



Jane Elizabeth Gordon

September 1, 1941 - November 16, 2025

Jane Elizabeth Gordon (nee Pooley), a thirteen-year resident of Joliet, passed away peacefully surrounded by her daughters and sister on November 16, 2025. Jane was 84 years old at the time of her death.

Jane is preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Elizabeth Toner (nee Comport) and father Richard William Pooley. She is survived by her four daughters, Susanne Lorraine Hokkanen, Elizabeth S. Collins, Pamela Lynn Harvey, and Melissa Rose Gordon. She is also survived by her sister Angela Lynn Hisel (Toner). She is also survived by nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Jane had formerly resided in Nevada, where she worked as the Assistant Vice President of the Culinary Health Insurance Plan of Las Vegas, Nevada, also known as the American Benefit Plan Administrators, inc. until she retired in 1997. In Nevada, Jane was an avid outdoor lover. She hiked, snowmobiled and spent many hours enjoying the beauty and nature surrounding Las Vegas.

Prior to accepting her position in Nevada, Jane worked in various insurance related industries within Illinois. She was dynamic and loved working. She went back to college as an adult and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration in 1985 from Governors State University.

Jane was incredible passionate about animals, saving them and mothering them. She often took her “babies” along with her on her many adventures into the Nevada desert and mountains. She is preceded in death by Boomer,

Jessie, Mollie, Baby, Biff, Tiffany, Mick, Olive, Buddy and many more. Queenie survives her, and she will be kept with love by Elizabeth, her daughter.

Growing up, her daughters were always surrounded by animals – dogs, cats, gerbils, turtles and birds. Her daughters often referred to home affectionally as a zoo.

While a resident in Mokena, IL, Jane was very involved with Immanuel Lutheran Church. She was a Sunday School teacher and a Bethel Bible student and then teacher for many years. Jane raised her girls in the Lutheran Church.

Jane raised her girls to be strong independent women. She lived her life with a strong work ethic, love for God's creatures and a great passion for life.

These many attributes will live on her girls.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to an animal shelter or humane society of your choice.

Private Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit, MI

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Detroit, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ *May you rest in peace Jane. I have some wonderful memories with Jane, over the years while living in Las Vegas. May God blessings walk beside the family, during this difficult time. Rest with the angels Jane. Faith Atchison*



Faith Atchison - November 19, 2025 at 01:02 PM

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“ *Jane came into my life my sophomore year of high school, she opened her home to me and treated me as family. My favorite memory of Jane will always be the trip she took, Melissa, Robert and I on to California ... and our ride on the Thunder Mountain Railroad at Disneyland. Rest In Peace you made a difference in my life and thank you for believing in me when I worked for you at America Benefit Plan Administrators.*

Darcy Robbins - November 18, 2025 at 08:44 PM