



## Janice Gallagher Orr

February 16, 1935 - November 30, 2015

Janice Gallagher Orr went home to be with her Lord, Monday, November 30th surrounded by the family she so cherished. Born Jessie Janice Gallagher in 1935 to Jess Gallagher and Selma Chowning Gallagher in DeSoto, Texas, Janice grew up in DeSoto, and then married, Roy Lee Orr in 1952. They celebrated 63 years as husband and wife. He is the love of her life. Janice is his dear and beloved wife.

Janice, who saw no higher calling or greater joy, than being a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, was active in her church and the city she dearly loved, DeSoto. Janice was president of the PTA, the Future Farmers of America Parent Organization, and organized the first booster club for the DeSoto High School cheerleaders and Drill team. Janice Orr found time to aid the DeSoto High School Band Boosters Club. If there was a task to be completed, Janice was the person whom one called.

In the 1950s and 1960s Janice readily shared her gift of hospitality at baby showers and wedding showers in DeSoto. There were no wedding showers or baby showers that Janice didn't organize or host in her home.

She was a life long Christian and member of the Church Of Christ, whose love of the Lord began in her youth. She taught classes at her church, sharing her walk with Christ and helping many come to a saving knowledge of the Lord.

Janice Orr was a remarkable person loved by many and respected by all. Janice was a fount of sage advice and common sense. She left a positive and indelible mark on all who knew her; she was a blessing to all.

Her large family whom she loved with all her heart and loved her in equal measure includes:

Husband: Roy Lee Orr

Children: Valorie Barrett and Husband Steve, Roxie Yeldell and Husband Brent, Lei Ann Reeves and Husband Ronnie, Tim Orr and Wife Ginger.

Grandchildren: Bryan Barrett, Zach Barrett, Brannon Yeldell, Dustin Yeldell, Jeff Reeves, Brady Reeves, Matthieu Reeves, Peyton Orr, Brayden Orr, Mason Orr

Great Grandchildren: Jackson Barrett, Olivia Barrett, Parker Barrett, Cade Yeldell, Brody Yeldell, Holden Yeldell, Hayes Yeldell, Abigail Reeves, Chloe Reeves

Other survivors are one sister Sue England and her husband Doug, one brother Jerry Gallagher and his wife Judy, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in memory of Janice to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery

7810 Shiloh Road  
Midlothian, TX 76065

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Creekside Church  
5401 East US Highway 287  
Midlothian, TX 76065

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brown Street Church of Christ  
2471 Brown Street  
Waxahachie, TX 75165

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ *I miss you! You were my cousin, counselor, and friend.*

Sandra - November 16, 2016 at 08:54 AM

SP

“ *Mrs. Orr was such a wonderful woman to know. I use to see her showing with one of her daughters just after she had gotten married. She was teaching her how to shop for groceries. I thought she was such a great mother to do that. When I saw this I just started to cry.*

Sherry Lewis Poorboy - January 17, 2016 at 03:43 PM

CE

“ *Janice was one of a kind with a Big Heart. My prayers are with the entire Orr family. So many special Memories.*

Cynthia Evans - December 02, 2015 at 11:30 PM

BW

“ *Bo & Pam Wells purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



Bo & Pam Wells - December 02, 2015 at 10:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



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December 02, 2015 at 06:41 PM



“ *Words cannot describe the sadness I feel for the loss of Janice. What a wonderful, sweet person she was. She made a difference in my life without even knowing it. I loved spending the night with Valorie when we we kids. Janice was always humming or singing. Always a pleasure to bump into her at Brookshire's and catch up on our families. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Betty Cox Miller,  
Colorado Springs, CO*

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**Betty Miller** - December 02, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ *This lady was always so nice and gracious to Jim and me. We talked back in the summer and made tentative plans to visit and do lunch. I got so busy with school work and sincerely regret not spending that time with her. She was a wonderful supporter of DeSoto teachers and will be missed by all.*

*Susan Pugh*

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**Susan Pugh** - December 02, 2015 at 03:42 PM

BH

“ Your mom is a “Class Act”. We, as “outsiders”, being from New York were accepted into DeSoto and made to feel welcome back in the 70’s. I visited her at Methodist Central in February, 1999 at a time of difficulty in our lives and she was encouraging. I know you’ll all be surrounded by loved ones to help bring peace. Our prayers are with you. Love, Beth, Allison and Tass Hudak.

