



# Jan McCray

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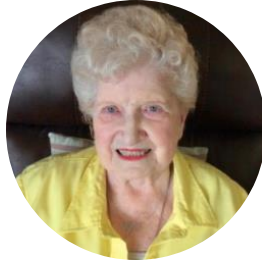


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**B**arbara “Jan” McCray, 85, ran into the arms of Jesus on October 4, 2021 at Suncoast Hospice Care Center in Pinellas Park, Florida.

Jan was born on October 17, 1935 in Brewton, Alabama to Robert and Melissa McPhaul. She was a missionary, evangelist, bible teacher, author, and beloved wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. But mostly, Jan was a servant of Jesus Christ whom she loved and served with her whole heart preaching the gospel to people throughout the US and abroad. She had a BA degree in Education, a Master of Arts degree in Judaic Studies, and a PhD in Biblical Studies. She served the Maasai tribe in Kenya for 30 years, giving aid to widows, orphans, and students. Her ministry also built an orphanage there called The House of Love, for abandoned and orphaned Maasai girls. Over 30 girls reside there today. Her ministry, Jan McCray Ministries, will go on and will be run by her daughters. As an author, she wrote three books including *The Love Every Woman Needs*, *How to Delight the Heart of God*, and *Your Redemptive Healing*. But with all these accolades, Jan was a humble servant who always said, “Not me, but God!”

Jan was a devoted wife to David, whom she called “a man of faith and strength and forgiveness.” His love and encouragement made all the difference in her life. Jan had three children and seven grandchildren. But many people considered her their spiritual mother.

Jan was predeceased by her father, Robert McPhaul, mother, Melissa Zepernick McPhaul, sisters: Helen Smith, Hazel Little, Ercie Protinsky, Jacqueline Payne, and Rachel McPhaul. Jan is survived by her husband David W. McCray, married 65 years, and one brother Robert Brown McPhaul and his wife Doris McPhaul. She is also survived by her three children: Jana Melissa Warrington, Shannon Rae Bernard married to Bruce Bernard, and Andrew David McCray married to Melanie McCray. She was “Ma” to her seven grandchildren: Tyson Lucas, Amber McCray, Emma



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Warrington, Daniel Bernard, Emily Bernard, Anna Sloyer married to Shadoe Sloyer, and Lydia Warrington.

Her celebration of life service will be held on October 23rd at 11 a.m. at Faith Assembly of God in Saint Petersburg, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Jan McCray Ministries.



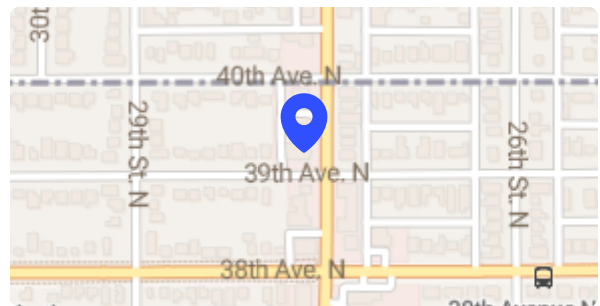
# Events

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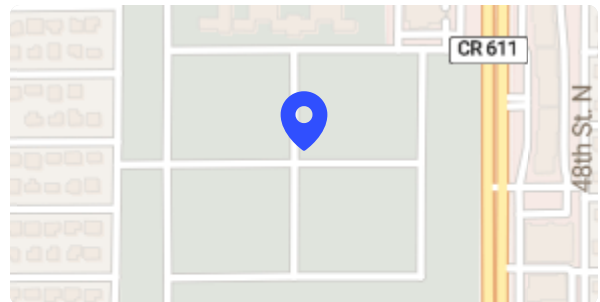
## Celebration of Life Service

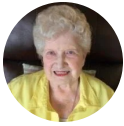
- Saturday**, October 23, 2021
- 11:00 AM ET
- Faith Assembly of God Church, St. Pete**  
3900 28th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33714



## Cemetery Details

- Memorial Park Cemetery**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709
- (727) 369-8228**





## Tribute Wall

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**Beth Pence** posted:

Jan continues to impact my walk with Jesus. Since 1985, her teachings have helped me grow in Him! Dave, you must miss her terribly but you have the peace you'll be seeing her again. Thank you Dave for everything you did to enhance my walk as well. Beth & Chris Pence

April 13 at 4:46 AM



**Lori Vanslooten** posted:

I picked up "Your Redemptive Healing" at Baker book house. Jan touched my heart and reached my wounded and burdened soul. I reached out to Jan personally and she continued to minister to me in healing ways. I never met Jan, but I will never forget her. I know she is enjoying the heavenly rewards that she claimed through the gift of Jesus Christ our Lord and savior.

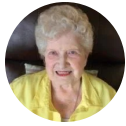
February 3 at 4:44 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the McCray family.



