



## Mrs. Janell French

August 29, 1950 - January 11, 2021

HAWKINS-FRENCH, Janell, age 70, and a life-long resident of Palestine, AR passed away January 11th, 2021.

Janell is preceded in death by her parents; Alberta and Roy W. Johnson; her brother, Roy Gene Johnson; and great-grand son Kaiden Gadsden. She is survived by her siblings; Ruthie Kidd, Evester Roper, Cleadester Oates, Berthola Penix, Hester Lucas, Charles Johnson, Phillip Johnson, children; Todd Hawkins, Terrie Hawkins, Wilbert Hawkins Jr., Randy Hawkins, Priscilla Johnson, and Nathaniel Hardiman, 17 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. A host of nieces, nephews, close family and friends.

Janell was born on August 29, 1950. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She received her Bachelor of Science from Arkansas State University in Criminology and Sociology. Janell enjoyed her days of employment with Sanyo Industries, Greyhound Bus Lines, East Arkansas Community College, and as a paraprofessional educator with multiple school districts. She was a proud member of Williams Temple Church of God in Christ where she was an active member. She used her talents to minister in the music department by playing the organ and singing with the choir.

Janell was a devoted, loving mother whose talents were many. She was a musician, master seamstress, a quilt maker, and a photographer. She loved to build things with her hands, a crafter, collector of antiques, she loved to

garden, and travel to visit her family. Janell had a passion for people, and she spent majority of her life serving her community, her church and as a foster mother to many foster children.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions in Janell Hawkins- French's name be directed to St. Francis County Food Pantry at 126 S. Water St. in Forrest City, AR 72335 For any other act of kindness, please contact the family at 501-436-8676.

The family will invite friends to a Celebration of Life later in 2021 when conditions are safe to accommodate such.

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ Janelle was a very special cousin with whom I had the pleasure of sharing our childhood in Palestine Arkansas. We attended Palestine Training School together in the same classes. I left Palestine to travel the world; however, Janell, was always someone I could look forward to seeing during my frequent visits home when we shared precious memories and adventures. Janelle will be missed down here; nonetheless, Through Christ Jesus I am looking forward to seeing her again up yonder

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**Chris Pope** - January 28, 2021 at 02:50 AM

EQ

“ Ersenia Quarrels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French



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**Ersenia Quarrels** - January 23, 2021 at 11:41 PM

LL

“ My condolences to the family of Janelle whom I grew up with in Palestine. May the God of peace and comfort be with the children and other family members. R.I.P.



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**Lillie M Lane** - January 19, 2021 at 08:56 PM

ST

“ Shirley Williams Thorn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - January 19, 2021 at 08:05 PM

GS

“ Praying for the family!!



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**Gregory L Smith** - January 17, 2021 at 01:14 AM

SH

“ Praying for the family

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**Stella Hill-Winfrey** - January 16, 2021 at 11:43 PM

SB

“ Steven Breathitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French



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**Steven Breathitt** - January 16, 2021 at 12:43 PM

LS

“ *LaSondra Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French*



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**LaSondra Smith** - January 15, 2021 at 11:03 PM

YD

“ *When she drove the greyhound bus, she would call us and tell us when she would be in the area. We would drive up to 65 miles to meet and see her. She always made you feel so special. She would tell these strangers on her bus that we were her niece and nephew and how far we came to see her. I love you Auntie and will miss you saying good morning to me on Facebook.*



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**Yolanda Davis** - January 15, 2021 at 03:39 PM

OT

“ *I got to meet Ms Finch at her place in Palenstein when is was having a sale Fill the bag for \$5 I filled it too than she said to me a Bag Deal Can Also Be A Bad Deal with a smile and friendly laugh*

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**oteria** - January 15, 2021 at 02:37 PM

AB

“ *Ann Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French*



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**Ann Baker** - January 15, 2021 at 11:56 AM

RC

“ Rosetta Conway Cochran lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French



Rosetta Conway Cochran - January 15, 2021 at 10:35 AM

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CH

“ Chantelle Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French



Chantelle Hawkins - January 15, 2021 at 02:10 AM

RC

We'll really miss Janell's smile and witty conversations. My sympathy goes out to the entire French, Hawkins, Kidd and Johnson families.  
Rose Cochran

Rosetta Conway Cochran - January 15, 2021 at 10:32 AM

DH

“ *DaShanda Hawkins-Fulton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French*



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**DaShanda Hawkins-Fulton** - January 14, 2021 at 08:17 PM

DF

“ *Debra Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French*



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**Debra Ford** - January 14, 2021 at 06:09 PM

ST

“ *Shirley Williams Thorn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French*



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - January 14, 2021 at 05:11 PM

JF

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your mother ... she was a sweet and kind person and we got to see Her light thru the years , may God grant her eternal light!!*



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**Jonta French** - January 14, 2021 at 01:15 PM

CB

*So sorry for your loss I will always remember her she and mom was very close praying for you'll cuz 💕*

**Charnell Baker** - January 14, 2021 at 08:10 PM

KJ

*“ Rejoice in the Lord, for he is good. Have peace and comfort that she is with him. I love you Aunt Janell, Katie*

**Kaelyn Jackson** - January 14, 2021 at 08:33 AM

LJ

*“ Lynn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French*



**Lynn Johnson** - January 13, 2021 at 11:49 PM

MW

*“ Sincerest condolences to Janell French's family. RIP, Janell!!!*



**Mildred Willis** - January 13, 2021 at 11:49 PM

DM

“A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



*Sending condolences to the family of Janell Johnson Hawkins French on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Janell was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1969.*

*Delores Farr Morelon - MGNAAI*

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**Delores Moreloon-MGNAAI** - January 13, 2021 at 09:19 PM

AC

*May you find peace in knowing to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Family you are in my prayers.*

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**Alice Cummings** - January 14, 2021 at 04:33 AM

DA

“Doris Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French



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**Doris Alexander** - January 13, 2021 at 09:14 PM

DM

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**Delores Morelon - MGNAAI** - January 13, 2021 at 08:35 PM

CC

“Charlotte Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French



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**Charlotte Coleman** - January 13, 2021 at 07:42 PM

AS

“Annette Bradley Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janell French



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**Annette Bradley Scott** - January 13, 2021 at 06:46 PM



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Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation - January 13, 2021 at 05:00 PM

CT

*I Love You... Always & Forever. Enjoy Heaven. I know that's where you are 🙏🏻😊.*

Candice Tousant - January 13, 2021 at 06:22 PM

BS

*To Mrs French I ask God to bless your family during this difficult time 🦋🦋🙏🏻*

Barbara Smith - January 13, 2021 at 09:03 PM

SD

*I was sadden to hear of the loss of my childhood friend and classmate. Over the past few years I have enjoyed her friendship on Facebook. Some of her post on FB brought back memories of us working in the cotton fields growing up in Palestine. The family members have my deepest sympathy at this sad time. May the Lord continues to strengthen you in the days ahead. Be blessed and stay safe!!*

*Love you!!*

SueVeria Weaver Dickens - January 15, 2021 at 10:48 PM

BM

*My prayers and condolence to my family and their friends. My the Lord give you comfort and peace and he will give you the strength to bare this great loss. Rest In Peace Cousin Janell.*

Bonnie McCormick McGlown - January 22, 2021 at 07:58 AM