



## Janice Jewel Hefler Ravain

January 26, 1947 - August 10, 2022

Janice Jewel Hefler Ravain passed away Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at the age of 75.

Janice was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 26, 1947 to Emma Joyce Moore Hefler and Dominick Hefler. Over the years, she resided in New Orleans, Metairie, LaPlace and, most recently, Prairieville.

Janice was a 1964 graduate of Alcée Fortier High School in New Orleans. Part of her early career included working as a secretary at City Hall in New Orleans. It was during her time there that she met a handsome guy who caught her eye, especially when he smiled at her with his dimples. After dating for a couple of years, she married that man, Michael Charles Ravain, on June 21, 1969. They recently celebrated 53 years of marriage.

Janice lived to be a dedicated wife and mother. Welcoming their first born son, Michael Charles Ravain, Jr., in 1970 and then their daughter, Robyn Dayna Ravain, in 1981 gave her the opportunity to flourish as the incredible mother God created her to be. She immersed herself fully into motherhood, making sure their every need was tended to just so. You could always find her giving of herself with a genuine smile on her face while she was doing anything from decorating the car for a homecoming parade, serving as room mother year after year or making sure lunch was packed for her husband each morning before he left for work. Her attention to detail was impeccable, and you could feel her love in everything she did. She had an eye for creativity, dabbling in everything from making hair bows, gift baskets, sentimental gifts and

Christmas ornaments. Her crafty creations were always cherished. Her love language was, indeed, her cooking. It did not matter if you were stopping in for a few minutes or gathering around the table for a holiday meal, you would be fed, and she wouldn't have it any other way.

Her smile was always the biggest when her family was together. Whether playing games, talking about the week or reminiscing about the past, she was fully engaged and beaming with pride in every conversation. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. Every chance she had, she would say how proud she was of each of them. She was so present in their lives, watching the dance team, football games, piano recitals, theatre performances and everything in between.

She loved Jesus with her whole heart, and the fruit of her life told of that love in everything that she did (Galatians 5:22-23). She demonstrated Christ's love through the love for her family and friends. She brought joy to those simply by her presence. Her sweet voice delivered peaceful words to hearts that needed them. She exhibited patience in every act of service to her loved ones.

Kindness and goodness were overflowing and in abundance. Her gentleness in speech and in her overall presence was magnetic. And she would display self control by sacrificing her own feelings if it meant another's best interest was better served.

Hers was the lap to snuggle, the shoulder to lean on, the ear to listen. Her beautiful smile was the one that brought comfort and joy. She will certainly be missed on this side of Heaven as we await the day we are reunited with her. She is preceded in death by her parents and her grandson, Gabriel James Russell.

Survivors include her loving husband, Michael C. Ravain, Sr.; son, Michael C. Ravain, Jr. and his wife, April Lambert Ravain; daughter, Robyn Ravain Russell and her husband, John S. Russell, Jr.; grandchildren, Emilie Ravain, Chase Ravain, Ava Russell, John S. Russell, III and Ruby Russell; her faithful maltipoo, "Bennigan;" along with many special family and friends who were always near and dear to her heart.

Janice was never one to want a lot of attention. Per her request, a private graveside service will take place. Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life as we honor the legacy she has set forth in the life she lived on purpose. It will take place on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 2 pm at The Post on Churchpoint, 42430 Churchpoint Road, Gonzales, Louisiana. To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

The Post on Churchpoint  
42430 Churchpoint Rd.  
Gonzales, LA 70737

# Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Jewel Hefler Ravain*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Yesterday me and my two daughters went to a memorial for Janice ravain and it reminded me of 12 foot away that is how close we have live together being her and Mike's next-door neighbors for 37 or 36 years I have four children that we raise next to them and I know that they love my children we've been through countless hurricanes and floods and what I remember the most is Janice would cook a seven course meal and feed the whole block and send us all home with a plate and all the children on the block would play in the back of Mike's pick up truck and when I would get home my children would be so excited to see me and the look on Mike and Janices phase will stay with me for the rest of my life the look of love on their faces was wonderful and Janice would say that she knows that it made my day of hard work worth it and she was exactly right although I wasn't as close to them as I should have been because I am extremely shy person and all of those years I've never seen Janice get mad although she should have been a lot of times with my children she was just concerned like she would be for her own children and my daughter Melissa Janice and Mike's daughter Robin Missy down the street and Sherry hung around all the time and I called them the four musketeers I will miss Mike and Janice because they moved away to be closer to their children and grandchildren hopefully I am worthy to go where she went and hopefully we will wind up again 12 feet away with my deepest love and affection Jack Harris and family*

jack harris - August 28, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Jewel Hefler Ravain.*



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August 24, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janice Jewel Hefler Ravain.*



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August 24, 2022 at 09:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Jewel Hefler Ravain.*



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August 24, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Jewel Hefler Ravain.*



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August 21, 2022 at 06:28 PM

CJ

“ Mike and Robyn,

*I have been out of town, and I didn't see this until a few minutes ago. I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful person. I have never known a person so kind, giving and unselfish in my life. I am so sorry she has passed, but so glad she was in my life even for a little while.*

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**Chris Jones** - August 18, 2022 at 03:39 PM

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“ Mike and Family:

*I am so sorry to hear about Janice's passing. Every comment in her obituary and from friends is exactly what I feel and know about Janice. I have so many beautiful memories of Janice with my mom and dad(Aunt Evermae and Uncle Joe).Donald sends his condolences from California.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you  
Cousin Beverly*

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**Beverly Dorsa** - August 16, 2022 at 02:06 PM

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“ Your life was well-lived. I am sure when you met Jesus, He said, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

*What a special person she was, always putting others first. I can hear her sweet voice just as clear as day.*

*Praying for peace and comfort your family as you mourn her passing. So thankful to have known Mrs. Janice and her awesome family. Until we meet in heaven.....*

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**The Millet Family** - August 16, 2022 at 06:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Jewel Hefler Ravain.*



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August 15, 2022 at 11:31 PM



“ *When the Highland Drive bunch first met at Janice and Mike's house, I expected a nice, quiet evening. However, we soon learned that they were a fun loving, people loving, neighbor loving couple and I am grateful for the times we spent together. I will especially remember Janice's phone call this past year when she learned about Dot's illness. It simply showed what a kind, caring person she was. God bless you all. Dot and Richard Woods*

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**Richard H Woods** - August 15, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ *Mrs. Janice, your life was such a bright one - shining warmth and brightness on others easily and always. I will miss you constant smile and concern for others, your kindness always, and your delicious urky lurky. I will cherish your hand-made Christmas ornament that I was lucky enough to get at one of our yearly mother/daughter ornament exchanges. It has been on my tree every year since. What a gift you have left the world in your children and grandchildren. A truly purposeful life indeed. May you rest in eternal peace.*

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**Kristen L** - August 15, 2022 at 09:54 PM


MK

“ Oh Janice, you were my friend for over 63 years. Everything said in your obit described you to a tee. I will always remember our crafting time and cooking times together! Especially the tamales!!! LOL I will miss your gentle smile and gentle voice and the kind ear you were always willing to lend. Remember all all phone calls and when leaving a message we always said "hey it's me"!!! Miss you and love you so much. You and your family will always be in my prayers. Your friend, Mary and also Mike who thought you were so, sweet and kind.

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**Mary and Mike Kremer** - August 15, 2022 at 08:27 PM

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“ I remember we talked about our experience with breast cancer and how happy we both were to get through another year cancer free! She was as beautiful inside as she was outside. She will be missed  


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**emilie Dickerson** - August 15, 2022 at 08:10 PM