



A Service of Worship  
in Celebration of the Life of

**Janice Coakley**  
**November 25, 1960 – April 18, 2024**

June 7, 2024 2:00 p.m.  
Williamsburg United Methodist Church

Assisting with Worship  
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**Janice Frazier Coakley**

Janice Frazier Coakley died after a short illness April 18, 2024 at Carolina East Hospital in New Bern, NC. She was born on November 25, 1960 in Williamsburg, VA. She was a graduate of Lafayette High School and Colorado State University with a BS in Zoology. As a child, she had a deep love for animals and she spent her career working with animals in several places: Busch Gardens, Virginia Living Museum, several veterinarian offices, Houston Zoo and North Carolina Zoo as a Veterinarian Tech. She retired to Oriental, NC after 27 years of devoted and dedicated service in 2019.

She was a member of the Humane Society of Randolph County for over 30 years. She was president, treasurer, and an advocate for the spay/neuter clinic that she help establish and continues today. Her home housed many cats, dogs, turtles, ferrets, frogs and goats who she either rescued or fostered. She worked endlessly to find forever homes for the pets.

She was predeceased by her mom and dad, Martha and Richard Coakley. She leaves behind a loving family, including her twin sister Virginia and her husband Howard Price, foster daughter Stacey Scott and grandson Colton Wise who will greatly miss her.

A celebration service will be held on June 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Williamsburg United Methodist Church. The service can also be viewed on the Williamsburg United Methodist Church Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Humane Society or to an animal charity of your choice.



The Lord is good to all,  
and the  
Lord's compassion  
is over all God has made.

*Psalm 145:9*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

THE WORD OF GRACE from John 11; Revelation 1, 22

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die,  
yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes  
in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega,  
the beginning and the end, the first and the last.  
I died, and behold I am alive for evermore,  
and I hold the keys of hell and death.  
Because I live, you shall live also.

GREETING

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God  
and to witness to our faith as we celebrate  
the life of Janice Coakley. We come together in grief,  
acknowledging our sense of loss. May God grant us  
grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope,  
in death resurrection.

\*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92 (red book)

PRAYER

O God, who gave us birth,  
you are always more ready to hear  
than we are to pray.

**You know our needs before we ask,  
and our ignorance in asking.  
Give us now your grace,  
that as we stand before the mystery  
of death we may see the light of eternity,  
and live as those who are prepared to die.  
Show us in these days of our loss  
that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from your love,  
and give us the peace of knowing  
that living or dying, our life is in you. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3

For everything there is a season:

**And a time for every matter under heaven:**

A time to be born and a time to die.

**A time to plant, and a time to  
pluck up what is planted.**

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

**A time to weep and a time to laugh.**

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

**A time to be silent and a time to speak.**

A time to love and a time to hate.

**A time for war and a time for peace.**

God has made everything suitable for its time.

**God has put a sense of past  
and future into our minds.**

God has done this, so that all should stand  
in awe before him.

**Whatever God does endures forever.**

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Virginia Price, sister  
Stacey Scott, daughter

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Annie's Song*  
(John Denver)

Anthony Williams,  
solo, guitarist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-3  
Romans 8:35, 37-39

WORDS OF FAITH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be  
thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

God of us all, your love never ends.  
When all else fails you are still God.  
We pray to you for one another in our need,  
and for all everywhere who grieve with us this day.  
To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak,  
give strength; to all who have sinned, show mercy;  
to those who are afraid, give hope; to all who sorrow,  
grant your peace. To you, O God, with your church  
on earth and in heaven, we offer honor and glory,  
now and forever.

**O God, all that you have given us is yours.  
In the beginning, you gave Janice to us.  
So now we give Janice back to you.  
Receive her into the arms of your  
everlasting mercy; raise her up with all  
your people in glory. Receive us also, and  
raise us all up into new life to serve you  
in this world and in the world that is to come.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful* UMH 147 (red book)

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Friends and family are invited to a reception  
in Fellowship Hall following the service.