



## Janice Anne Fulwider

July 8, 1954 - January 1, 2026

Janice Anne (Donner) Risk Fulwider

Janice Anne Fulwider, 71, of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and formerly of Boca Raton, Florida, passed away on January 1, 2026. Known to family and friends as "Jan," she was born Janice Anne Donner on July 8, 1954, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to W. Fred Donner and Margaret Anita Stuart.

Jan graduated from Osseo Senior High School in Minneapolis in 1972 and built a successful career as an accountant and office manager. Her career evolved to focus primarily on her expertise in the construction field, with roles at MDS Builders (Boca Raton, FL), MS&I Building Co (Plymouth, MN) and Construction Analysis & Management, Inc (Fridley, MN). She retired from her career in 2016.

In 1976, she married Timothy Risk, and had one daughter, Kristina. Tragically, she became a widow in 1981 following an automobile accident. She found love again, marrying James Martin Fulwider in 1984. Together with her daughter, the family relocated to Florida, where Jan lived for almost 20 years before returning to the Minneapolis area in 2003 to be closer to family and

friends.

Jan was a spirited, gregarious woman who filled every room with laughter. A natural storyteller and joke-teller, she had a gift for making others smile. From a young age, she was an independent, strong, and self-reliant woman, who preferred to live by her own set of rules, a quality that remained with her throughout her life. Yet she treated everyone with kindness, always quick to offer visitors, even strangers, coffee, water, or snacks in her home. Sharp and competitive, she was equally skilled at backgammon and bowling, the latter of which earned her a team trophy. A lover of the sun, she despised the brutal Minnesota winters, always looking forward to the warmth of Spring.

Above all, Jan was a devoted mother to Kristina, ensuring she grew up with the small (and big) luxuries Jan didn't have as a child, including a university education that opened doors for her daughter's future.

Jan was predeceased by her husband, Timothy Risk, and former husband, James Martin Fulwider; her parents, W. Fred Donner and Margaret Anita Stuart; and her younger brother, David Donner.

She is survived by her daughter, Kristina Lederer (Stephen); her sisters, Kathleen Denny, Barb Goodwin, and Cheryl Hendrickson; a large extended family, including many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly; and her beloved grand-pup, Coco. She will be greatly missed by all.

In honor of Jan's love of warmer temperatures, a Celebration of Life will be

held at the start of spring, at Jax Cafe (1928 University Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN) on March 29 from 1-4pm.

Raised in poverty, Jan would prefer that in lieu of flowers, donations be directed to local Minnesota organizations that support families in need, including Sharing & Caring Hands, Open Arms MN, or Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Jax Cafe  
1928 University Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Anne Fulwider.*



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March 28 at 03:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Anne Fulwider.

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March 28 at 03:19 PM



“ *Jan was a very fragile baby and had pneumonia several times. Us 3 older sisters always called Jan and brother David “The Little Kids.” But she fought all that and grew up strong and healthy. She was smart too! She lived with Dave and me from age 14-21 because of our mother’s illness. She spent er last couple years at Osseo Senior High and was offered a full scholarship. Jan turned it down because she had met the love of her life, Tim Risk, and women just did silly things like that back then. But she easily learned a lot of tough, brainy jobs without college. She was so friendly and likable even after losing 2 spouses - Tim was 28 and Jim was only 49. Life wasn’t easy for her the past few decades. I loved her fiercely and hope she can finally rest in peace.*

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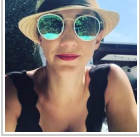
**Barb Goodwin - Sister** - February 15 at 01:14 AM



*In remembrance of janice with love and prayers, uncle Jack*

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**John Stuart** - March 02 at 03:40 PM



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**Kristy Fulwider** - February 02 at 02:03 PM