



Janet Kay Haller

May 25, 1944 - October 23, 2025

Janet Kay (Bailey) Haller, age 81, of Kearney, Nebraska, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2025. A celebration of life "Bubbles and Butterflies" will be held 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 30, 2026 at the Elks Country Club in Kearney.

Janet was born in May 1944 in Hobbs, New Mexico, and grew up in Grinnell, Iowa, where she graduated from Grinnell High School in 1962. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University and went on to complete her nursing education at Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Lincoln, becoming a Registered Nurse.

While attending Wesleyan, Janet met the love of her life, Robert Haller. The two were married in 1965 and shared 60 years of devotion, laughter, and partnership. In 1967, they moved to Hastings, Nebraska, where Janet worked and taught at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital until 1979. The couple then settled in Kearney, where Janet continued her lifelong calling in nursing.

At Good Samaritan Hospital, Janet served in the Emergency Room and later as House Supervisor for 15 years. She later joined Platte Valley Medical Group, where she worked alongside Dr. David Bacon and later Dr. Kristi Lawson. Over her 46-year nursing career, Janet made an indelible mark on countless lives through her compassion, skill, and leadership in the fields of

teaching, emergency and trauma care, and supervision.

In 1981, Janet received a Merit Award from the City of Kearney for her heroic efforts in an attempt to save the life of a young girl after coming upon an automobile accident. That child happened to be the best friend of Janet's eldest daughter—a moment that deeply impacted Janet and her family and became one of the many testaments to her courage and selflessness.

Janet was a natural caretaker who always put others before herself—offering her heart, her home, a warm hug, or a listening ear to anyone in need. She was a source of strength, comfort, and unconditional love to her family and friends.

Upon retiring, Janet devoted her time to the joys she cherished most—her grandbabies, weekend outings, and little getaways. She was also an avid animal lover, never without a puppy, bunny, or kitty by her side.

Janet is survived by her husband Robert Haller; daughters Lisakay (David) Bogner of Kearney, NE, and Lori Haller of Clarksville, TN; granddaughters Mercedes (Casey) Powell and Mazi Collison; and a bundle of great-grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 15. She is also survived by her sister Vickie (Don) Duede of Ankeny, IA; sister-in-law Kaye Gurss of Omaha, NE; niece Shannon (Ray) Lindsey of North Carolina; and nephew Bryan (Susan) Aller of St. Charles, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mildred and Vic Bailey.

Janet's loving heart, steady presence, and giving spirit will forever live on in the many lives she touched. She will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 4:00 PM (CT)

Elks Country Club
2635 E 103rd St
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Bob and girls, our deepest sympathies on the loss of Jan. We loved her as our neighbor and always enjoyed her laughter and smiles.
John and Ann Macrander

John and Ann Macrander - October 30, 2025 at 08:06 PM

DD

“ I met Jan working as nurses together . She was a firecracker and I immediately gravitated towards her. I also became close friends with her daughter and was able to get ti know her more ! She was beautiful and very insightful ! You will be missed !

Dawn Dulitz - October 29, 2025 at 10:21 PM

DD

“ Jan was a nurse like me ! She was a firecracker full of pizazz and just sticking beautiful ! Immediately I gravitated towards her and we were friends. I also became very close friends with her daughter so had the opportunity to know her even more . Jan said what she thought and I loved her honesty and she made me smile and laugh . She's a fighter and I will miss her !!

Dawn Dulitz - October 29, 2025 at 07:28 PM

JG

“ Bob, I am so sorry for your loss.

Johnny Gauthier - October 29, 2025 at 04:09 PM

KS

“ Jan was a wonderful lady and a wonderful nurse! Truly will be missed!

Kerry Smith - October 28, 2025 at 04:45 PM

JK

“ Bob was my music teacher in junior high, then I went to Mary Lanning to school and Jan was one of my favorite teachers and always taught us to give the best patient center care. I went to Kearney to work at Good Sam and worked with her on a daily basis. She was an excellent role model
JoAnn Johnson Kucera RN.

JoAnn M Kucera - October 28, 2025 at 03:27 PM

PJ

“ Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Janet Kay Haller



Patty Johnson - October 28, 2025 at 06:55 AM

LB

Thank you 🙏

Lisakay Haller Bogner - October 28, 2025 at 07:15 PM

KR

“ Jan's family: My sympathy on losing Jan. What a tireless and fair leader! At Good Sam, she carefully weighed the needs of ALL the departments she supervised, always keeping the patients as foremost priority in her decision making. Her knowledge and cool head gained the respect of so many staff members, and inspired countless employees.



Kathy Campbell RN - October 27, 2025 at 10:33 PM

LB

Thank you 🙏 I appreciate hearing about my mom from her coworkers and friends 🙏

Lisakay Haller Bogner - October 28, 2025 at 07:16 PM

LB

“ Mommmmmmy!!! I misssssss you 💔😭

Lisakay Haller Bogner - October 27, 2025 at 06:46 PM

CD



I don't care how old you are. There's nothing like loosing your mama... I continue to have a constant dull and empty pain in my heart. I'm praying for you and your family.

Carlos Dillard - October 28, 2025 at 08:21 PM

LB

It's a whole different level of every single emotion :(Thank you Carlos

lisakay Bogner - October 29, 2025 at 12:11 PM

NZ

Lisa sorry to hear about your a Mom I know you were so close with her and Mercedes was her pride and joy being the first grandchild. Prayers and Hugs to you. Steve & Nancy Zwink

Nancy Zwink - October 31, 2025 at 02:05 PM