Beth, Allison and Tass Hudak - December 02, 2015 at 01:34 PM

DC

“ Donna Lasater & Rob Preston - Kenya & Raymond Carr purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.



Donna Lasater & Rob Preston - Kenya & Raymond Carr -  
December 02, 2015 at 12:59 PM

BK

“ From my earliest memory of the Orrs they have always been an integral part of Desoto and it's growth. The memories of Janice are too many to count but she was a lady in first respects. I loved her heart and we are sorry for the family. We'll see her again one fine day.

Benny Kirtley - December 02, 2015 at 08:14 AM

MD

“ Marikay and Don Dewberry purchased the Fairies t of All for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.



Marikay and Don Dewberry - December 01, 2015 at 11:58 PM

CB

“ Charles & Gailya Butler lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr



Charles & Gailya Butler - December 01, 2015 at 11:19 PM

KW

“ Kathy Womack lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr



Kathy Womack - December 01, 2015 at 10:29 PM

 Kim Petty

“ Prayers of comfort for Janice's family & friends ?



Kim Petty - December 01, 2015 at 10:24 PM

AW

“ She always made Valerie's friends feel so welcome in her home. Will never forget the formal dinner party for bunch teenagers for a Valerie's birthday and Tim was the center piece. She loved her family and always made their friends feel special. She was truly a special lady. I had the blessing of her coming into my life at 6 yrs old. Rest in peace.

Alyne Watson - December 01, 2015 at 09:49 PM

BT

“ *Deepest sympathy for your liss. She was an incredibly kind and compassionate woman and sister in Christ. We all lived her so much! Sincerely, Tommy & Bonita Taylor and family*



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**Bonita Taylir** - December 01, 2015 at 08:30 PM

JF

“ *Jan Le Flore lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr*



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**Jan Le Flore** - December 01, 2015 at 08:20 PM

BS

“ *Dear Mrs.Orr.....I am still in shock how fast things happened....I keep expecting you and Mr. Orr to come through the door....I will truly miss you...Thank you for being such an important part of my life...I love you and Mr. Orr so much...I pray when we meet again that we get to sit under the gazebo and you share memories of your life with Mr. Orr as we did before...Save me a place next to you....Goodbye for now .....I love you.....Betty.*

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**Betty Samaniego** - December 01, 2015 at 08:05 PM

CB

“ The greatest words to describe beautiful Janice is to say she was a 'Godly women who touched many lives.' She was always available if called upon to help others. Janice had an awesome sense of humor and kept me laughing when we were in Pokeno together. She sent me the most encouraging cards when my husband had cancer. I will never forget how much love she poured into everything she did. She was a very proud wife, mother, grandmother, and friend and heaven is rejoicing at the arrival of this angel. God bless the entire family through this rough time. A memorial has been sent to American Cancer Society in her honor in hopes that there will be a cure for lung cancer soon!

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**Charlene Brooks** - December 01, 2015 at 06:44 PM

JD

“ Janice was such a special lady. She always had a smile and would always want to know how my family was doing. She was truly a wonderful example of a Christian woman. She will now be reunited with Selma and Jess and those who have gone before her. She will be missed by all and most of all by her loving family.

*Joe Anna Dickerson*

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**Joe Anna Dickerson** - December 01, 2015 at 04:37 PM

KR

“ Karen, Teresa, Amy and Roxie purchased the Fru  
its and Blooms Basket for the family of Janice  
Gallagher Orr.



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**Karen, Teresa, Amy and Roxie** - December 01, 2015 at 04:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



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December 01, 2015 at 03:53 PM



“ *Sondra Scott lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr*



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**Sondra Scott** - December 01, 2015 at 02:45 PM



*Growing up in de soto, everyone was close. Janice was involved in so many things we all did. Rip beautiful lady*

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**Sondra Scott** - December 01, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



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December 01, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



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December 01, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



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December 01, 2015 at 12:15 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Janice's family. A beautiful woman inside and out.*

*Marie and Vickie Wier*



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**Vickie Wier** - December 01, 2015 at 11:47 AM

MG

“ *The Lord blesses us by placing very special people in our lives. Janice was certainly one of those special people to me. I was sad to learn of her death, as she was such a nice person and friend to my family. I pray that the Lord will make His comforting presence known to all her family, as a wonderful chapter in their lives has closed and another one now opens. With deepest sympathies from one "Old De Soto Family" to another.*

