



## Janice Gerson

September 19, 1940 - January 2, 2023

Janice G. Goodrich Gerson, 82, of Lebanon, passed away Monday, January 2, 2023. Janice was born in Portland, Indiana on September 19, 1940, the daughter of Perce Gordon and Francis Ann (Hawkins) Goodrich.

Janice graduated from Portland High School, William Woods Junior College, and the University of Chattanooga. She lived in Lebanon from 1970 – 1990, and Zionsville for ten years. While in Lebanon and Zionsville she was active in the early 4-H cat program. She also taught at Perry Worth Elementary School. She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedek of Indianapolis and a life member of Hadassah.

After the death of her husband, Alex, in 1992, she moved to Beaver Island, Michigan, where she lived for 24 years. She spent winters in Sarasota, Florida and stopped in Lebanon for spring and fall visits. While on Beaver Island she started the audio book program for the district library. In 2015 she moved back to Lebanon to retire.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alex Gerson and her brother, John B. Goodrich. She is survived by her sister-in-law Sarona; her daughter, Cynthia Fisk of Sandusky, Ohio; three grandchildren; her sister, Elizabeth Orrill of Madison, Indiana; as well as two nieces and two nephews, all of whom live in Portland, Indiana. Also surviving is her friend of fifty years, Dr.

Paul Nordman and her best friend, Opal, her French Bulldog.

Donations may be made to the Witham Foundation or the Boone County Humane Society.

A memorial service is planned for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at Myers Mortuary with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. Burial of ashes will be entrusted to Baird-Freeman Funeral Home of Portland, Indiana.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
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Lebanon, IN 46052  
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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ I met Jan when I first moved to the island to start up a kayak business around 2000. She was always good to me and we shared many lunches together at Stoney Acres with other common friends. She had a love for rescue cats and dogs and they lived well around her house. I enjoyed building some furniture for her and although I took her niece kayaking a time or two I could never convince Jan that she would love it also. Jan never held back on speaking her mind or giving advice and it usually came from a place of good intention. She had a good heart. Kayak Ken

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**Ken Bruland** - March 14, 2023 at 06:45 PM

PC

“ I knew Jan through her brother John at Wabash College. A lovely woman who gave me some sage advice once upon a time.

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**Philip Coons** - January 14, 2023 at 08:08 AM

CA

“ What a fun gal, as we went through Physical Therapy the last few years, off and again!! We loved her, and Opal loved us!!! My condolences to All!  
Corinne Arthur

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**Corinne Arthur** - January 09, 2023 at 04:18 PM

DL

“ Jan and I were Beaver Island friends and when we discovered we had the same birthday, we celebrated together every year. We were both born on September 19th, 1940. Jan was very generous and supported many worthwhile programs. She was a good friend. I am saddened by her death.

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**Doris Larson** - January 07, 2023 at 04:33 PM

SP

“ I met Jan on a trip to Italy. She had such enthusiasm for seeing everything. She was generous and in many ways reminded me of my mom.

Sharlyn Premuda - January 07, 2023 at 03:30 PM

JH

“ Jan lived a few cottages south of us on Beaver Island. She was a good neighbor. Our condolences to her family.  
Jo and Dan Hendrix

Jo Hendrix - January 07, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Janice Gerson



Nancy Peterson - January 07, 2023 at 12:45 PM



Jan has been a good friend for many years. We met when we found her lost dog on Beaver Island. I will miss talking with her. Our condolences to Paul, Rose and the family.

Nancy Peterson - January 07, 2023 at 12:49 PM