



Janet Rose Dressler

February 14, 1935 - December 31, 2025

Janet “Jan” Rose Dressler, 90, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away on December 31, 2025, at St. Luke’s Hospice House, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on February 14, 1935, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth DeGraeve.

Jan lived a life defined by love, joy, and generosity. She found happiness in life’s simple pleasures, bowling, playing bingo, dancing, fishing, and tending to her tomato plants. She could often be found watching *The Price Is Right* and *Wheel of Fortune*. Above all else, Jan deeply loved and cherished her family and friends. She was always willing to help and happily embraced her role as the family and friends’ “taxi driver,” never hesitating to show up whenever she was needed.

Jan not only raised three, and perhaps more, generations of family through her unwavering love. She had a remarkable ability to make each person feel like the most special one. To know her was to feel chosen, deeply cared for, and always welcomed.

She was also a proud businesswoman. Jan worked at Sears, where she even wrote the employee newsletter, and later went on to open and operate Dressler Dog & Horse Supply alongside her family. She took great pride in retiring early to pour her love and energy into family and friends.

Jan met every challenge with grit, humor, and grace. She never shied away from hard work and always found room for a little mischief and shenanigans along the way, often in the company of her sister-in-law (Dort). Her dedication, loving spirit, and the way she showed up for others will be remembered by all who had the joy of knowing her. To be loved by her was to feel deeply known and fiercely cared for. Her home was a refuge and place of celebration, her kitchen a place of comfort, and her heart the largest anyone had ever known.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Albert, Maurice, Omer, Clarence, and Florine.

Jan is survived by her children, Denise Dressler and Dennis Dressler; her grandchildren, Rachel Phelps, Nathan Dressler, and Colby Dressler; her great-grandchildren, Lucas, Chase, and Caleb; and her bonus daughters, Bridget and Lisa. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends whom she loved like family.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2646 S. 34th St.
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 677-1277

Rosary

JAN 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ I want to share my sincere condolences to your family and friends. As a child, I remember running around with Denise at Dressler’s where we bought all our dog supplies. My mom and dad, Bob and Ellen Maxson who owned Rockhill Market would take me there. Mostly, my dad. Back then all the stores were family owned. It was a great time to grow up and I remember her always being nice to me and we could go ‘in the back room’ areas like our store had. My thoughts are with you Denise as it’s sure hard to loose our mommas. And all family and friends. Karen Maxson Schibi

Karen Schibi - January 12 at 11:45 AM

LA

“ I didn't get a chance to meet Janet in person, but I work with Denise and to know Ms Denise is too know Janet. Janet had a beautiful smile that could light up any room. Her smile will always be remembered. My condolences to the family much love and many prayers. Lolita and Hakim Atwood

Lolita atwood - January 10 at 10:10 PM

JF

“ Jack Henry Work Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Rose Dressler.

Jack Henry Work Family - January 09 at 05:43 PM

JF

“ Jack Henry Work Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janet Rose Dressler.



Jack Henry Work Family - January 09 at 05:43 PM

JR

“ Jan was my aunt but also my godparent. She was always happy and had a smile on her face. We spent many good times celebrating holidays in her basement growing up. Heaven has gained another angel! Prayers for all the family! 🙏🙏

Judy Robbins - January 08 at 09:24 AM

MD

“ Aunt Jan we loved you so much and will miss you always! Prayers for the family! Mostly remembering Christmas parties and the Reunions at Pierson Park with everyone.

Melchorre DeGraeve - January 07 at 03:12 PM



“ From childhood my greatest memory is Jan and Clarence dancing the Polka at Wedding Receptions. This is a memory I have carried for years but it always makes me smile. A

Susan Honn - January 06 at 07:30 PM

DF

“ DeWitte and Fisher family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Janet Rose Dressler.



DeWitte and Fisher family - January 05 at 06:50 PM

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