

Celebration of Life

"Janie"



Sunrise
November 13, 1930

Sunset
February 23, 2026



Elizabeth Jane Butter Proctor



THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026
Viewing: 10:00 am | Mass: 11:00 am

MOST HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
St. Joseph's Center | 11700 Duley Station Rd | Upper Marlboro, MD

Father Rodolfo Salinas

Obituary

Elizabeth Jane Butler Proctor (Janie), 95, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2026, surrounded by her loved ones at The Sky Bridge at Town Center in Largo, Maryland. She was born on November 13, 1930, in Washington, DC to the late James Henry Butler, Sr and Mary Elizabeth Harley.

Elizabeth grew up in Oxon Hill, Maryland and graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1948. She earned her bachelor's degree from Bowie State College in 1952. She dedicated her life to teaching. She taught in the Prince George's County Public School system at the elementary level from 1952 until she retired in 1985. She started at the sixth-grade level and worked her way down to kindergarten where she was the happiest.

She married William Leon Proctor (Pete) on December 26, 1953, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Oxon Hill, Maryland, and together they built a life centered on family and faith. From their union, they were blessed with three children, Jeffrey, Jana, and Tracy. Until her illness, she was an active member of her church – Most Holy Rosary Church. For many years, she was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John #310. She found her greatest joy in her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She enjoyed baking, cooking, and traveling.

Those who knew her will remember her for her kindness and loving spirit. Whether she was teaching, caring for her family, cooking or baking one of her special cakes, she made everyone around her feel loved, welcomed, valued, and supported.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories to her devoted husband of 72 years, William ("Pete"), her children Jeffrey Proctor, Jana Newport (Roger), and Tracy Henderson (Eric) grandchildren Roger Newport (Armela), Robyn Newport, Evan Henderson (Rossalyn), Erica Howell (Lloyd), great-grandchildren Giovanni Minor, Aaliya Newport, Nahla Newport, Eliana Henderson, siblings Louise Proctor (Preston) and Helen Thompson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, James Henry Butler, Sr, her mother Mary Elizabeth Harley, her brothers James Henry Butler, Jr. and Harry Butler.

Elizabeth "Janie" Proctor's legacy of love, strength, faith, generosity, and devotion to family will live on in the lives of all who knew and loved her.



Order of Service

Opening Hymn	Amy Lloyd
Opening Prayer	Father Rodolfo Salinas
First Reading	Erica Howell
Responsorial Psalm	Amy Lloyd
Second Reading	Robyn Newport
Gospel	Father Rodolfo Salinas
Homily	Father Rodolfo Salinas
Offering Hymn	Amy Lloyd
Presentation of the Gifts	Erica Howell and Robyn Newport
Communion Hymn	Amy Lloyd
Obituary	Wynonia Lee
Closing Prayer	Father Rodolfo Salinas
Recessional Hymn	Amy Lloyd



Interment

The Interment will take place on April 16, 2026 at 1:45 pm

CHELTENHAM VETERANS CEMETERY
11301 Crain Highway | Cheltenham, MD 20623

TRIBUTES

Dear Grandma

There are no words big enough to hold how much you meant to us, but we want to try.

You were the definition of love and kindness. From the very beginning, you made us feel safe, cherished, and completely accepted. Your love was gentle but constant, something we could always count on. You showed up for us in the ways that mattered most. Whether it was a school event, a celebration, or a milestone moment, we could always look into the crowd and find you there, smiling proudly. Knowing you were there made everything feel more special.

Some of our sweetest memories came from your kitchen. No one could make meals or desserts the way you did. It wasn't just the food, it was the love you poured into it. Every dish was another way you took care of us, another way you said "I love you" without even having to speak the words.

You truly were the sweetest person we have ever known. Your warmth, your soft heart, and your gentle spirit touched everyone around you, but we will always feel especially grateful that we got to call you Grandma.

One of the greatest gifts you gave us was the example of the love you shared with Pop Pop. The way you cared for one another showed us what devotion, partnership, and tenderness look like over a lifetime. We cherish that example more than you could ever know.

We promise you this, we will look after Pop Pop. Just as you both always looked after us, we will make sure he is surrounded by love, comfort, and family. That is something we can do for you.

Grandma, we will miss you every single day. But we carry your love with us, in our memories, in our hearts, and in the way we show up for the people we love. Thank you for being ours.

With all our love,

Evan and Erica



Rest in Peace

We watched you fading like a flower,
But could not make you stay.
We nursed you with our love and tenderness
Until God called you away.
Sleep on Janie, sleep on; lie down and take your rest.
We loved you, but God loved you best.

Until we meet again!

Love Pete

Grandma was the embodiment of selflessness and kindness, a gentle source of strength whose compassion touched everyone around her. She cared with her whole heart, supported her family through every season of life, and filled our lives with warmth, comfort, love, and the best home-cooked meals. She loved her grandchildren unconditionally, and many of the qualities I treasure in myself came from her. Her legacy of love, generosity, and quiet strength will live on in each of us forever. She was the best grandma, and we were blessed to have her. She will forever be in our hearts!

Love you always, Grandma!

Robyn



Pallbearers

Brian Henderson
Lloyd Howell
Remington Taylor

Evan Henderson
Roger Newport
Shawn Thompson

Flower Carriers

Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

The family of Elizabeth (Janie) Proctor wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.

Repast

Following the service, the family will not be holding a formal reception.



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