



Janet L. McQuillan

February 12, 2026

Janet L. McQuillan, 87, of Orefield, passed away Thursday, February 12, 2026 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Twp. She was the wife of the late William R. McQuillan and of the late Robert Beitler. She was the companion to Ralph Wood. Born in Allentown, she was the daughter of the late Merritt M. and Helen M. (Brightbill) Eckert. She was known to most people as "Jenny"; although, she was known by her family as "Grandma Bushy Tail." She spent over 30 years as the creator and owner/operator of Jennys Gift Baskets.

Survivors: Son Robert F. and his wife Suzanne of Allentown; daughter Susan J., wife of Daniel Cressman of Allentown; brother John and his wife Suzanne of Bellefonte; sister Susan Schnaitman of Archbald ; her greatest love were her 6 grandchildren Amber Spence, Dustin McQuillan, Amanda Ondrejca, Ashley Jandl, Tyler McQuillan, Allison Durnin; 11 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother William.

Private burial services and a celebration of her life will be held by the family.

Memorials can be considered to Animals in Distress c/o Trexler Funeral Home, 1625 W. Highland St., Allentown, PA 18102.

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janet L. McQuillan.

February 22 at 03:39 PM



“ 8" Angel holding Dove was purchased for the family of Janet L. McQuillan.



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“ our Sympathy to the entire family, friendships go back many years

Herschel and Jane Stettler - February 20 at 09:10 AM



“ Susan Schnaitman purchased the 8" Angel holding Dove for the family of Janet L. McQuillan.



Susan Schnaitman - February 19 at 05:20 PM



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EL

“ Bobby and Suzy - my sincere condolences to you and your families. I have many fond memories of Jan working with her to supply “Jenny’s Gift Baskets”. She was such a kind and generous person and it was a great pleasure to know her.

Ed Lomas

Ed Lomas - February 19 at 05:02 PM

DH

“ First met Jenny at the bank I worked at, more than 40 years ago. I got to see her a few times a month and loved her smile. Such a personable person. She knew my sister and brother-in-law who ran Thomas's English muffin routes. Jenny was so caring and loving of all the people she met. Loved the conversations we had every time she came to bank. She asked me to call her Grandma, and I was honored. So I did for many years. She loved people and was so personable. She shared stories of her grand kids and her Susie and Bobby. I always envied how much she loved life and her traveling. Jenny had a huge personality and shared so many stories. My deepest sympathies to the family. She was such a beautiful lady and had a personality to match. God Bless you Jenny.



Love, Deana

Deana Held - February 19 at 02:08 PM

BF

“ Jan and I have been friends since we were nine years old. We shared a lot of good times. She was extremely kind and generous. The last conversation I had with her, she said, "how did we get this old". I will miss her! Condolences to the family, I hope that all the good memories you have of your "loved one" - and knowing others share your sorrow - will bring you peace and comfort. Barbara Greenamoyer Fox



Barbara Greenamoyer Fox - February 19 at 12:27 PM

JA

“ Very sorry to hear of “Jenny’s” passing. She was very special and supportive, and I am grateful for the friendship and guidance she kindly offered. My condolences to Bobby, Suzy, Danny, and her family.

John Armstrong - February 19 at 10:07 AM

TB

“ Bob, I’m so sorry for the loss of your mom. May she rest in peace.

Tom Banotai - February 19 at 08:21 AM

DR

“Jan was one of my favorite women in the whole world — truly one of my favorite humans.



We met over 45 years ago, and from that day on, my life was brighter because she was in it. I loved her deeply and will always cherish her kindness, her love, her compassion, and that remarkable straightforwardness that guided me through the years.

She loved my children and grandchildren with a warmth that made them feel safe and treasured — and of course, she believed they could do no wrong.

Jan was also known as “Grandma Bushy Tail,” a name that began when she lovingly called my children, her first grandchildren, “Bushy Tail.” I once laughed and said, “My kids aren’t squirrels,” but before long I was calling her Grammy and Pop-Pop Bushy Tail — and it fit her perfectly.

She had a way of making people feel truly seen. She often reminded me to stop walking with my head down and to look up. Her belief in me gave me strength I didn’t always know I had.

Jan’s love will continue on, especially in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, because they have her heart. Anyone who met her was better for it. She had a rare gift of making people feel valued and loved. I am forever grateful I got to call her family — and my friend.

The world is a little quieter without her, but it is so much richer because she was in it. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered always.

Till I see you again, I will carry you in my heart

Donna Reilly - February 18 at 07:11 PM

SU

My Sister was my best friend when we were growing up. She always defended me when our mom was mad at me for something I did. When we were much older and I crashed her T-Bird, she didn't care if I was OK. It was a sister I was lucky to have.

She arranged a trip for me and respite care for my bedridden husband so I could go to Disneyland with her and her husband Bob We had a great time filled with laughter and fun. Which is just a sampling of how she treated other people who needed help

She was more adventuresome than I was and loved fishing and camping. She lived a full life and took chances like when she started her basket business. It was her creative side and never giving up that made her succeed

Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren adored her

She will be missed by all.

*I wish I could have seen her just one more time.
I will keep you in my heart forever Sis Love You*

Susan - February 19 at 05:53 PM

SU

*the comment about the T-Bird sounded like she didn't care if I was OK
it should have read she didn't care as AS LONG AS I WAS OK*

Susan - February 19 at 06:27 PM

SL

Jenny was my very dear friend. She touched my life and will stay in my heart forever. Love to her family including Ralph...Sue Logan

Sue Logan - February 21 at 11:26 AM