



Janice G Brands

May 15, 1941 - April 17, 2025

Janice (Braun) Brands was born on May 15, 1941, in Chicago, Illinois, to Raymond and Gertrude Braun. She was welcomed into God's family through baptism on June 8, 1941, and later confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Matteson, Illinois.

On May 5, 1962, Janice married the love of her life, Martin Brands, Jr. Together they built a life centered on faith and family, raising their children in the Lutheran tradition. Janice and Marty were each devoted members of Zion Lutheran Church Beecher, Illinois, for over 50 years.

Janice was a gentle spirit who brought joy and kindness to everyone she met. Her most cherished calling was serving as church secretary at Zion, where her dedication and love for the Lord were evident in all she did. Even after her retirement, she continued to serve faithfully visiting shut-ins, making weekly trips to the Beecher nursing home, and taking part in many church groups and ministries.

Janice loved her family deeply. She treasured time spent with them—whether during everyday visits, holiday celebrations, or special family vacations. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Marty; her parents, Raymond and Gertrude Braun; her in-laws, Martin and Bertha Brands; and family members Marcella (John) Kidwell, Leona Brands, Garneta (Edgar) Ralston,

and Kenneth Zyk.

Janice leaves behind her loving children: Linda and Scott Fredrick, Laura and Peter Liphardt, Marty Brands, and Chris and Candis Brands. She was a proud and devoted grandmother to Paul, Rachel (Ben), Peter Jr., and Jacob. She is also survived by her sisters Diane, Betty (Don), and Joanne (Joe) and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends who were like family.

Janice was a prayer warrior whose heart overflowed with the love of Christ. Her kindness, compassion, and unwavering faith left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

“Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21)

“I know that my Redeemer lives.” (Job 19:25)

Cemetery Details

St John Cemetery Eagle Lake

28054 S Yates Ave
Beecher, IL 60401

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran Church
640 Oak Park Ave
Beecher, IL 60401-5114
(708) 946-2271

Funeral Service

APR 26. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice G Brands.

April 25, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janice G Brands.



April 25, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Ken & Julie, Mary Kidwell, Pam Young purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice G Brands.



Ken & Julie, Mary Kidwell, Pam Young - April 24, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ Dave Posega planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice G Brands.

Dave Posega - April 23, 2025 at 09:23 PM

DP

“ Dave Posega purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Janice G Brands.



Dave Posega - April 23, 2025 at 09:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice G Brands.

April 23, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Janice G Brands.



April 23, 2025 at 12:43 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Janice G Brands.



April 23, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janice G Brands.*



April 22, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice G Brands.*



April 22, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice G Brands.*

April 22, 2025 at 06:34 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Janice G Brands.*



April 22, 2025 at 06:34 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Janice's loved ones. She was always quick with a warm smile and will be missed by everyone at Peace.*

Melissa - April 21, 2025 at 12:01 PM

JD

“ Our family will miss Janice with her warm smile, she always demanded hug's and kisses on our cheeks after every Sunday Church services. Our hearts and prayers go out to all the Brands family.

Joseph Dzieńisiewicz - April 19, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice G Brands.



April 19, 2025 at 10:17 PM

AM

“ Aaron, Tabitha, Allie, Katie Moldenhauer purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Janice G Brands.



Aaron, Tabitha, Allie, Katie Moldenhauer - April 19, 2025 at 01:41 PM

LF

“ Love, The Meissner Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Janice G Brands.



Love, The Meissner Family - April 19, 2025 at 08:33 AM

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“ Dear "Brands" cousins,
Our sympathy at the loss of your mom. Janice was always so welcoming when we would come back to Beecher to visit. She was such a prayer warrior for so many people. Her love for Jesus was evident to everyone who knew her. God give you comfort as you mourn.

Neil & Ruth (Bernhard)Herzog - April 18, 2025 at 07:34 PM

KS

“ My dearest cousins, what can I say but pure shock. I saw her last on Sunday to let her know Joy and I would be counting so we couldn't do lunch. I did get a hug and kiss and told her I loved her. She will be missed soooo much. Sundays will never be the same and neither will be Sunday after church brunches at Niros. Lots of love to all of you. L&S, L&S, M, and C&K and kids - P, R&B, PJ, and J. Always I. My prayers! Just as your Mom was .

Kathryn Ralston Scalise - April 18, 2025 at 06:00 PM

JB

My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family and friends of Janice! Our friendship goes back over 65 years! Janice and her sister Diane introduced me to their cousin Harry back then and after Harry and I got married, we were both Janice Braun! Shortly after that, Janice married one of Harry's best friends, Marty! We have been very close ever since. I was with Janice and another cousin Tammy last September when I got the horrible call of my son Steve's unexpected death! We have shared so many ups and downs over the past many years! We have grown old together! These unexpected deaths are the hardest with no time for "good byes". I'm sure there was a joyous reunion in Heaven for Marty and Janice and her parents too! She is with Jesus for Easter! 🙏❤️

Janice Braun - April 18, 2025 at 06:55 PM

PL

Janice just came to my home to visit me as a sunshine girls also when I was in beecher manor she always so kind at church services she was always smiling pat langreder

Pat langreder - April 19, 2025 at 08:30 AM

KS

Laura, it is supposed to read L&P not double L&S. Correction to my post. DUH!

Kathryn Ralston Scalise - April 22, 2025 at 10:04 AM