*Mark and Rhonda Ground  
Paris, Texas*

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**Mark Ground** - December 01, 2015 at 11:32 AM

TC

“ *Tim and Debie Chism...Janice will truly be missed. We love her and are keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Tim and Debie Chism** - December 01, 2015 at 10:46 AM

DH

“ *Wishing for all of you to have love surrounding you during your time of grief and warm memories to make you smile again. Your mother had a beautiful smile and a happy heart. She will be sorely missed by many people whose lives she has touched. Nita and Dick*

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**Dick and Nita Hickman** - December 01, 2015 at 10:40 AM

DH

“ *Dick And Nita Hickman lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr*



Dick and Nita Hickman - December 01, 2015 at 10:36 AM

MB

“ *Marlin and Judy Blake purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



Marlin and Judy Blake - December 01, 2015 at 10:29 AM

SM

“ *Seth & Suzanne McKinney lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr*



Seth & Suzanne McKinney - December 01, 2015 at 10:26 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



December 01, 2015 at 10:22 AM

AT

“ Thinking of you all today and this week as you say "til we meet again" to your precious mother who was an inspiration to us all.  
With love, Ann and Wilbert Templeton

Ann & Wilbert Templeton - December 01, 2015 at 09:42 AM

MB

“ Janice was a truly class lady. I was privileged to know her and her family for many years and will always cherish her memory.

Marlin M. Blake - December 01, 2015 at 09:32 AM

GO

“ Janice was such a special lady and she will be missed by all. May the family find comfort in knowing she is in the presence of our Lord. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With love & deepest sympathy, Bobby & Ginger Ott

Ginger Ott - December 01, 2015 at 09:10 AM

KB

“ Kaye Behrens lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr



kaye behrens - December 01, 2015 at 09:03 AM

KB

When we moved from Florida to Desoto years ago, Janice was so welcoming and kind to us. I often observed her from afar and so admired her. She had a funny and observant and wise sense of humor that I loved. I know her spirit will live on through her children and grandchildren who are enduring a terrific loss. She will not be forgotten!  
-Kaye

kaye behrens - December 01, 2015 at 09:16 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



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December 01, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ *The Lord has taken home His beautiful daughter, she is now free, free of pain and whole again. I will miss her radiant smile, warm greetings when I would see her at church. To her family, I can imagine all of the wonderful fond memories you have to share with other families and friends. Keep in your heart the joy of the heavenly homecoming, we will see her again. God bless you all.*



*In Christian love,*

*Billie Wheatley*

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**Billie Wheatley** - December 01, 2015 at 07:59 AM



“ *Jackie Rigby Barnett lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr*



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**Jackie Rigby Barnett** - December 01, 2015 at 07:32 AM

MB

“ *Marla Bearden lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr*



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**Marla Bearden** - December 01, 2015 at 06:27 AM

LC

“ *Laurie Carr lit a candle in memory of Janice Gallagher Orr*



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**Laurie Carr** - December 01, 2015 at 05:38 AM

LC

*Roxie, May the light of your mother's life shine forever. As you look into the eye's of her children, grandchildren and family members you will see a part of your mother legacy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Laurie Carr** - December 01, 2015 at 05:51 AM

PP

*Roy and Janice were friends of my family since early 60's and were there when they both passed. Janice passing is a great loss to he community and the family. Roxie, you all are in my prayers.*

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**Paula Walton Pedigo** - December 01, 2015 at 08:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



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December 01, 2015 at 01:16 AM



“ *What a special Christian lady Mrs. Janice has always been! Her spirit and excitement for life is what I will cherish of her memory! No matter who you were unimportant or important she made you feel like you were the only person in the room! She always welcomed me in when I was just dropping by to say hello. I will miss seeing her around town! I pray the Lord's comfort and healing in the long days ahead. As for Mrs. Janice we will see you again soon in the presence of our father in heaven.*

*May God be with you,*

*Todd & Dawn Little and Family!*

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**todd little** - December 01, 2015 at 01:00 AM



“ *Janice was always there...church , youth group, 4-H, school events. As an elders wife and Christian mother, she was a great example. Blessings to Roxie, Valerie, LeiAnn and Tim in this time of sorry. And many prayers for your dad. Love you all.*

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**Paula Litland Walker** - November 30, 2015 at 10:14 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



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November 30, 2015 at 08:10 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Gallagher Orr.*



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November 30, 2015 at 05:46 PM