



Mr. Jan Raymond Duke

January 13, 1942 - April 20, 2024

Jan Duke, cherished husband, father, nonno, bisnonno, brother, friend, passed from this life peacefully in his home on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

He was born January 13, 1942, in Urbana, Illinois, to James Russell and Helen Hales Duke. He had a law enforcement career that spanned 37 years followed by 15 years of teaching in higher education. First as a professor of Criminal Justice at Marian College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and as a professor Criminal Justice and Chair of Behavioral and Social Science at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas. Though he loved his years as a Motor Officer, he was devoted to his students, always hoping that he could make a difference in their lives.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Parker-Duke; brothers, Jon (Stephanie), Michael (Karri); children, Lori Woodell and Scott Duke (Caroline); stepchildren, Shalah Parker Sims and Christopher; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Our many thanks to all who have helped over the last month of his life. Particularly Hannah and Caroline Colvin whom he loved dearly, all the staff at MRMC Home Health and Enhabit Hospice. You made our lives immeasurably

easier to navigate and buoyed our spirits.

Jan will be cremated. No public arrangements will be rendered. Memorial donations to Shriner's Children's Hospitals.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I first met Jan back in the early 1970's when we were both students pursuing our Bachelors & Masters Degrees in the Criminal Justice Administration Program at San Jose State University. During those years Jan was a member of the Santa Clara Police Department and then became a Deputy Chief at Gilroy PD while concurrently I was working at a Regional Law Enforcement Training Unit serving the law enforcement agencies in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties. He was a great guy, unbelievably hilarious, a real character.....always with a smile on his face! We then lost touch as then after 3.5 years I moved on to working in a couple of Regional Criminal Justice Training Centers and subsequently ended up in 1981 at the CA Department of Justice, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) in Sacramento. By that time Jan had become the Chief at Oroville PD, which put us back in contact again (and YES, he was just as jovial as ever.....a true law enforcement professional, however, a real character that could always bring a smile to your face. Jan then joined our POST organization as a valuable experienced law enforcement Consultant for our 365 California law enforcement agencies. Jan was always a pleasure to be around because of his ongoing jovial sense of humor. He met his future wife Bonnie at POST and then subsequently they both left POST to pursue the next adventure with Jan becoming the Chief of Police in Longview, Washington.....CA-POST lost two great employees. We then heard that later they both moved on as Jan then pursued a Law Enforcement Criminal Justice Teaching Career ultimately ending up at Southern Arkansas University as a Professor and ultimately the Department Chairperson. I occasionally would hear from him, one time he surprised me as he called me on the phone.....and just as jovial as ever! Jan was always a pleasure to be around! Make no mistake, this guy, while possessing an unbelievable sense of humor.....was a true Law Enforcement Professional! We Miss You Buddy! Respectfully, Don Moura, Retired Bureau Chief, CA DOJ Commission on POST.

Donald Edward Moura - April 27, 2024 at 08:19 PM

BP

Thank you, Don. Jan thought the world of you.

Bonnie Parker-Duke - April 28, 2024 at 06:10 PM

JG

“ *I am so sorry to learn of Jan's passing. He was one of the coordinators for the POST, CA Command College. Jan was always available for all us attendees during our week long sessions. He invited me to come teach at SAU but I went on in CA law enforcement and became a chief in Soledad and Delano. I owe my success to Jan's mentoring. I've have never forgotten him and never will. Prayers to Bonnie and the family. Love Jack Griggs*

Jack griggs - April 27, 2024 at 02:33 PM

BP

Thank you, Jack. Jan was the best mentor ever and we were lucky both to have been the recipient of his help.

Bonnie Parker-Duke - April 28, 2024 at 06:12 PM



“ *My late wife, Stephany Y Shaw-Morris, loved working for Jan. He and Bonnie were immensely kind and gracious to her and our family. Our deepest condolences to you, Bonnie, and the rest of your beautiful family. Thanks for all you've done. May God continue to bless you beyond measure.*
Rev Robert F Morris II

Fulton Morris II - April 27, 2024 at 09:51 AM

BP

Thank you so much, Robert. There's probably no need to tell you how much we both adored Stephany and how much we have missed her. Wishing you the very best with your ministry. You have always been an inspiration to us.

Bonnie Parker-Duke - April 28, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DE

“ I’m so very sorry for your loss. The world is a little less bright without his smile in it.

Deb - April 25, 2024 at 10:57 PM

BP

I’m sorry. I don’t recognize the name.

Bonnie Parker-Duke - October 24, 2024 at 11:02 AM

KO

“ Jan was such a kind bright light to everyone. He taught me so very much as my supervisor and also instructor at SAU. Please accept my prayers and love to Bonnie and all of his family. He was one special man.



Kerri Ochs

Kerri Ochs - April 25, 2024 at 06:50 PM

BP

Thanks, Kerri. He thought you were special too, and we have missed you.

Bonnie Parker-Duke - April 28, 2024 at 06:17 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please let me know if you need anything at all.

Carol Blom - April 25, 2024 at 11:38 AM

BP

Thank you so much, Carol. You have already done so much I will never be able to thank you enough.

Bonnie Parker-Duke - April 28, 2024 at 06:21 PM

TW

“ *Tomeka Wafer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jan Raymond Duke*



Tomeka Wafer - April 25, 2024 at 02:07 AM

BP

Thank you!

Bonnie Parker-Duke - April 28, 2024 at 06:22 PM

TT

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. He will be missed. Here anytime you need me.*



Tracy Thompson - April 23, 2024 at 11:53 PM

BP

Tracy, you have been so much help over the last few months I am eternally indebted to you. You made it so much easier to devote myself to Jan's care. Thank you so much.

Bonnie Parker-Duke - April 28, 2024 at 06:24 PM

AS

“ *Angela Stevens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jan Raymond Duke*



Angela Stevens - April 23, 2024 at 09:39 PM

BP

Thank you!

Bonnie Parker-Duke - April 28, 2024 at 06:25 PM

ML

“ *May all your wonderful memories bring comfort and peace to you during this difficult time. I'm here for you.*



Mari Lewis - April 23, 2024 at 08:15 PM

DH

“ *Dearlean Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jan Raymond Duke*



Dearlean Hughes - April 21, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jan Raymond Duke*



Pamela Shaw - April 20, 2024 at 07:58 PM