



Janette W. "Jan" Lay

February 10, 1940 - February 7, 2026

Janette W. (Jan) Lay, age 85, of Jasper Alabama, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2026, with her family by her side. She will be missed and forever remembered. Per her request, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity.

She was born February 10, 1940, in Walker County, Alabama. Graduating from Curry High School, she maintained lifetime friendships with many classmates. Leaving a career in business finance, she carried mail with the US Postal Service as a Rural Carrier many years before retirement.

Her greatest joy came from traveling the Western United States and the Rocky Mountains. Beginning on her Goldwing motorcycle, sometimes solo or with her husband, Clyde O. Black, Sr., she traveled all over the US. She continually encouraged friends or family to "Go West!" and join her on awesome adventures. Also, Jan loved to travel and photograph US Forestry Service Lookout Towers, as her father had been employed in a tower. Artistically inclined, she enjoyed leatherworking, painting and flower arranging. "Feisty" is the term most use to describe Jan. Being quick-witted, she thoroughly enjoyed pranks and laughs.

Jan is predeceased by her parents, Emmett Sanford Lay and Ada Currie Lay; son, Russell (Rusty) Kyle Hall; sisters, Lena Lorene Lay and Maxine Lay; and great-great grandson, Hayden Anthony Hill.

Survivors include son, Christopher Mark Hall (Regina); daughter, Kimberly Pickard (Eric); grandson, Anthony Chance Trimm; granddaughters Sherrae Hall (Michael) and Tara Baker (Jud); great-grandchildren, Breanna Self, Kylie Grace Self, Jay Barnes, Aaron Pilkington, Willis Pilkington, Cameron Pilkington, Abbey Cordes, and Marley Lay McDaniel; and a host of other family and friends