



Janice W. Carter-Bowden

November 11, 1956 - October 6, 2025

Janice "Jan" W. Carter-Bowden transitioned peacefully with family by her side on Monday, October 6, 2025. Jan was the beloved mother of Jasmyn Price (Michael); devoted twin sister of Joy Patterson; and cherished aunt of William (Marlena), and Maurice C. (Nicole) Patterson. She was preceded in death by her parents William and May Bell Carter; and brother-in-law Maurice A. Patterson.

Internment and memorial services will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Internment at 11 a.m. at Fort Lincoln Cemetery (Brentwood, MD), and memorial service at 12:15 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church (Washington, DC). In lieu of flowers, Jan requested that donations be made in her memory to LaSalle-Backus Elementary School at www.InMemoryofJan.com. Donations are NOT tax-deductible.

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fort Lincoln Cemetery
3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Memorial Service

OCT **25**. 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church
1510 P St NW
Washington, DC

Tribute Wall

“ True Friendship is Eternal!

Joy, Jazmin—The Thomas family stands with you today not as distant voices of comfort, but as sisters who knew Janice when laughter was our language and Shiloh Baptist Church was our kingdom. Those Sunday School rooms still echo with her voice, don't they? The choir loft remembers how she'd catch our eyes during hymns and nearly make us forget the words. And the Sunshine Circle—oh, how we'd spin in that sacred space and our many social events, believing we could hold hands forever and never let go. Janice carried that light from those childhood days into every room she entered, every life she touched. She made kindness look effortless, as if joy itself had taken human form just to show us how it's done. Grief is just love that has nowhere left to go but deeper into your bones. Matthew 5:4 promises us, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted”—and we believe that comfort comes not from forgetting, but from remembering well.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, this is true. Love leaves a memory no one can steal—and Janice left us wealthy beyond measure. Joy, you shared a womb with her, a secret language, a soul frequency that no distance can silence. Jazmin, you carry her DNA, not just her biology but her veracity, that unshakable spirit that refused to let the world dim her shine. We want you to know that every moment we spent in church as kids through young adulthood, every note we sang together, every hope we whispered in those sacred halls—they're not gone. They've just moved from temporal to eternal, from visible to everlasting.

So we speak to you today with the same faith we learned on those pews: this is not goodbye. Like the games we played when skinned knees healed by Sunday and tears dried before the final amen—we know how to say “see you later.” Janice has simply gone ahead to prepare the way, to make sure heaven's choir has enough voices and that the laughter is ready when we arrive. Until that reunion, we hold both of you close to our hearts. We remember with you. We

love alongside you. And we trust that the God who made us childhood friends with Janice, will carry you both through this valley, one breath, one memory, one blessed day at a time.

With Abiding Love and Sincere Faith,

Joanne Thomas and Lynne Thomas Gainey

Lynne Thomas Gainey - October 24, 2025 at 10:45 PM

BA

“ *Sending my condolences to Jan’s family and friends. I’m so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful friend. I will truly miss her. I’m praying for all of you.* 🙏❤️

Sincerely,

Beatriz Ashton

Beatriz Ashton - October 15, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ *Joan Young lit a candle in memory of Janice Carter-Bowden*



Joan Young - October 13, 2025 at 03:55 AM

RF

“ *Retha Faison lit a candle in memory of Janice Carter-Bowden*



Retha Faison - October 12, 2025 at 11:00 PM

DJ

“ *Dorothy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Janice Carter-Bowden*



Dorothy Johnson - October 12, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JA

“ My condolences to Janice's family. I know your loss is great. I met Janice over thirty years ago while teaching at Gage-Eckington ES. Janice was a great teacher, leader, and friend. She was always on point with everything. She is the only person I know that could tell you where her paycheck went down to the penny! I'll never forget how she always made perfect attendance and would use her bonus check to purchase herself a designer purse and of course something "GREEN!" Janice loved her family and her church family. She always would speak so highly of them, especially you, Jasmyn. Janice will be dearly missed! I am grateful that our paths crossed and we continued our friendship. I will miss her broad smile and her infectious laughter. Rest well, my friend, rest well!

Warmly,

Jackie Anderson

Jacqueline Anderson - October 12, 2025 at 02:51 PM

HT

“ I remember the times Ms. Bowden and I shared as I would drive her home in the DC traffic after work. We would share about family and church functions. We left work at school and had great conversations. I remember t the instructional support during the school day and encouragements . She was a blessing to me and will be missed. Love and condolences to her daughter and family!

Harriett Byrd Lasalle-Backus Teacher - October 09, 2025 at 09:22 AM

TW

“ Theodore & Jacqueline White lit a candle in memory of Janice Carter-Bowden



Theodore & Jacqueline White - October 08, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - October 08, 2025 at 02:01 PM

TH

Our deepest sympathies. Jan's sweet and kind spirit was always genuine. She'll never be forgotten.

Theodore - October 08, 2025 at 10:28 PM