



Jan Mendoza

December 24, 2007

Jan Elaine Gordon Mendoza, age 58, of Plumerville, passed away Monday, December 24, 2007. She was born September 27, 1949, in Morrilton, Arkansas, a daughter of the late Helen Rice Gordon. She was a School Teacher, and a member of Plummerville Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Mendoza of Plumerville; two daughters, Misty Mendoza of Plumerville and Melissa Walton of Billings, Montana; father, A.J. "Jack" Gordon and step-mother Lena of Plumerville; brother, Bob Gordon of Plumerville; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 29, 2007, at First Baptist Church with Dr. Bill Brown officiating. Burial will be at Plummerville Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends at Margie Brown's Home on Highway 64 East in Plumerville starting Friday. Family Hour will be held Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jan Mendoza*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Jan was one of my favorite teachers and a good friend. She will be missed and in my prayers.*

June 30, 2018 at 12:51 AM



“ *Dear Ralph and Misty our prayers and thoughts are with you. We hope you can find comfort soon.*

June 30, 2018 at 12:51 AM



“ *Misty, so sorry for your loss. I was never in any of Jan's classes, but her smile always brightened my day as I walked through the halls of MJHS. May God be with you and yours. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know. I, too, have lost a parent to cancer and know how hard it is. May God Bless.*
--Sarah Brown

January 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so shocked to read about Jan. My heart goes out to each of you! Jan was SO good to everyone she knew. May God bless and keep you all during this time of grief. Love, Jaymy*

January 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ralph, Misty & Family,*

*I am sorry to hear about the loss of Jan. She was such a wonderful and beautiful person. I enjoyed her class and will never forget how much she helped me. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Nicole Shipp*

January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *she was a wonderful teacher she was loved by all the students and the teacher at our school at morrilton jr high and high school she had lots of love for her students! she was the number one teacher for me*

January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Death, loves most painful interaction
Eight months to be created, death takes but a fraction
Quicker than the leaves of autumn turn brown
Sending the biggest smiles to a frown
Stopping ever heart in this place
As a tear drop rolls down your face
Thanking her wouldnt be enough
Look it up, she is the definition of tuff
She put our lives before hers
Touched my heart and a million more*

*Teacher: a person who teaches or instructs
Though she went above and beyond
She gave us faith when all hope was gone
I just wish I could say thank you
Wish there was something I could do
We needed a teacher and God gave us and angel
She had more strength then the words strongest man
When we gave up, she was there to tell us we can
The word needs more people like her
Just looking back at all the objects she concurred
So here is the words to a woman who changed my life forever
Rest In Peace, you are now a buried treasure
Never will there be a teacher, woman, person like you
Never can anyone do the things you do
You blessed our lives
Gave us the strength to rise
No matter how everything was
You lead a life with the at most cause
You pushed up us to be the best we could be
For all this we owe our lives to the
In my heart I will carry you forever
Forget what you have done, I could never
You helped us get our lives on track
Now God has his angel back
Tear drops of joy run down my face*

*For now I know your in a better place
You showed your care for us, and it was real
Forever Love you, I Will...
R.I.P. JMendoza*

January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have such fond memories of being with Jan in the theatre department at Hendrix. May God comfort all who knew Jan and morn her. She will be missed by all who knew her. -Gordon Bolar*

January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan will truly be missed. I am so sorry for your loss. My niece Markeeta passed away in October and she made it a point to come by and visit w/the family to comfort us. She was such a caring person.
To Katie: we know you have lost two people over this holiday who you loved and who truly loved you. We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Hold on to your faith and let God help you through this difficult time. We love you Katie.*

January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to all the family.
I especialy remember Jan as "Golda" in the Two by TRwo" production by Our Town Players. A wonderful lady.
TY41P*

December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I work at Sacred Heart School, therefore I know Katie and Bob. I just wanted to let the family know that I am so sorry for your loss! May GOD grant you peace, now and always!

December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



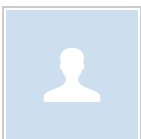
“ She was my 8th grade drama teacher, she always clowned around with the class. She will truly be missed by me and others. To the family I am deeply sorry for your lost. RIP MS MENDOZA

December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM



*“ Ralf and Family,
I'm very shocked and saddened about Jan. She was a great person who touched the lives of many people. May the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost Comfort all of you in this time. bh*

December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jan touched so many lives during her time in this world. We will never forget such a wonderful person. My heart goes out to the family.

