



Janie Clemons

September 22, 2025

Janie Clemons, 87, passed away on September 22, 2025, following a brief illness. Born on January 28, 1938, in Raleigh, NC, Janie dedicated her life to the home that she had always worked toward, her family and to the Garden City United Methodist Church.

She always exhibited the entrepreneurial spirit as illustrated by her nearly 70 years operating as a licensed cosmetologist. Her “customers” became family over the years. Janie and Theo opened Theo’s Corner Bar & Restaurant in 1988, a location know for quality food and service. She was manager of the business for an additional six years after Theo’s sudden passing in 1984.

Janie understood that prioritizing family was important, and she carved time out of her busy schedule to tend to each of her parents during their later years including moving them into her Monroeville home to do so.

Janie was an avid swimmer and enjoyed the Atlantic Ocean on family summer vacations. Her love for desserts, especially chocolate was evident to anyone that knew her. GrandMa Janie would consume chocolate milk by the quart.

Janie is survived by her children Charise Ainsworth, Tamara Clemons and Dr Chas Ainsworth; Seven grandchildren Carlos Ainsworth, Natassia Dickey, Michael Ainsworth, Simon Ainsworth, Marc Ainsworth, Kara Ainsworth, and Senea Clemons; six great grandchildren; as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A viewing will be held from 9:00AM to 11:00AM on Friday, September 26, 2025, at Garden City United Methodist Church, 500 Laurel Drive, Monroeville,

PA 15146. Service will be held after the viewing with interment to follow at Greenwood Cemetery, 321 Kittanning Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15215.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Garden City United Methodist food bank. Arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100).

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

321 Kittanning Pike
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Garden City United Methodist Church
500 Laurel Drive
Monroeville, PA 15146

Service

SEP 26. 11:30 AM (ET)

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500 Laurel Drive
Monroeville, PA 15146

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Great service for our Aunt Janie our mom’s sister! We will always cherish the memories.* ”



Sandra Bates - October 01, 2025 at 04:35 PM

BM

“ *What a beautiful homegoing service for my Aunt Janie (My Mom's Sister) today. She will be missed.* ”



Beatrice Y Mitchell - September 26, 2025 at 06:00 PM

CW

“ *Sincere condolences to the family. Janie was a wonderful person who emanated love. God has a new angel. Her love and strength will embrace you forever.* ”

Cindy W - September 26, 2025 at 05:56 PM

TL

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Tonya Laymon - September 25, 2025 at 10:50 PM

SL

“ Me and my family have known Ms. Clemons for about 15 years. Tammy's daughter and my daughter grew up together and they use to go over to Ms. Clemons house to play. The girls always liked being around her, she was always sweet kind and always available to give advice and make the girls feel special. Ashia and Aubrie sends their love and condolences. I've always felt the motherly love from her and loved being in her presence. She's been a huge part in Tammy and Senea's life and will be greatly missed. My prayers go out to all her children and grandchildren. Know that her memories and her life lives in you all and as long as you've learned something from her and you share some of her dreams, she's done the job that God had given her. 🙏 She's in the hands of her father and will be just fine. We will miss her but we know she's good. Hugs from the Lovelace's.

Sunni Lovelace - September 25, 2025 at 09:40 PM

DL

“ What a beautiful and sweet spirit. As one of her “newer” neighbors, I've had several opportunities to converse and share a laugh with her. Blessings to her family and the peace of knowing her homegoing is celebrated by loved ones who have gone before her but most importantly she was greeted in the open arms of our Savior Jesus Christ Who has erased all pain worries and anxiety from her past life to a renewal of her spirit. Denise Lamar-Genes

Denise Lamar-Genes - September 25, 2025 at 02:54 PM

JB

“ I met Janie 50 years ago when I became a new Mom, she became my hairstylist & dear friend in the basement of her home where we shared so many good conversations! Janie always welcomed me with a big smile & hug - she was my motherly support thru tough moments. She showed such pride & joy when talking about her children (Chuckie Charise, Tammy)! We grew closer thru Garden City UMC & I'll hold on to the beautiful memories! Rest in Peace Dear Sweet Janie - you are loved & we extend our deepest condolences to her family!!

Judy M Boyd - September 25, 2025 at 08:12 AM

NJ

“ Dearest Janie “My Sister IN LOVE” I’ve known Janie for 60 years during many seasons of our lives. First as a cosmetologist ; Sister in law in 1967; support thru Ernie’s years of illness and passing in 1984; LOVING SISTER throughout my cancer treatments 23 years ago and an ever increasing love that will continue long after this transition. I stand on God’s word in Isaiah 61 that declares God will comfort all who mourn, give those who loved Janie the oil of joy and a garment of praise in the times our spirits grow heavy. I pray that we all will remember the lyrics of Janie’s most recent song of praise and worship: “My Life is in Your Hands” as rendered by the Brooklyn Tabernacle choir. SURELY and COMPLETELY that’s where Janie is today. Through it all Janie said “I know that I can make it; I know that I can stand (which she did). No matter what we’re going thru remember our life is in His hands and we turn our sadness into celebration of Janie’s life!

Nancy Jones - September 25, 2025 at 07:47 AM



“ *Ms. Janie was such a sweet and beautiful spirit. She always treated me so nicely. I will cherish those memories. Sending love, hugs and prayers to Tammy and family during this difficult time.*

Tom Higginbotham - September 25, 2025 at 06:24 AM



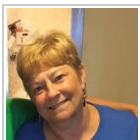
“ *My condolences to all the family. I love Janie and miss her at church. We had great grandchildren born close and enjoyed sharing photos and stories. She always had a smile and hug and welcomed me warmly when I joined the church*

Jan Weaver - September 24, 2025 at 10:45 AM



Janie & I go way back. She was a warm & wonderful part of Garden City church as long as I can remember. What a testament she was to kids & grandkids going to college & being successful! Janie not being in her pew at church will sadden all of our hearts. I will miss her 💔🕊

Dawn Ellson - September 24, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *I used to cut my son Eric's hair and it was really difficult. Janie took over cutting his hair and it looked great. We also enjoyed just visiting with her while she was doing her work. I always admired her for showing her love for her family. And her church.*

Cathy Laus - September 23, 2025 at 04:54 PM

SM

“ My deepest condolences to Tammy, Charise and family. I absolutely love love Ms. Janie!! I remember Fridays and Saturdays when Tammy and I would come over during our college years, lay on the bed with Ms. Janie watching movies and eating a home cooked meal! She included me as her family and I will forever love Ms. Janie and be so grateful for how she loved me in return! Her smile and laughter lit up the room!

Skylor Massie - September 23, 2025 at 03:45 PM

SC

Janie was my first cousin. Our mothers were sisters. Lydia and Beulah. When I was very young our house burned down in McDonald's, PA. Aunt Lydia invited us to share her apartment while my parents regrouped. It was a warm and lovely space.

I remember from those days, amazing cheese eggs that Janie made and the "Shirley Temple" curls Janie so perfectly crafted our hair.

Always ready with a smile and a hug. Always happy to see family.

I love you, Cousin. Rest in Grace. 🙏

Sharon Campbell - September 26, 2025 at 02:08 PM