



Janet E. Hanes

September 6, 1950 - September 12, 2025

Janet E. Hanes, 75, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, passed away at 7:24 a.m., on Friday, September 12, 2025, at Memorial Hospital, in Shiloh, Illinois.

She was born September 6, 1950, in Jefferson County, Illinois, to the late Claude and Alice (Coleman) Echols. She is survived by her husband, William (Bill) Hanes, who she married on November 28, 1970, at the chapel of the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon.

In addition to her husband, Bill Hanes, she is also survived by daughter, Susan Emery and husband Rob; son, William (Billy Tom) T. Hanes and wife Casey; grandchildren, Robbie Emery, Slade Emery, Saige Hanes, and Rebecca Hanes; sisters, Loretta (Gail) Karcher, Nancy Wessling, Jane (Marty) Douthit, Cindy Diller, and Anita Thompson; brothers, Jeff Echols and Frank (Joe) Echols. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Sue Echols and Ruth Ann (John) Hamilton, and brother-in-law, Cecil Smith. She had many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Rebecca E. Hanes; sister, Brenda Smith; brothers, Harry and Eddie Echols; in-laws, David and Wilma Hanes; and beloved Aunt Mabel, and Uncle Steve Richards.

After high school she was employed as a Page at the Capitol Building in Springfield, Illinois. Later, she worked as a mail clerk for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in downtown St. Louis. After Janet and Bill were married, they established their home on the Hanes Family Farm. For several years,

she worked as a teller at the Bank of Illinois in Mt. Vernon, until she learned she was going to be a mother. Her greatest joy in life was being a stay-at-home wife, mother, and maw maw. Raising a family kept her busy, preparing home-cooked meals, baking the best and most delicious homemade white cakes and strawberry pies, canning garden vegetables, and making strawberry freezer jam for her grandchildren. The Hanes house was always organized and clean. She prided herself on making sure everyone's clothes were properly laundered, folded, and promptly put away. If you passed by the Hanes house, you might see her mowing, washing windows, hanging laundry on the line, power washing the house, tending to her flower beds, and gardening. She was perfectly content to care for Bill, and she packed his lunch every day, and greeted him upon his return home. Janet and Bill owned and operated Hanes Trucking, Hanes Farms, and Hanes Recycling, one of the first recycling centers to open in the surrounding area. She taught Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and volunteered for the Easter and Christmas programs. She was a founding member of the ladies Happy Hour bible study group. She was also a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader. She served for many years as a school board member at Field Community Consolidated School District in Texico. Her hobbies included researching, observing, and feeding the birds that would visit her feeders. She especially loved doves, cardinals, and hummingbirds.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hanes will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Jeff Minton and Marty Mills officiating. Burial will follow at Union Chapel Cemetery in Texico. Visitation will be held Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Osborn Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Union Chapel Cemetery Fund, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

UNION CHAPEL CEMETERY

21018 N. TOLLE LN
TEXICO, IL 62889
(618) 755-9763

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
322 North Main Street
Dix, IL 62830
(618) 266-7231
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<https://www.osbornfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MO

“ *Michael Owens purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janet E. Hanes.* ”



Michael Owens - September 16, 2025 at 10:51 PM

KV

“ *Katrina V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet E. Hanes.* ”

Katrina V. - September 16, 2025 at 06:23 PM

BH

“ *Billie Ann Martin and Leslie Hawkins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janet E. Hanes.* ”



Billie Ann Martin and Leslie Hawkins - September 16, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janet E. Hanes.* ”



September 15, 2025 at 05:10 PM

TA

“ *Very sorry for your loss, Bill, and family. Praying for you all.*

Terry Atchison - September 15, 2025 at 10:44 AM

PB

“ *I am so very saddened by the loss of Janet!! I always enjoyed being around her and all her family. Rebecca, her daughter, was my step daughter in law for many years. We enjoyed many fun times together. Janet will be missed by so many. My thoughts and Prayers to all the family!* 🤔🙏💔🙏

Peggy Myers Beal - September 14, 2025 at 09:25 PM

BK

“ *Brandon, Skye, and Alex Karcher purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Janet E. Hanes.*



Brandon, Skye, and Alex Karcher - September 14, 2025 at 08:12 PM

JC

“ *So sorry for your loss of Janet. Will always cherish the good times we shared in our Happy Hour Group. I know Janet will keep things lively in Heaven as she did on this earth.. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you for peace and comfort. John and Judy Collins*

Judy Collins - September 14, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Janet E. Hanes.*



September 14, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janet E. Hanes.

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