



Janet Lee Russell

September 28, 1948 - April 2, 2026

Janet Russell Mull, age 77, passed away on April 2, 2026, at her home in Austin, Texas.

Born Janet Lee Russell in Sinton, Texas, she was the daughter of the late Dorothy Priest Russell and O.J. Russell. Janet dedicated over 40 years of her life to teaching, shaping the lives of countless students with patience, care, and commitment. In addition to her long career in education, she also served briefly as a social worker, continuing her lifelong calling to help others.

Even after retirement, Janet remained drawn to working with children. She continued her work through tutoring at Sylvan Learning Center and Huntington Learning Center and by substituting in public schools. Her passion for helping young people never faded.

Janet found joy in life's simple and meaningful moments. She loved old black-and-white movies, enjoyed cooking, and most of all cherished time with her children and grandchildren. Her life was centered around her family.

She will be remembered as a deeply dedicated, determined, and independent woman. Janet faced life with resilience, never allowing difficult circumstances to define her future. She was empathetic and encouraging, always celebrating the successes of her children and urging them to see the positive in every

situation.

Janet was a devoted member of the Church of Christ. Even when she was unable to attend in person, her faith remained strong as she faithfully watched services from home and spent time in scripture. Her commitment was evident in the well-worn pages of her Bible, a reflection of a life grounded in faith. She was preceded in marriage by Leland William Stanford and Robert Mull.

She is survived by her three sons, Russell Stanford, Ryan Stanford, and Tres Stanford; her two grandchildren, Ian Stanford and Jeremiah Stanford; and her sister, Kathy Wentworth, along with many extended family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

Janet was especially proud of her children and the lives they built. Her love for them was unwavering, and her greatest joy was seeing them grow and succeed.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 20th at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Pines. Flowers may be sent to the church at 7825 S Broadway Avenue, Tyler, Texas 75703.

We will miss her deeply, but we are grateful for the life and love she gave us.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

Cathedral In The Pines Memorial Garden

7825 S Broadway Ave

Tyler, TX 75703

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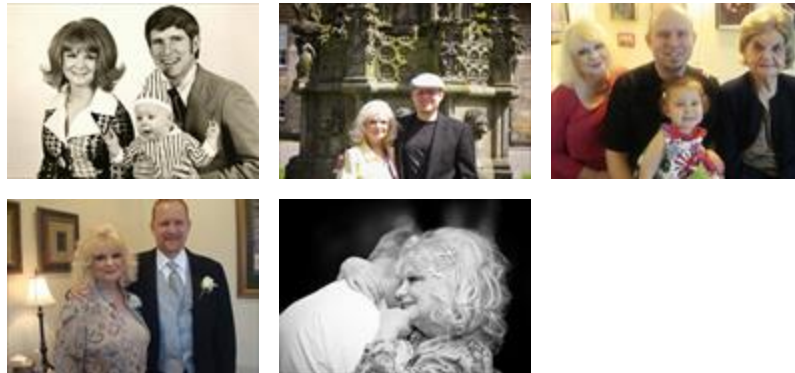
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“ Janet worked as a long-term sub next door to my classroom when that teacher went on maternity leave. I loved her style and had great fun talking with her. She was so great with the rowdy, boy heavy class she inherited and took everything in stride. She got a brand new student on her first day of subbing. I still can't believe "they" did that. I was outraged on her behalf, She was unfazed. She as a very cool lady and I adored her.

Amber Russell - April 15 at 08:18 AM

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Russell - April 14 at 11:16 PM

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I did not personally know Janet. Or her sister Karhy Kate. My husband new them and their parents when they lived in Portland Oregon. They were loved at Eastside Church of Christ here in Portland. And especially loved by Tommy Glenn and hus parents while they were here. I wish I had met them. I have sirt of a relationship with Kathy on f Facebook. I've loved getting to know Janet through her, and getting to know her. My our lives and sympathy to you, Kathy and your extended family. Tommy and Lois Glenn

Lois Glenn - May 09 at 04:57 PM

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Our love and sympathy, Kathy.

Lois Glenn - May 09 at 05:00 PM

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“ *Ms. Mull was a beloved substitute teacher at Rutledge Elementary. She frequently subbed for my daughter’s class when she was in second grade. My daughter adored her and was so happy to see her when she subbed in her class. She was incredibly kind and warm. She will be missed.*

Lynsey Crawford - April 14 at 08:54 PM

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“ *Jennifer Hincapie lit a candle in memory of Janet Lee Russell*



Jennifer Hincapie - April 14 at 05:32 PM

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“ *Alethea Joosten lit a candle in memory of Janet Lee Russell*



Alethea Joosten - April 14 at 04:53 PM