



## Jan Marie Cook Bradley

September 20, 1948 - December 19, 2021

Born September 20, 1948, Jan Marie Cook was daughter to Frank and Eleanor Cook of 2309 Arnold Drive here in Charlotte. Jan had one brother, Captain Glenn Richard Cook, who was shot down in 1969 while serving our country in Viet Nam. As Glenn was classified MIA, the Cooks never gave up hope that he would someday come home. In August, 2014, Jan attended a monument ceremony at Garinger High School honoring Glenn and others who gave their lives in Viet Nam.

The Cook family attended Plaza Presbyterian Church where Frank was football coach. "Coach" was a nickname he carried throughout his life. Around this same time Jan attended Garinger High School and afterwards, was briefly married to Steve Bradley whose name she carried to her passing.

After Garinger, Jan earned her nursing degree and worked in the medical field for a few years. She opened a pet grooming business called "Perfect Paws" and was very successful at that and happy. Jan was also a member of a group called "Order of the Eastern Star", a group she loved and spent much time doing activities with.

In the mid 1980s, Jan's Dad Frank passed away, and from then on, she spent time taking care of her mother. Eleanor developed Alzheimers and needed constant attention. They moved to Florida near where Eleanor grew up. Eleanor passed away in 2010 and Jan remained in Florida until her passing in 2021.

A lifelong friend and dear soul, she is greatly missed here-but is watching us

from up there. Jan, from all of us, we miss you and peace be with you til we all meet again.

Special thanks to Larry Walker and Don Thompson, earth angels who adopted Jan and made this celebration of her life come to be.

As Larry Walker said, "Jan became a dear friend to Don and me, these 7 years + since we dedicated the Garinger Memorial at the school. We talked to her on the phone frequently, exchanged Christmas cards and sent her flowers at Christmas as well. We really connected with her in doing the service for Glenn in 2015. She was overwhelmed at the large turnout of folks at Glenn's special memorial service. We estimated 400 people there, and Jan said after the service that she was blown away at the number of folks who showed up to honor her brother. It was obvious that she bore a deep grief over losing her brother. And the 2014 dedication of the Garinger Memorial, the service at Sunset Memory Gardens in 2015, and the Citadel War Memorial dedication in Oct 2017, all went a long way in helping assuage her grief, knowing many others cared. "Those 3 events were among the most meaningful emotional highlights of her life, to see Glenn's memory honored. She wanted folks to know that.

A Celebration of Life service for Jan will be held at 2 pm on Sunday, April 3rd at Sunset Memory Gardens, 8901 Lawyers Road, Mint Hill, with the Pastor David Gales officiating. All are invited to join and honor her memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memory Gardens

8901 Lawyers Road  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
<http://www.cmseast.com/sunset-memory-gardens/>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

APR 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sunset Memory Gardens  
8901 Lawyers Road  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jan Marie Cook Bradley*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Jan Marie Cook Bradley*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Jan was a mentor, friend, and a 2nd mother to me. I worked with her at Perfect Paws from 1988-1998. She loved her mama and took great care of her. Joey, her shihtzu was her child. Followed by Sophie, Dillon and Quincy. She was a generous, thoughtful, and loving. When she moved to Florida I only was able to see her once. That was the day of Glenn's memorial though I have kept in touch with her through phone messages since. I have lifelong wonderful memories with her that I am thankful to God for. I will ALWAYS and FOREVER remember her ❤️*

**Michele “Jones” Ragan** - April 16, 2022 at 04:55 AM

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“ Jan Cook Bradley was a good friend and sweet lady. My buddy Don Thompson and I became friends with her thru several services given in honor of her brother Glenn Cook, an Air Force FAC pilot who was shot down and killed in Viet Nam in October 1969. To date, his remains have not been recovered. Because of circumstances of her brother's death, she and her family had never had a memorial service or closure regarding his loss. At our dedication of the Garinger High School Viet Nam memorial in Aug. 2014, Jan advised us it was the first service that had ever been done in her brother's memory. Because of that, we decided to organize a service just for him, at Sunset Memory Gardens, Lawyers Rd., where their parents are buried. At that service, on Memorial Day, May of 2015, we had appx. 400 people in attendance. It was a very moving and overwhelming event for Jan, with many of Glenn's Garinger and Citadel classmates attending, and one of his squadron mates from Viet Nam, Col. Jim Karr, being able to come down from Ohio to attend. That Air Force pilot sat with her during the service. Following the service, 11 people came up to her, and gave her MIA bracelets with Glenn's name on them, they had been keeping for 40 years. In October 2017, Glenn's Citadel Class of 1967, as part of their 50th reunion, dedicated a beautiful war memorial on their campus in Charleston, for all men from the Citadel who had died in service to country. Glenn's name, of course, is engraved on the memorial. Glenn's classmates took her to their reunion dinner that night, and it was another wonderful and special event for her. All of us who knew her through these services, Garinger High and Citadel classmates and fellow veterans, all shared her grief over her brother, and came to know and love her as a kind and caring lady and dear friend. Jan, we'll miss you and remember you and your brother, always.

*With love,*

*Larry Walker  
Charlotte, NC*

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**Larry Walker** - April 04, 2022 at 07:22 PM

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“ *Jan was my neighbor and a wonderful neighbor at that. She loved my granddaughters from Massachusetts She asked if I would share them with her and they loved Jan. Jan is truly missed , she was a great friend. RIP Sweet Jan till we meet again. Love and Miss you Ronnie & Marshall Searles*

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**Ronnie Searles** - April 02, 2022 at 05:58 PM

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“ *An honor to be a part of the group celebrating Jan's life. God watch over her and Glenn always.*

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**donald thompson** - March 31, 2022 at 02:32 PM