



## Jan Fredericks

July 2, 1947 - April 17, 2022

Jan Fredericks of Huntersville, NC went to his Lord on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1947, Jan graduated with a Masters in Musicology from Cape Town University, after which he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. While in Rochester, he worked as a Catholic elementary school music teacher and was also the Music Director at his church. An avid proponent of life causes, he was a member of St. Mark's Respect Life group and recipient of the Leo Holmstead Life Award. Jan was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 30 years and participated in a men's Bible group both in Huntersville and Rochester. He enjoyed singing, reading, writing, hiking, playing piano and guitar, playing tennis and soccer and lately pickleball. His biggest joy was being with his grandchildren and children, whom he loved dearly. He will be remembered as a devoted man of God, a loving husband, a beloved father, a kind friend, an accomplished musician, an eager learner of new things, and a brave fighter.

Predeceased by his father Andrew, his mother Susan, his sister Joan and his brothers Bertie, Jimmy, David and Donald. Survived by his brothers Izak and Schalk who still reside in South Africa. Married 43 years to his wife, Barbara and father of 8 loving children, Elizabeth (John) Sherman, Theresa (Jon) Hutchinson, Andrew Fredericks, Frances Fredericks, Rebecca (Ramon) Torres, Rosemary Fredericks, Devin Fredericks, Mary Starr Fredericks and nine grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and his Church Family.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at St. Mark Catholic Church on Friday, April 22 @ 2:30pm. Visitation will be Thursday, April, 21st from 6 to 8 pm at James Funeral Home.

Holy Mass will be livestreamed at <https://www.stmarknc.org/livestream>

In lieu of flowers please contact St Mark Catholic Church @ 704-948-0231 to request memorial Masses to be offered for the repose of Jan's soul or donate to Aid to the Church

in Need @ [churchinneed.org](http://churchinneed.org). This organization provides pastoral and humanitarian support to the Church around the world.

James Funeral Home is assisting the family, online condolences may be made at [www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com).

# Cemetery Details

## NorthLake Memorial Gardens

11001 Alexanderana Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
<http://www.northlakememorial.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James Funeral Home  
10520 Arahova Dr  
Huntersville, NC 28078  
<https://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com/>

## Funeral Mass

**APR 22.** 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

St. Mark Catholic Church  
14740 Stumptown Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Thank you Jan for your life, your gifts, your passion, your hospitality and your caring which you embody for me. This feels like a serious loss, but on the other hand I'm glad you are in a good place enjoying a rich reward. Thank you for being being a light, a holy and happy soul. I'll never forget your greeting "Happy Easter Monday"!

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**John McGuire** - June 15 at 11:14 PM

BT

“ The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

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**Bereavement Ministry Team** - April 26 at 02:20 PM

DS

“ Dear Barbara and family, Jan and Dave send their most heartfelt sympathy at the passing of your dear Jan from this world into Heaven. Surely, Jan is now welcomed into the Kingdom of God.

Dave first knew Jan from the Knights choir where he experienced Jan's powerful and talented vocals. Later, Jan joined Dave's bible study where he shared his passionate faith with the men. Whenever Jan exclaimed inciteful commentary on the biblical passage at hand, the group fell noticeably silent so as to listen to Jan's wisdom.

Oh Jan, that I could have known you longer and benefitted from your wisdom! Jan impressed us very much with his perseverance, in the midst of his suffering, to attend daily Mass at St Mark.

We pray that Barbara and Jan's family are comforted by the consolation that Jan rests in the loving arms of God the Father, where God willing, we will join him one day.

*Jan and Dave Stoughton*

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**David H Stoughton** - April 25 at 03:56 PM

GJ

“ Rip dear Jan! .. you were truly a jolly soul and full of words of wisdom..I will miss your comments on my fb posts and our conversations on messenger..your battle is over, sleep well "oom Jan" Barbara and children and grandchildren you are in our prayers may God be your portion and comfort during this sad and difficult time .. Gene and Russell

Gene Joel - April 22 at 11:54 PM

JW

“ May God richly bless his good and faithful servant Jan. He embodied what it means to be a good Catholic husband, father, and grandfather.

John and Helen Ann Wagner - April 22 at 08:12 PM

GF

“ Gabriel Fredericks lit a candle in memory of Jan Fredericks



Gabriel Fredericks - April 22 at 03:54 PM

GF

“ Oom Jan always had a smile in his voice which made him immediately recognizable when he called. I will cherish all the letters, cards and little gifts which he sent every year. His gentle and loving spirit. His devotion to his faith, his life works and his role as husband and father is inspiring. He is a rolemodel to me as a young husband and father. We thank God for the life of Oom Jan and may he enjoy eternal life with our Lord. May God hold you in His loving arms and comfort you Aunty Barbara, Elizabeth, Theresa, Andrew, Francis, Star, Rebecca, Rosie and Devon. Love, Gabriel, Keisha and Brielle

