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Janice Leonard Wagner

July 10, 1938 - Sept. 13, 2026

On Sunday, September 13, 2026, our beloved Janice Leonard Wagner joined her Lord & Savior following a period of declining health.

Janice, known to many as Gammaw, was born in Davidson County in 1938 to Willie Alex Leonard and Edith Smith Leonard. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward Dale Wagner (her high school sweetheart), sister, Mildred Wall; and sister, Joan Bodenhamer.

Janice was a teacher with Burke County Schools for many years and thoroughly enjoyed each and every child she got the opportunity to teach. In addition to teaching, she had a passion for crafts; you could find her sewing, painting, or gardening in her free time. Above all though, what she loved the most, was spending quality time with her family.

Janice leaves behind to cherish her memory, two children: Teresa Wagner Kirksey (Lee); and Michael (Mike) Dale Wagner; brother, William Ronald (Pete) Leonard; grandson, Miles Taylor Kirksey; granddaughter, Megan Leigh House (Justin); grandson, Zachary Blake Wagner (Katie); granddaughter, Heather Ashley Michaels (Codey); and five great grandchildren, Brynlee House, Abram House, Halston House, Phoenix Wagner, and Blake Wagner.

The family will not have a formal visitation, and a private family service will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff at Amorem Hospice for taking great care of Janice. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a donation in Janice's memory are asked to consider a donation to Amorem Hospice of Burke County.

Sossoman Funeral Service & Crematory is assisting the Wagner family.

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Deepest sympathy.

–Ann Smith

I had the privilege of working with Janice for several years at Hillcrest Elementary. She always gave her best to the students, their parents, and her colleagues . My sincere sympathy to her family, Susan Pollpeter

–Susan Pollpeter

Prayers for the family!Mrs.Wagner was my 4th grade teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School and she was a wonderful teacher and such a sweet,kind person!!!Lonna Marie Carpenter Wilson

–Lonna Wilson

Dear family….such a sweet dear lady that no doubt she is with our Lord. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers indefinitely. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Joanne & Art Donley

–Joanne Donley