



Janine Irene (Finney) Markell

April 29, 1950 - July 28, 2025

Janine Irene (Finney) Markell was born in Portland, Oregon, on April 29, 1950, to John and Lillian Finney. After graduating from St. Mary's Academy in 1968, she met John Markell, and a year later, they were married; thus, beginning a partnership that would last 56 amazing years. Together, they built a home and life full of love in West Linn, Oregon, where they raised their two children.

Janine's warmth extended to all with whom she came in contact. She had a passionate talent for cooking and baking, and created strong traditions around family dinners, poured love and happiness into birthday desserts, and found joy in everyday life. She enjoyed collecting cookbooks, decorating for the holidays, and watching a myriad of cooking shows. With all these tremendous qualities, she was fondly referred to as "Queenie" by her caregiver, which suited her quiet strength and caring nature.

Janine is preceded in death by her parents John and Lillian Finney and her sister, Jonna Sue Finney. She is survived by her husband, John Markell; her son, John J. Markell, his wife, Andi Dietz Markell, and their two daughters, Lyla Markell and Emmie Markell. She is also survived by her daughter, Kari Markell Petersen, her husband Michael Petersen, and their son, Jack Petersen. Her grandchildren lovingly called her "Grammy", and she always made them feel special and deeply loved.

She will be remembered most for her deep devotion to her family, and the many joys she shared so generously.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Legacy Hospice.

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ *My best friend in grade school. I did connect once with her in the 80's, still as beautiful as ever.*

Sheila - September 08, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JM

“ *Janine was my friend from the day she moved in up the street from our house on Rodney Avenue. She was beautiful, funny and smart. Her parents were always so kind and hospitable to me. Happy memories of sleepovers full giggles and fun. Rest in peace, dear friend.*

Jean Laughlin Miller - September 08, 2025 at 03:56 PM

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“ *Janine was my beloved little sister. We played together as children, double-dated as teens and stayed in touch as adults. Janine was a wonderful person, wife and mother. But oh what a cook she was! If my memory serves me well, she had a cooking and recipe blog page on Ina Garten's site when Ina Garten was just becoming well known. Janine's food was well known in our family and she shared goodies and recipes with us all. I love you, Janine, and miss your beautiful face daily.*

Kathleen Neet - August 22, 2025 at 07:57 PM

JM

Janine was my friend from the day she moved in up the street on Rodney Avenue. She was beautiful, funny and smart. Her wonderful parents were always so kind as hospitable. Nothing but happy memories of sleepovers with giggles galore. Rest in peace, my dear friend.

Jean Laughlin Miller - September 08, 2025 at 03:34 PM

KN

“ *Kathleen Neet lit a candle in memory of Janine Irene (Finney) Markell*



Kathleen Neet - August 22, 2025 at 07:49 PM

CJ

“ *Auntie was a force of nature. Many a wonderful Christmas and summer BBQ was spent at her home where loads of love, great food and much fun would be the order of the day. She will be truly missed for her big heart and loving smile.*

Chrinda Jones - August 14, 2025 at 08:48 PM

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“ ☘ *Shauna Hodges* ☘ *lit a candle in memory of Janine Irene (Finney) Markell*



☘ *Shauna Hodges* ☘ - August 13, 2025 at 10:05 PM

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“ *Great memories of our family RVing days together at Winchester Bay RV Resort. We laughed, we ate seafood from Sportsman's Cannery and walked along the bay. Janine loved RVing and we created some of the best memories* 💕💕

Colleen Currier - August 13, 2025 at 09:44 PM

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“ *Colleen Currier lit a candle in memory of Janine Irene (Finney) Markell*



Colleen Currier - August 13, 2025 at 09:31 PM

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“ *My sister Janine was Rose Festival princess from her grade school and was in the Junior Rose Festival Parade. We were all so proud of her*❤️

Colleen Currier - August 13, 2025 at 09:30 PM