December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To Ralph and Family, I am so sorry to hear about losing Jan. Oh, what a classy, beautiful, funny lady she was. I can truly say that she was a wonderful teacher and so entertaining to be around. I loved going into her classroom, listening to her, and watching how well she interacted and engaged her students. They respected her and really listened to her stories and wisdom. I was lucky to have her as a co-worker and she will be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Mendoza was one of the most influential teachers I ever had. She was the first person who took English, and actually made it entertaining. Not to mention she had a large part in giving me support to persue the carrer I want. From acting out Lady Macbeth going crazy.... to giving me a shoulder to cry on, she is a person I will love forever. She fought the toughest battle, and sadly lost, but at the same time will live on in the hearts of many. I will miss her, and I know she is in a much better place. Thanks Mrs. Mendoza for helping me decide my future.

December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ How lucky I was to become Jan's friend through the Hendrix theatre department. We all rejoiced in her natural talent, which she shared so generously with family and friends throughout her life. Beyond the many laughs we had, I'll never forget her commitment to learning, to the arts, to teaching and her deep devotion to family. Jan was unique: a class act without an ounce of pretentiousness. Peace to her and to all of us who mourn her passing.

Judy Baker Goss

December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan has a special place in my heart and in those of our other close friends from our days in the theatre department at Hendrix College. She was always filled with cheer and energy and enthusiasm and she was truly one of the funniest people any of us ever knew. We'll miss that smile and those quick one-liners and I know her students will miss her as well.*

To "Tina Tocks," a toast to the million laughs we shared! With fondest love,

Dan Farley

December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have such wonderful memories of Jan. I was the person who taught Jan all about sex by showing her certain words in the Webster's dictionary during study hall. I could go on and on recalling good times with Jan. It was a joy and a pleasure to know Jan. I loved her very much. My thoughts and prayers are with you, her loved ones.*

December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Mendoza was a wonderful person and excellent teacher. She made me enjoy reading and learning. She touched me in ways that only a few teachers could in my life time. She will be truly missed.*

December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and Katie you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you very much! Jan was such a beautiful person and she was so good to Katie Jo. She will always be missed.

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jan was full of life and love for her friends and family. She gave many her laughter with her wit. Jan was very talented and gifted, sharing her gifts with others. We really had alot of good times together, making great memories. It was always fun to be with Jan. As she now rests in the arms of Jesus, our prayers will be with you for I know your hearts are truly sad. May God bless each of you and give you strength. In Christs Love Jack and Beverly (Stacks) Pate, Amy, Todd, Amber and Madison

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ unique is the best way to discribe Jan! She always had an upbeat word to say to you when you met her anywhere. Ralph my thoughts and prayers are with you, during this most stressing time. May god give you the needed comfort you seek.

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Mendoza was a wonderful person and teacher. Everyone will miss her dearly. She was so sweet and kind and loved everyone. You are in my prayers and thoughts.

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs.Mendoza was one of my favorite teachers and I will never forget her. She was one of the most happy people I have ever met. Her smile will never be forgotten by anyone who knew her.*

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan was a fantastic teacher, I always counted her among one of the best I had. She truly loved teaching and it showed. I am sorry for your family's loss.*

Karin Cook Taylor

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *misty soory to read about your mom, he was a spacial lady and will be missed. working in jonesboro during hoildays and can't make it back. Hope my writing is correct or jan might have to look down from above and correct me. Coach Billy Carter.*

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a great person and everyone's friend. I am proud to say that she was "My Friend" and "My Teacher". I am glad that my children lives were touched by her, also. (Even if she did tell stories about my younger days to them.) Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan was a great person and teacher. Everyone loved her very much, she will be greatly missed.*

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan was a beautiful person inside as well as out. She touched many lives in a wonderful way. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you all.*

December 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *You are in my thoughts & prayers. Jan was such a beautiful person, inside & out. Always so upbeat & outgoing, never meeting a stranger. I will always remember her pretty smile & wonderful laughter.*

Luv ya Jan!

Judee Stacks Stephens Bryant

December 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM