



## Mary Janice Chase

November 23, 1939 - September 28, 2019

Mary Janice Chase, 79, passed away on Saturday (September 28, 2019) at Waterford Health Campus in Kokomo. She was born on November 23, 1939 to Mary and Robert Stier in Richmond, Indiana. She was a 1958 graduate of Richmond High School and attended Earlham College but graduated from Ball State in 1984. She also held a master degree in mathematics from Purdue in 1969. She was married to Stephen Chase on August 31, 1963 in Richmond, Indiana. Surviving is her husband Stephen, son Brian and grandson Zachary both of Nashville, Tennessee. After teaching high school math at New Haven, Indiana she began employment at Ivy Tech State College as an instructor and administrator retiring in 2006. Preparing income taxes for 100 clients in central Indiana kept her busy for almost 30 years. An active bridge player she was also involved in the Kokomo YWCA and The Sieberling Mansion.

Service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday (October 3, 2019) at Riggle-Waltermann Mortuary. Burial will immediately follow at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Deacon Jim Miller will officiate. Family and friends may call from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Thursday (October 3, 2019) at the funeral home.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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- Glen Haven Memorial Gardens** **OCT 3** **Public Viewing** 12:00PM - 02:00PM
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- Riggle - Waltermann Mortuary  
32 South 11th Street, Richmond, IN, US, 47374
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- OCT 3** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM - 02:30PM
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- Riggle - Waltermann Mortuary  
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# Comments

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“ Graceful Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary Janice Chase.



October 02, 2019 at 09:40 AM

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“ It has been my privilege to become acquainted with Jan and Steve during their residence on the Waterford Place Health Campus in Kokomo. Jan's room was across the hall from my mother Helen's and Steve and I became acquainted during his visits from across campus at The Villas to be with Jan in continuing care. Learning of our common connections to Richmond, Earlham College, and the Quaker faith has provided many periods of discussion and recollection about people and things we know in common.

Jan was a quiet and reserved person during the months I knew her from being in the dining room. But, in reading her obituary and the written remembrance from her nephew in MN, I realize that she was a very vibrant and intelligent person who shared her God given talents in mathematics with many through her professional and her community involvement. For that, we are truly grateful. May the Lord's blessing be yours as you grieve the loss of your loved one, but celebrate her life -- one well lived!

**Peggy Hollingsworth** - October 01, 2019 at 11:30 AM

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“ As one Aunt Jan's "Minnesota Nephews", I did not get to spend as much time with her as I wished. Distance kept our time together confined to Christmas trips to Richmond, Minnesota vacations to "The Lake", family milestone events, and rare business trips to the Indianapolis area. Aunt Jan and I shared a knack for math, technology, and IT computer systems. We both made careers out of forcing them into the service of mankind; she with her tax prep clients and at Ivy Tech, and I at hospitals, financial institutions, and for many IBM clients. We had the best times "discussing-with-great-resolve-and-confidence" our selections of the best technology to use to solve whatever problem was before us. At a very young age I was impressed by her. She was brilliant, quick witted, sharp-as-a-tack (as they say), and a "straight-shooter" with a no nonsense character that I could easily relate to. There was no way you could "pull the wool over her eyes", no way Jose! At the same time she was patient, loving, and dedicated to her family. As a kid and young adult, I was beneficiary of her grace and understanding.

Over the years growing up, Mom and Dad would make many many trips to Richmond. On one trip we stopped by the house in Kokomo for visit. I recall being amazed that Aunt Jan had removed the oven and stove top from her kitchen. She had replaced them with multiple microwave ovens and a toaster oven and saw no logical need for anything more than that!

From a very young age, I was aware of her physical challenges. Through all the years she never complained to me about the constant pain she was feeling every day. Not once. A testament to her strength of character. I will miss Aunt Jan greatly.

Attached are a few relatively recent favorite photos of Aunt Jan and the other strong women that chose to marry into the Chase clan: my Mother Patricia and my Aunt Winnie.



**Steve Chase** - September 30, 2019 at 10:45 PM