



## Janet Eileen Sager

December 8, 1941 - February 25, 2017

Janet Eileen Sager, 75, of Kell passed away on Saturday afternoon, February 25, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Janet (Gowler) Sager was born December 8, 1941, in Mt. Vernon and was the daughter the late Roy and Opal (Highsmith) Gowler. She married G. Irvin Sager on July 8, 1961 at Campground Church in Mt. Vernon. Janet and Irvin celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on July 3, 2016 and enjoyed a special celebration where Janet especially enjoyed visiting with many family and friends.

Visitation will be held at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, IL on Wednesday, March 1. Friends and relatives are invited to visit with the family from 11am to 1pm on Wednesday at the funeral home. Graveside service & burial will be 1:30 PM at the Old Donoho Prairie Cemetery in Texico, IL.

Janet owned Sager Farms, along with her husband, where they have grown and sold strawberries, peaches and apples in addition to other fruits and vegetables for over 40 years. Janet enjoyed sewing, gardening, and helping Irvin tend to the fruit. She loved interacting with her customers many of whom had become special friends to her over the years. She was an avid NASCAR fan. Janet was happiest being on the farm and her final wish was to be able to

come home one more time to see the orchard, which she did.

Janet is survived by her husband, Irvin, and their four children: Deann (Michael) Sager of Texico; Diann (Doug) Sanford of Salado, TX; Robert (Tina) Sager of Kell; and Lisa (Dave) Earp of Mattoon, IL. They have 10 grandchildren: USMC LCPL Jacob Sager of Camp Pendleton, CA; Jonathan (Gretchen) Sparling of Dallas, TX; Amanda Sparling and fiancé Badr Benour of Dallas, TX; Kayla Sager of Independence, MO; Katelyn Sager of St. Louis, MO; Kelly and Kasey Sager of Kell; Chloe, Ashley, and Brooke Jobe of Mattoon, IL; step-daughter Grace Earp of Mattoon, IL; and one great-grandchild Tanner Sparling of Dallas, TX. Brothers Carl (Shirley) Gowler of Effingham, IL and Larry (Sharon) Gowler, of Mt. Vernon, IL; sister-in-law Wanda (Kurt) Thiele of Florence, KY; sister-in-law, Glenda (Mike) Pfeilschifter of Matthews, NC; and special family friend, Holly Hayes, of Kell. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald Gowler of Florence, KY, and nephew Tim Gowler of Social Circle, GA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Old Donoho Prairie Cemetery of Texico, IL.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Donoho Prairie Cemetery

Texico, IL 62889

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Old Donoho Prairie Cemetery  
Texico, IL 62889

# Tribute Wall



“ Osborn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Eileen Sager



Osborn Funeral Home - February 28, 2017 at 04:58 PM

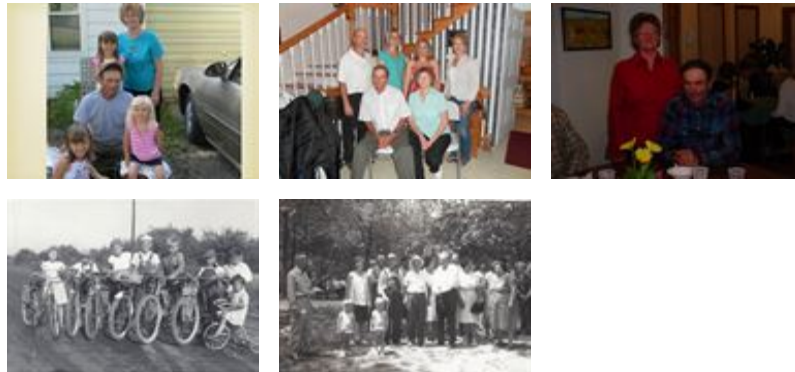


“ Janet was a good friend. So sorry to lose her. Nyla (Catron) Clemens

Nyla Clemens - March 01, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Osborn Funeral Home - February 28, 2017 at 11:26 AM

MC

“ We are so sorry for your loss, and we send our deepest sympathies.

*Monica visited Mt. Vernon 5 years ago to attend a relative's funeral. While there, she enjoyed talking to Janet. They talked about their families and the fruit orchard. They also shared stories about their Fathers, who share the same first and last names!*

*Janet was a lovely lady, inside and out. She will be missed by many.*

*Our thoughts are with all of you. Take care.*

*Monica Gowler Christ, Springfield IL  
Roy W. Gowler, Tempe AZ*

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**Monica Christ** - February 28, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Janet Eileen Sager.



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February 27, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Eileen Sager.



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February 26, 2017 at 10:18 PM

NH

“ Janet was always such a sweet, beautiful lady. My mother-in-law, Sadie Howard, would call her with orders for strawberries, peaches, and apple cider donuts. Janet would have it all waiting and ready with a smile on her face. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. My sincere condolences to Deann and family.

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**Nancy Howard** - February 26, 2017 at 07:41 PM

KR

“ Going to miss this neighbor, Prayers for your family for peace and glad you are not in pain no more, God is good! See ya when it's time.

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**kristy** - February 26, 2017 at 04:56 PM

DW

“ What a wonderful neighbor we were so blessed to have all these years. We will miss seeing & visiting with her each fruit season. What a beautiful person she was . May she rest peacefully & may the Lord wrap each & everyone of u in his arms>>>>  
Jack & Dianna Woodward

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**Dianna Woodward** - February 26, 2017 at 03:59 PM