



Janet Ellen (Van Camp) Noguere

February 21, 1942 - July 15, 2025

Janet “Jan” Noguere, 83, of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away on July 15, 2025. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, great aunt, daughter, spouse, cousin and friend. Jan was born on Saturday, February 21, 1942 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to Rena Bertha (Dornbus) and Guthrie Dorwin Van Camp. Jan’s (maternal) grandparents were Anna (Osterhous Venema) Gregg and John Dornbus of Kalamazoo, Michigan and great grandparents Broerkjen Baukes “Bertha” Haitsma and Taeke Foppes Venema both of Workum, Friesland, Netherlands.

Jan spent her early years in Seventh Day Adventist Church schools in Waycross, Georgia, and Jacksonville & Orlando, Florida. She also attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. She was a romantic at heart and loved poetry, literature, and classical music, such as Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. But she also had a bit of a crush on Elvis Presley when he was popular. She loved watching football and baseball, and listened to records, writing down the lyrics of love songs. In the seventh grade, she met Lanny Collins, whom she later married in 1963. They had two daughters together, Sabrina Collins Paul (Joe) and Holly Collins Noble (Todd). They divorced, and Jan relocated back to Florida with her two young daughters, where she worked and supported her family. Eventually, she remarried to Eugene Noguere, who preceded her in death.

Jan enjoyed gardening, reading, crocheting, spending time with family, and being with her beloved dog, Simon, whom she referred to as her poodoodle. She frequently commented on, and enjoyed looking at, her favorite Renoir painting- Dance at Bougival. Jan had an incredible sense of humor, zest for life, love of nature, and was well loved wherever she went. She loved the years that she and her sister lived on the same street in DeLand, FL, as they had many adventures together and tucked each other into bed at night by phone.

In 2021, she made the bold decision to move from Florida where she lived near her sister, and extended family, to be closer to her youngest daughter, Holly, in Oregon; and receive support with her Alzheimer's. She was always quick to say how happy she was to have special time with family, whether it was the annual trips to Gatlinburg with the Reed & Paul clans, holidays spent at the Reed home(s), trips to Boca Grande with loved ones, going to a baseball game, to the beach, to Dairy Queen, to a concert, having a special meal together, etc. She greeted everyone with "hi Darlin," would answer the phone saying "one ringy dingy, two ringy dingies." When asked if she wanted to do something she would answer either "In a New York minute!" or with "Has a cat got a butt?!" When she really enjoyed an activity or food, she would say "That's as close to heaven as I'll ever get," with an enormous smile on her face. Anytime she said goodbye to someone that had come to visit her, she would always tell them lovingly to "Hug the curbs!" on their drive home.

She was an extraordinary woman in so many ways, with her positive attitude towards life. When asked what it was like to have Alzheimer's, she described that each morning she recognized that she wanted her thoughts to come together like fingers linking your hands, but that the thoughts just wouldn't link together. She reported that in the early years it made her anxious, but later she was able to accept it. She frequently joked that she had "scrambled eggs for brains" and would actually chuckle about it, saying she didn't want to waste

time crying over it. She chose to be positive. Alzheimer's never robbed her of her sweet, genuine nature and the essence of her personality. If anything, she became more sweet and loving. She loved her staff and community at her assisted living facility, and later, her memory care home. She was able to participate in two Walks to End Alzheimer's during the past three years, with support from her staff. She made so many dear friends, all of whom were of support to her, and she in turn to them. She will live on in the hearts of all those who loved her, and held her dear.

Hug the curbs!

Survivors:

Daughters

Sabrina Collins Paul (Joe)

Holly Collins Noble (Todd)

Grandchildren

Arwyn Paul Vaal (Ryan)

Carson C.L. Noble

Keaton C.T. Noble

Tanner D.C. Noble

Sister

Priscilla Van Camp Reed

Nephews

John Reed (Tammy)

Raymond Reed (Lisa)

Great Nephew

Connor Reed

Great Niece
Jessica Reed

Cousin
Patsy Van Camp

A celebration of life will be held by family privately.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, Regent Court Memory Care, and/or Alz.org in her name.

Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Ellen (Van Camp) Noguere*



McHenry Funeral Home - July 21, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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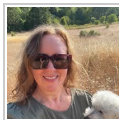
Absolutely beautiful 💕💕

Tammy Reed - July 21, 2025 at 08:58 PM

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“ *I will deeply miss you dear sister. Our paths have crossed many times, in over 80 years, from childhood to Seniors. I cherish all the simple little things we both enjoyed: Visiting a garden center, & planting our new treasures. Sharing a hot fudge sundae, to celebrate being together. Walking our puppy dogs. Talking about our sons, daughters & grand children. Traveling miles across country, with Captain John . Watching the birds & boats, while swinging at the dock. Shopping for clothes & groceries. Making jigsaw puzzles. Enjoying face time calls, arranged by Holly. All these sweet memories have & will continue to comfort till we meet again. Will always love you. Priscilla (Prissy) Reed*

Priscilla Reed - July 24, 2025 at 06:26 PM



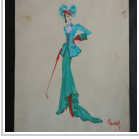
💕💕💕 *love you so much Aunt Pris*

Holly Noble - July 24, 2025 at 11:05 PM

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I was a caregiver for her, I miss her so much

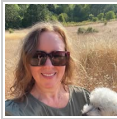
Amber Sawtelle - August 03, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ *Jan was also a loving and beloved stepmother. When she married our father in January 1982, my two brothers, my sister, and I were all adults. In fact, Jan was closer to our age than to his. But that did not stop her from expressing an almost maternal pride in us and being forever generous and loving with her welcome. On one of my visits, the conversation veered into some emotional childhood territory for me, and Jan quietly left the table to give us privacy. She cared for our father devotedly in his decline and deserves a reward in heaven for that alone. We cherish your dear memory, Jan.*

— *Suzanne Noguere*

Suzanne Noguere - July 24, 2025 at 07:18 AM



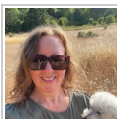
Holly Noble - July 24, 2025 at 11:06 PM

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“ *Will always cherish the memories of our family getaways and the times that we shared together 🙏*



Raymond Reed - July 23, 2025 at 07:49 PM



Holly Noble - July 24, 2025 at 11:07 PM

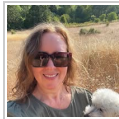
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“ Always loved visiting with you anytime we got the chance to get together. Thanks so much for blessing me with such a wonderful wife, Sabrina! We continue to pray for you daily and will have mass said for you as well.

It was You, O God, Who commanded us to honor our father and mother. In Your kindness have mercy on the souls of our parents, and forgive them their sins. Grant that we may see them again in the brightness of Your everlasting glory. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Eternal rest grant to Janet, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Joe Paul - July 22, 2025 at 07:11 AM



Holly Noble - July 24, 2025 at 11:08 PM

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I didn't know her, but I wish I had because we both have a grandparent from Workum!

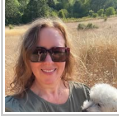
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“ Mom and her girls



Sabrina Paul - July 21, 2025 at 05:38 PM



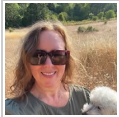
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“ *Love you always Mom. Sabrina and Joe Paul*



Sabrina Paul - July 21, 2025 at 05:11 PM



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