



Janice Claire McClean

April 16, 1961 - May 21, 2026

Janice Claire McClean, age 65, died on May 21, 2026 surrounded by the love of her family after a long and courageous journey with cancer.

Janice was born on April 16, 1961, in Bristol, England, to Frederick and Jean Tapp, both of whom preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband and favorite person, Paul McClean. They were married on April 16, 1983 — her own birthday — and spent 43 years building a life full of laughter, chaos, creativity, resilience, and love.

She leaves behind her seven children: Jessica McClean, Kate (Andrew) Owens, Hattie (Chris) Farrell, Mimi McClean, Freddie McClean, Lola McClean, and Izzy McClean, along with three adored grandchildren: Ozzie, Max, and Evie. She is also survived by her brother, Jim Tapp, extended family members, and a huge collection of lifelong friends.

Janice earned a BA in French and Marketing from Lancaster University and worked as a teacher, including at High Meadows. But if you asked her what mattered most, she would tell you without hesitation: being a momma. She devoted more than 40 years to raising seven children and, for a time, caring for foster children too.

She was endlessly creative and could make just about anything with her

hands. She loved crafts of every kind, especially needle arts and drawing. She was funny, honest, fiercely loyal, wildly supportive, and never afraid to stand up for people who needed someone in their corner.

Janice once said she hoped people would remember her as kind and thoughtful of others. Anyone who knew her would tell you that was exactly who she was. She also had a mischievous sense of humor and a strange love of watching videos of people falling down.

Cancer may have been part of her story, but it never got the final word on who she was. Through every setback, Janice remained stubbornly hopeful, funny, brave, and completely herself.

Janice found spiritual community and friendship at Northbrook United Methodist Church in Roswell and The Nett Church in Gwinnett County.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 2:00pm at Northbrook United Methodist Church 11225 Crabapple Rd, Roswell, GA followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

Per Janice's request: Please wear bright colors, rainbows, joyful patterns — anything that looks more like Janice and less like a gloomy funeral.

If you are unable to attend the service in person, please use this link to watch the livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/07K1zNCitAM?feature=share>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Trevor Project. https://give.thetrevorproject.org/give/511044/?utm_source=chatgpt.com#!/donation/checkout

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

MAY 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northbrook United Methodist Church
11225 Crabapple Rd
Roswell, GA 30075-2405
(770) 998-2000

Reception to follow service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Janice Claire McClean* ”



Northside Chapel - May 22 at 10:42 AM

DC

“ My tennis partner in Saddle Creek, towering over me as I called her “jolly green” and she lovingly referred to me as the “ little troll” who played the net, popping up now and again to slam that ball for the match point. She truly was joy and happiness with a smile that was embracing, welcoming and caring. When all “heck” broke loose in our home down the hill on Saddle Creek Drive and my children and I had to vacate and find a new start, somewhere, somehow...My cherished, funny tennis partner became my savior. She bestowed upon my children and I a most generous gift, with a hug and a “I know you’ll be okay, just believe. Here’s a little something to help you get back on your feet;” as we drove out of the neighborhood we loved for the last time. ‘Twas a moment in time, a very difficult time that I can never forget. Janice was much more than my wildly funny tennis partner; she made a difference. I will miss her, but that smile, I will keep that close and never forget.

Sincere condolences to Paul and the rest of the family (which got way bigger as the years have passed). Be Blessed and know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

Troll (a.k.a. Diana Chernofsky), Lianne, and the “twins”, Elliot & Corey

Diana Chernofsky - May 26 at 09:33 PM

NC

“ I have so many good memories from the late 1980's to 1990's in Coventry, UK. Our children were young. I met Janice at a toddler group and we laughed from then onwards. She was great and I loved her and will miss her. We always kept in touch and supported each other over the years. I used to tell people about the brave new family she created in the States and say 'she is a better person than me'. And she was, much. The finest person.

