



Mrs. Janice McHaney Pirtle

March 24, 1949 - May 11, 2026

Ms. Janice McHaney-Pirtle was born March 24, 1949, in Cleveland, Ohio, the second oldest of eight children born to the union of Paul McHaney Sr and Gladys McHaney, both of whom preceded her in death.

Janice was baptized as a teenager at Oak Grove Church of Christ in Henderson, Tenn. After high school Janice attended Jackson State Community College and was a proud member of the historic first graduating class, majoring in General Sciences.

Later, Janice rededicated her life to Christ. Janice worshipped and labored dutifully for over 40 years at the North Henderson Church of Christ teaching Sunday school, serving in the kitchen, vacation bible school, doing whatever she could, including driving the church bus loaded with ladies to various Ladies Days until her health no longer allowed her to.

Her professional career spanned many years, beginning with her employment with the State of Tennessee at The Nat. T. Winston Developmental Center in Bolivar, TN where she worked as a speech therapist for over 20 years. Due to a merger, Janice transitioned to another position with the state of Tennessee at the Jackson Housing Authority, Jackson, TN until retirement in June of 2025. In McHaney fashion Janice embodied a strong work ethic. In addition to always working a full-time job, she had other ventures along the way. Janice

sold insurance door to door, ran a janitorial cleaning service, and in later years had a partnership in a family food truck business.

Janice felt there was nothing she could not do nor fix...you know, 'make it work' Janice married James Arthur Pirtle Jr. (deceased) in 1995. They shared a love of Christ and singing in Gospel Chorus groups around the state and country, attending worship services, gospel meetings, and numerous civic functions. They enjoyed a strong union of marriage until his passing in January 1999.

As a strong believer in the unity and power of family legacy, Janice served as the leading planner and organizer of the Croom and McHaney Family Reunion. She believed in reuniting regularly to keep the family flame lit and the vision alive for generations to come. If a family event was being held; reunions, weddings, funeral, baby showers, graduations... if she was invited, you could count on her to attend, no matter where it was being held it was on her calendar to do her best to attend.

She LOVED a good time and celebrations!

Janice's warmth, selflessness and boisterous laughter touched countless lives. She was always willing to lend a helping hand, a kind word, encouragement, and wisdom. Her giving nature and caring spirit will be deeply missed. She found joy in helping others, and making people feel loved. Whatever she had, she gladly shared. And she did not shy away from sharing what was on her mind, whether with words or that fierce eye contact.

Janice was faith and family-oriented, with a special soft spot and patience for children.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents: Paul McHaney and Gladys McHaney and two brothers; Paul McHaney Jr and Broderick McHaney.

During the early morning hours of May 11, 2026, God called Janice McHaney-Pirtle to come home. In doing so, Janice is survived by her loving family; son, Heyward Alan (Sonja) Carter, grandsons Roman Sanders, Evan Carter, and Avery Carter. Her son of the heart, Ray L. Davis; his children: Braylen Arnold, Johnathan Linney, Anisse Linney, Caliyah Arnold, all who knew and loved her as Grandma. Siblings: Paula (Terry) Hollingsworth, Greta McHaney-Trice, Frederick (Janice-deceased) McHaney, Quinton (Nancy-deceased) McHaney, Phalatha McHaney-Conner, and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, and numerous friends.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3360 Highway45 North
Jackson, TN 38305

Previous Events

Family Hour

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

East Jackson Church of Christ
1461 East Chester Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Renell Echols and family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Janice McHaney Pirtle.*



Renell Echols and family. - May 22 at 10:05 AM

WM

“ *Wayne Road Church of Christ, Romulus Mi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Janice McHaney Pirtle.*



Wayne Road Church of Christ, Romulus Mi - May 20 at 09:52 AM

RN

“ *To know Mrs. Pirtle was to love her. She was so kind, loving and patient. I had the privilege of meeting her in 2014 when my husband got sick. He left the hospital and rehab and returned home. He still could not walk. His sister, who was friends with Mrs. Pirtle, asked her if she would be willing to come and work with him and help him walk again. She did. I would watch her when she would come and work with him. She started out teaching him how to get up if he happened to fall and not long after she started working with him, he began to walk on his own without the aid of a cane or walker. I learned so much from her. To her family, you have my condolences and remain in my prayers.*



Regetta Nelson - May 19 at 04:41 PM

LP

“ *Condolences to the family. Laurene Priddy and Family*

Laurene Priddy - May 18 at 10:16 PM

HD

“ *Harry/Sheila Davis lit a candle in memory of Janice Pirtle*



Harry/Sheila Davis - May 18 at 01:32 PM

BA

“ *Words can't express the void that you have left in so many lives. Your harsh reality helped many of our participants to become successful. You had always said what was on your mind with not filter. This is just a couple of reasons you will be missed. Now go in peace and hear those infamous words, "job well done my good and faithful servant." My condolences from my family to yours. Love you, Mrs. J. Brenda Anderson and family.*



Brenda Anderson - May 18 at 01:19 PM

DE

“ *Denise lit a candle in memory of Janice Pirtle*



Denise - May 15 at 11:47 AM

SO

“ *A PHENOMENAL Woman! I will never forget you! Your Daughter, Sonja*

Sonja - May 15 at 08:57 AM

BW

“ *Janice was my first mentor as a Speech Therapist. I learned so much from her. Rest in Peace.*

Betty Wilkes - May 14 at 08:26 PM



“ *My condolences to the Mrs. Janice Pirtle family*

Tiffany Brooks and family

Tiffany Brooks - May 14 at 05:27 PM

EG

“ *Elnor Gray lit a candle in memory of Janice Pirtle*



Elnor Gray - May 13 at 05:58 PM

VH

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the family from Billy and Ann Hollingsworth*



Virginia Hollingsworth - May 12 at 11:54 AM

TL

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family. Honestly, every single time Janice stepped into the salon, she just brought this amazing, vibrant energy with her. Her smile wasn't just a smile; it was like a burst of sunshine, and her laughter? Oh my goodness, it was pure, infectious joy! She had this incredible knack for brightening everyone's day, mine included, just by being herself. I'm truly going to miss her. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.



Tabitha Lewis - May 12 at 11:47 AM

SS

“ Shanika Smith lit a candle in memory of Janice Pirtle



Shanika Smith - May 12 at 09:36 AM

VJ

“ Velma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Janice Pirtle



Velma Johnson - May 11 at 08:21 PM