



## Ms. Jo-An Dankel Ward

November 29, 1924 - February 23, 2015

Jo-An Dankel Ward, 90, of Asheville, died on Monday, February 23, 2015 at Fleshers of Fairview. A native of Youngstown, OH she was born on November 29, 1924 and was reared at Poland Manor by her late parents, John L. Dankel and Pearl Pritchard Dankel. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Lois Dankel.

Jo-An had a life long love of education. She attended Lake Erie College for Women and received her Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts from the Road Island School of Design. She began her career teaching special education in New Jersey. Upon moving to Asheville later in life she taught at the Lucy S. Herring School. In an effort to further her own education she received her Masters Degree in Special Education from Western Carolina University. Teaching was a true calling for her. It brought her great joy and she dearly loved each and every one of her students. She retired on May 28, 1990 after 22 years of faithful service. She was a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

She is survived by her daughter, Jan Darcy Ward of Asheville; her son, Jon Bradford Ward and his wife, Kyra Beaver Ward of Old Fort and her granddaughter, Kyra Darcy Ward also of Old Fort.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00PM on Friday, February 27, 2015 in the

chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue with the Reverend Gary Coffey officiating. Entombment will follow at Ashelawn Gardens of Memory. The family will receive friends beginning at 2:00PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics of Buncombe County, 67 Haywood Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

# Cemetery Details

## Ashelawn Gardens of Memory

901 Aiken Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Family will Receive Friends

FEB 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
[info@morrisfamilycare.com](mailto:info@morrisfamilycare.com)  
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Jo-An Dankel Ward*



**Morris Funeral Home** - February 26, 2015 at 03:05 PM

CK

*Thinking of you and your family. Praying for comfort. Love you, Cathy and David Kaufman*

**Cathy Kaufman** - February 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

GW

*What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady! May God preserve all the good memories and give you His peace and strength.*

**Gretchen Williams** - February 28, 2015 at 09:13 PM



“ *Ms. Jo-An Dankel Ward*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

MS

“ Dear J.D Was so sorry to hear about your Mother.Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days...please let your work family know if you need anything.

Love,

Melodie Spitzer

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**Melodie Spitzer** - February 26, 2015 at 06:51 PM



Sharlene  
Mcintosh

“ Praying for you and your family during these difficult days . Please let me know if you need anything. Lot's of love sharlene

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**Sharlene McIntosh** - February 26, 2015 at 05:54 PM

GW

“ JD- I am so sorry to hear about your mother passing. Our mothers hold a special place in our hearts. May God give you and your family peace and comfort. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Gail Williams



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**Gail Williams** - February 26, 2015 at 05:51 PM

KH

“ Khyrstyne lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jo-An Dankel Ward



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**Khyrstyne** - February 26, 2015 at 03:37 PM

KH

“ *J.D. and Family -*

*I am so sorry to hear about Jo-An's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family at this time.*

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**Khyrstyne** - February 26, 2015 at 03:36 PM

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“ *The Aleshires Howard, Trish, Khyrstyne and Howie purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Ms. Jo-An Dankel Ward.*



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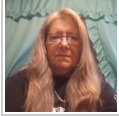
**The Aleshires Howard, Trish, Khyrstyne and Howie** -  
February 26, 2015 at 10:21 AM

KR

“ *To Jo's family we send deepest wishes of condolences. We cherish fond memories of our relationship with Jo, especially as we journeyed together through Europe with the group from the Mountain Area Teacher Education Center. We shared excitement of interacting with teachers from various cultures. Jo especially enjoyed our luncheon meeting in Metz, France and the reception that evening at the Metz City Hall. Constance, our daughter, and I greatly appreciated Jo and her family who met her at the Asheville airport upon our return from that trip. We were somewhat stranded as my wife, Irene, though our return date was the following day, hence, she was in the country with family members that night. Jo made certain we got home. We grieve for the loss of such a meaningful relationship, but cherish the many good laughs we shared over the years. With love from Family (Dillingham) Richards, Ken, Irene and Constance*

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**Kenneth Richards** - February 25, 2015 at 09:30 AM



*So sorry for your loss J.D. & family.*

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**Barbara Metcalf** - February 26, 2015 at 03:29 PM

MG

“ *I am sorry to hear of Jo,s passing. We know she is in a much better place now. I am praying for the Ward family during this trying time in there lives.*

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**Molly Gosnell** - February 24, 2015 at 02:53 PM