



Jon B. Ryan

Former NSD Staff in 1970's- Media Specialist (former name Janet Bourne)

Jon B. Ryan, age 74, passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 in New Orleans, La. Jon was a resident of Conroe, Texas and Metairie, Louisiana. Jon grew up using Sign Language (ASL) and began interpreting at a very young age. He earned his Comprehensive Skills Certification (CSC) in 1964. He served as an evaluator in several states for national evaluations of interpreters. Jon developed the first testing materials for certification in Texas for the Board of Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI). He worked for the Texas Commission for the Deaf and worked with the legislature on laws and regulations for deaf rights. Jon spent his last twenty years teaching deaf children. Jon received many accolades while working in education. He was rated as an Exemplary teacher in the Houston Independent School district. Jon's passion and love were his students. He was member of the Krewe of Centurions in Metairie for ten years. Jon is survived by his wife Pat Shehan and his great-nephew Ryan Reed. Jon is also survived by his sister Dora McHugh (Stan) and brother Francis Bourne (Jenny). Jon has many nieces and nephews: April Lowe (Steve), Godson, Andy McHugh (Shelly), Angela Fees (Todd), Bridgetta Firl (Leslie), Bettina Bourne, Frances Sue Grim (Jason), Julie Lockhart (Matt), Mechaela Reed (Neil), Candus Reed (Wayne). Jon is also survived by his mother in law Ethel Hanshaw, and Joyce Shehan. He has many nieces and nephews that he was very close to from his wife's family. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Serenity Funeral Home, Covington, LA. Condolences and tributes can be posted at www.serenitycovington.com.