her to rest today at Gaven if Memories, in Canton Texas. She and I grew up close to each other just out of Canton and we rode the same school bus for years. My World has ended. I love you with all my heart, my Darling.*

Bill Cook - March 12, 2021 at 10:38 PM

BC

*Haven Of Memories, in Canton, Texas.*

Bill Cook - March 12, 2021 at 10:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



March 11, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



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March 10, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ *Johnny & Donna Green* purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



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**Johnny & Donna Green** - March 10, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



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March 10, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



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March 10, 2021 at 02:14 PM

PS

“ She was one precious and beautiful lady, inside and out. I am so sorry for your loss Lori and your family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know you will miss her but you will see her again. Love & hugs sweet friend, Pam Sitzes

Pam Sitzes - March 10, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



March 10, 2021 at 12:27 PM

NW

“ Nancy Wynn purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



Nancy Wynn - March 10, 2021 at 11:58 AM

BD

“ Bob Allen and Evan Davis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



Bob Allen and Evan Davis - March 09, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



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March 09, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



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March 08, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Virginia Janell Cook.



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March 08, 2021 at 02:13 PM