



## Jan Usinger Sanchez

April 26, 2018

Jan Usinger (Grube) Sanchez passed away on April 26, 2018 after a long battle with cancer and lung disease. Born in Vineland, NJ on May 2, 1956 to Millard Riley Usinger and Rosena Foster Usinger Auerbach, she was raised in Willow Grove, NJ. She was a member of the Willow Grove Methodist church. She graduated from Vineland High School in 1974.

Jan devoted her life to service to her country, joining the Navy in 1976 as an Aerographer's Mate (meteorology) and was stationed at the National Security Agency; Naval Security Group Activity, Guam, Marianas Islands; Naval Oceanography Command Center, Guam; and the Naval Polar Oceanography Center in Suitland, MD. After 9 years on active duty, she transferred to the Naval Reserves and went back to college. In the reserves, she served as an enlisted sailor, obtaining the rank of E-6 before being accepted to the Limited Duty Officer Program. She was recalled to active duty after 9/11, serving at the weather command in Pearl Harbor, HI. She retired from the reserves in 2003 with the rank of LT. She worked for the Navy as a government contractor for 32 years before becoming a Federal Government employee in 2010. She worked for the Navy's branch of the Missile Defense Agency in the international arena, assisting allied Navies to obtain defensive Ballistic Missile Defense capability. Her most recent position was with the Naval Sea Systems Command Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems where she served as the Director for International Engagement. She was due to retire from the Federal Government in June 2018.

She married Johnny Marichalar Sanchez on December 15, 2007, the happiest day of her life. She converted to Catholicism in 2007 and was a member of St Bernadette church in Springfield, VA. She was an avid supporter of feeding the hungry and supported a number of other causes including, Macular Degeneration, Parkinson's, and Alzheimers disease. Jan earned three business degrees, an AA from Prince George's Community College, MD; a BS from Park University, Missouri; and an MBA from Phoenix University. She enjoyed music and played several instruments over the course of her life – organ, clarinet, tenor saxophone, and piano. She enjoyed all kinds of music from country to classical but

was particularly fond of opera and was a season ticket holder at the Washington National Opera for several years. She was also an avid reader, enjoying mysteries and medieval and American history.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather, George Auerbach; her stepson Ruben Sanchez, and her grandson Justin Sanchez. She is survived by her beloved husband, Johnny Sanchez; her "adopted" daughter, Sohe Belsky (Chris); stepsons Johnny Joe Sanchez (Denise); Chris Sanchez (Laurie); Marc Sanchez; and David Sanchez; brothers J. Ross Usinger (Nadine); and Jon Usinger (Luanne); sister Amy Tomasso (Buddy); step-brother Bill Auerbach (Madge); grandchildren Ruben Sanchez; Christian Sanchez; Ricardo Sanchez; Rene Sanchez; and Nathan Sanchez; 4 great grandchildren; nephews Brian Tomasso; Kevin Tomasso (Annette); and niece Jennifer Hatfield (Brad); grand nephews and nieces Michael Tomasso; Julie Tomasso; Reagan Hatfield; Chase Tomasso; and Ashlyn Tomasso.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Cancer Research Institute ([www.cancerresearch.org](http://www.cancerresearch.org)); The American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)); the American Lung Association ([www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)); Central Union Mission ([www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org)); or Autism Speaks ([www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)). Mass will be held at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Springfield, Va. on 3 May 2018.

A second service for Jan in Elmer will be held, Monday morning, May 7, 2018 at the Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main St., Elmer, NJ 08318. The viewing will begin at 10 AM with the service following at 11 AM. Interment will take place afterwards at Chestnut Grove Cemetery. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Chestnut Grove

Elmer, NJ 08318

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home - South Jersey Cremation Services (Elmer)  
111 South Main Street  
Elmer, NJ 08318  
(856) 358-3737

## Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jan Usinger Sanchez.*



May 04, 2018 at 03:09 PM

MN

“ *Dear Johnny and Sohe,  
We are very sad to hear of Jan's passing. Please accept  
our deepest sympathy and condolences.  
Minh-Khue and Tom*




minh-khue nguyen - May 02, 2018 at 11:11 PM

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“ *Love to all the family...Michelle DeDeo, Brad Lefkowitz &  
sons Noah & Ethan*



MICHELLE - May 02, 2018 at 01:18 PM

 Brenda  
Graver

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Johnny and his family and Jan's extended family ,  
shipmates , colleagues and classmates and friends . Jan had a wonderful smile  
that would light up a room .....may she rest in peace .....Brenda Lynn  
Graver class of 1974*

Brenda Graver - May 02, 2018 at 10:52 AM

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Brad Grube - May 01, 2018 at 04:07 PM

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**Brad Grube** - May 01, 2018 at 08:12 AM