Nicola Cross - May 25 at 01:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Claire McClean.*



May 25 at 10:58 AM



“ *As they say in Harry Potter, “mischief managed”! After she got the all clear in 2019 we planned a trip to Paris - we spent the time laughing & talking non-stop whilst visiting art galleries, cafes and the “occasional” craft shop. Because obviously the “wool here is different”. My attempts at French delighted and appalled her in equal measure. J’taime my friend.*



Rachel Dymond - May 25 at 05:14 AM

RD

“ We met at St Mary Redcliffe school in Bristol. (I’m sitting next to our formidable Deputy Headmistress who used to measure the length of our skirts for “modesty”). We compared notes on Austen, Hardy & Chaucer doing A level English as I glimpsed over her shoulder at her legendary handwriting. Janice & I shared our wit and sense of mischief from that day to the end. She still referred to me as her Head Girl. When she came to the U.K. in 2024 we visited the school & giggled outrageously even though we were now “responsible adults”. Her wit and wisdom will be a big void in my life.



Rachel Dymond - May 25 at 05:02 AM

AF

“ All your Fluffy PL Friends purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Janice Claire McClean.



All your Fluffy PL Friends - May 24 at 02:11 PM

AF

“ All your Fluffy PL Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Claire McClean.

All your Fluffy PL Friends - May 24 at 02:11 PM

LF

“ Lynn, Buddy, Caroline & The Henry Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janice Claire McClean.



Lynn, Buddy, Caroline & The Henry Family - May 24 at 08:15 AM

LF

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Lynn, Buddy, Caroline & The Henry Family - May 24 at 08:15 AM

RF

“ Rob and Lona Farrell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janice Claire McClean.



Rob and Lona Farrell - May 23 at 11:32 AM

DW

“ She was a dear friend? Funny, wise, talented, supportive to all and an inspiration. We talked in messages a lot . She will be truly missed and always in our hearts.

Debbie worthy - May 22 at 05:29 PM

GR

“Graham purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janice Claire McClean.



Graham - May 22 at 05:23 PM

GR

“Graham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Claire McClean.

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GH

“Grace, Scott, Jaxson and HaydenShickler purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Janice Claire McClean.



Grace, Scott, Jaxson and HaydenShickler - May 22 at 02:44 PM

GS

“ On January 25th, 2022, my son, Jaxson, and I headed to an Atlanta venue called The Eastern. We had floor seats to see hilariously dry comedienne, Tig Notaro, do her stand up. We were masked up for Covid safety and made our way to our seats. As we settled in among other fans before the show, a British voice called out, from behind us, "Jaxson? Jaxson Shickler?!" and he and I exchanged looks. We both turned around to see Janice McClean, decked out and masked up a few rows back. We immediately stood and ran over for an air hug but since we were all masked, Janice gave Jax a real hug. Of COURSE you would be a Tig fan", I said to Janice and we laughed about Tig's podcast, "Don't Ask Tig". Janice turned to Jaxson and said, "I want you to know I have such great memories of you as a Kindergartener. You were so funny and so smart. We have the same sense of humor and you were one of my favorite students of all time". Jaxson said, "Wow" and smiled beneath his mask. Janice did not know how much he needed that in the moment. Subsequently, I kept him entertained with "Mrs. McClean stories" from her facebook posts or times I ran into her. Kate worked in our restaurant; Hattie babysat for Jax and my son, Hayden, back in the day, and I admired their cheerful, fun outlooks on life. More recently, Janice immortalized our family dogs in digital art. I feel blessed to have kept in touch beyond High Meadows and am grateful Janice shared her life with us via social media. She became a citizen and never took her vote for granted. Her voice will live in my head forever-I will revisit her digital art instagram and facebook posts often. I offer many condolences to Paul, a saint among men, and all the amazing kids. What a gift it has been to know Janice 25 years.

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Grace Shickler - May 22 at 02:34 PM

LM

“ *Love & Prayers, Anne & Charlie Meyer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janice Claire McClean.*



Love & Prayers, Anne & Charlie Meyer - May 22 at 02:21 PM

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Love & Prayers, Anne & Charlie Meyer - May 22 at 02:21 PM