October 18 at 11:57 AM



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**Sharon Stevenson** posted:

Dear Dave, Jana, Shannon, Andy, and all the family, there are no words to adequately express how influential Jan was in my life and the lives of Jordan and Jacob. Because of Jan and Dave taking us to Israel on several occasions, I named my daughter for the Jordan River where Jan baptized me twice. The Praise Songs tape that Jan made for my kids to listen and sing with while in the car was a priceless gift. My kids thought each song was supposed to be followed by the next one Jan sang on their tape and were surprised when other's didn't sing them "in order." We had countless hours singing along with "Aunt Ma." Jan influenced every part of my parenting and growth as a Christian. Being a part of an intimate Bible Study group with Jan, Dave, Rachel, Barb, Barb & Bill, Beth & Chris, Kevin, and me was a highlight of my life. Our 10 Brave Christian study was intended to be a 30 day commitment and lasted for 10 years! Jan prayed for my children before they were born. Her Godly influence on their lives, and mine, is immeasurable! I wish that Jordan and Jacob made a pilgrimage to The Holy Land with Jan as their leader, but sadly, that didn't happen. I would have loved for Jan to have had them pile out of the bus and march into Jerusalem singing "We're Marching Into Zion" like she loved to! Jan was my spiritual mentor and dear friend since 1987 and my tears are those of joy for her and sadness for those that remain and suffer this tremendous earthly loss. Now that Jan has gone on to eternity with her Lord and Savior, is reunited with the saints, and heard, "well done, good and faithful servant" as Jesus welcomed her, I know she is not just in a "better place", but she is in the "best place!" I will keep you all in my prayers for comfort, for continued blessings, and that God will keep His hand of favor and blessing upon this treasured family. To God be the Glory for creating such a great friend as Jan McCray, our "Aunt Ma." Love, Sharon, Jordan, and Jacob  
Stevenson Cartersville & Atlanta, GA

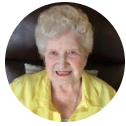
October 12 at 10:02 AM



**The Bogdans** posted:

Wonderful memories of Jan as a loving neighbor, friend, and youth group leader. Our love and heartfelt condolences to Jan's beautiful family. Love, The Bogdan Family

October 17 at 9:21 AM



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PD

**Phyllis Doescher** posted:

Cabin 5 has always been very special to me and so was Bobbie. She will always be in our hearts. Phyllis Doescher

October 14 at 6:59 AM

CD

**Cloe Dance** October 17 at 11:59 AM

Heaven wasn't surprised at the arrival of Jan McCray, but we were somewhat unsuspecting of this time. Knowing this for sure she was welcomed by heavens' hosts and her Lord Jesus. I remember Jan first in Mirror Lake Jr. High school.. Vibrant personality, yes indeed. Two specific remembrances: Jan was a worshipper (can almost see and hear her with her musical voice and ukulele..; also you could be sure that Jan would be praying :pray:. A big heart full of love ❤️. Looking forward to seeing her again.. Where we will gather with our families and loved ones.. Dave our hearts ❤️ and prayers are with you and all the family..

JL

**John Tenkes Luka** posted:

Jan sponsor me the year back 2000 to the year 2003 at Moi Naikarra Secondary School and not only me but hundreds of masaa children and widow you will remain in my memory forever, rest in peace my beloved Mum. May God Almighty bless your entire family abundantly I will miss you alot.

October 13 at 9:44 PM

JL

**John Tenkes Luka** posted:

Jan has been a blessing to me and many other masaa children and widow and that is why we're somewhere today. rest in peace our beloved Mum

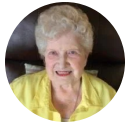
October 13 at 9:06 PM

JK

**Joseph Koshal** posted:

Jan sponsored me back in my high school years at moi high school in the year 2003 \_2006 I will forever be grateful!! May Your soul rest in eternal peace.

October 13 at 10:27 AM



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GK

**Grace Naini Kediemye** posted:

Am celebrating your well lived life Mom,I schooled(from maasai land,) and today iam someone through your support...may the good Lord you've served all this year's keep your spirit in his blossom.

October 12 at 9:25 PM

BN

**Bishop Patrick K Ngigi** posted:

Jan has been a pillar of hope to hundreds of students in Naikarra . Rest in peace servant of God.

October 12 at 7:15 PM

TS

**Tracy Hatfield-Schmorr** posted:

I remember your mom with her fabulous red hair and infectious smile!She always seemed larger than life. I'm sorry for your loss and she will always be remembered as a great servant if the LordTracy Turner Hatfield-Schmorr

October 12 at 10:02 AM

RG

**Rose Geimer** November 3 at 7:17 PM

We loved Jan. We were in a class where she taught us. how to share Jesus. She was so loving and kind. She always sent us a personal note of love on her letters. I am so sad I didn't know she died. Yes, I'm sure she went straight into Jesus' arms!Ed and Rose Geimer.

JB

**Johnstone Ole Butu** October 13 at 1:08 AM

I was one of them she is my mother my her Saul rest in peace she's dan and extreme wark like no body

PT

**Patrick Ole Twala** October 12 at 8:51 PM

Her ministry among the Maasai People in Kenya touched many! May she Rest in Peace.

PS

**Paul Sena** October 12 at 8:01 PM

Jan McCray is in a better place. Here in Maasai Land we will forever remember you, you touched every single family in Naikarra. Jan was God sent to us in Maasai Land and truly Jan was the servant of the Most High God.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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