Gabriel Fredericks - April 22 at 03:52 PM

SF

*Tribute to Jan's Life.*

*"He is"*

*"His schooling, upbringing and passions have been infused in our lives"*

*A LIVING LEGACY - " Jan is"*

*The head of our family was definitely our dad, known as Vader to us, Vadie to his grandchildren and Oom Freek or Uncle Andrew to his neighbors. The scourge of liberal politicians and editors, he poured out conservative diatribes on them with great eloquence. "Are we expendable?" he would roar: "Are we nothing but a political football?" He would explain to us principles that are still relevant in the actions of Biden, Putin and Xi Shingpin: a cultural humanist says one thing and acts totally opposite. My mother Auntie Nan was a force for good in the coloured community of Protea and the Indian community of Lenasia five miles apart. Originally she walked the distance with her distinctive limp but then Father Clive McBride our cousin got her a Vespa scooter, which greatly helped her. Every birth was a ten day job. She had a team of Indian midwives of which I remember Mrs . Pillay to help out. Sometimes there was no money, but the child received care nevertheless. Whether the child was a member of the lowest class "the untouchables" or the highest, they received care. For me the highest moment of my parents community action came when they adopted Rashid and Amir, children of a political prisoner and sent them to St. Joseph private school as Fredericks children. I remember them singing themselves to sleep and how they enjoyed the swimming pool at Aliwal North. My parents were great examples of hard work and sticktoitiveness. Also they saw to it that we lived our Catholic faith with weekly Mass attendance and even serving as altar servers occasionally. Father Joseph Smith our tall pastor with his corn-colored hair and his rich brogue was more of an advocate in our education than we knew. Ours was a rich upbringing in things that really mattered.*

**Schalk Fredericks** - April 22 at 07:07 PM

GH

*“ Our prayers and thoughts are with Barbara and the family during this difficult time. Jan was a beautiful soul and the world is a better place because of him! May God Bless and protect each and everyone in the Fredericks family, Jan and all are in our continuous prayers. Greg & Stephanie Hubbel and family.*

**Greg Hubbel** - April 22 at 01:40 PM

TJ

*“ Our family has been blessed with the friendship of Jan and Barbara Fredericks - and their whole family - for many decades! The Catholic homeschooling youth gatherings in Rochester would not have been the same without their hospitality, leadership and love for sacred and folk music. Even across the years and states that separated our last meeting, we have kept your family in affectionate thought and prayer. May Christ's "the peace that surpasses understanding" rest on Jan's soul, and remain with each of you during this Easter season. - Teresa (Asam) & Jeff Jensen and family*

**Teresa Asam Jensen** - April 22 at 11:27 AM

“ *Cousin Wilma Safe travels Schalk. Our prayers accompany you on your Mission of Love. Love and prayers to Barbara and all the family. Thank you for being YOU. God bless you. Love you.*

*[04/21, 16:21] Schalk: Rest in Peace dear friend Jan Fredericks. You accomplishments in music and in matters spiritual and in family lifestyle are awesome indeed. Ever heard from the heavens.*

*[04/21, 16:21] Ruth Jacobs Spector :*

*Jan and I have known each other since teen years and through Music College. In recent years when he visited his family Johannesburg we enjoyed laughs at a dinner in his honor at my home. Richard and Sue Cock our fellow alumni joined us too. Brilliant guy. Performed Mozart concerto fully by memory with full orchestra to us as a protegy teen. A story of Apartheid cruelty. I will contact Schalk. Thanks Gail. College of Music*

*Denzil Bennett:*

*Dear Schalk*

*So sorry to hear about the loss of your brother.*

*I'm reminded of the last time we had a chat about his rugby playing days for our local club All Blacks.*

*My God comfort you and family during this time of bereavement.*

*MHDSRIP 🙏🙏*

*Connie/Bernie and Cedric Fick*

*Thank you Schalk for sharing these tributes and insights on Jan's life and it was so good to read especially in today's world where we are all following different paths in life. Cedric always chats about the good old days in Protea. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you farewell him. Gone but never forgotten*

*MHSRIP 🙏🙏*

*Hazel and Edward Fick*

*Schalk, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, as the family prepare to lay Jan to rest, later today.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon him and grant him peace. 🙏🙏*

*John Theodore*

*Jan is at peace...Grant unto him eternal rest, o Lord and may perpetual Light shine upon him. 🙏🎵🙏🎵🙏🙏🙏*

SF

“Forty years ago Barbara and Jan welcomed me, a newly arrived musician from South Africa, for two weeks during the Christmas Holidays into their home. Now, on Easter Sunday, Jan was welcomed into his heavenly abode where there is no disease. Truly St Paul reminds us that to be with Christ is gain. However, may the Lord of all comfort bring comfort to Barbara and the family in our mourning.

*Johann Buis and Family*

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**Schalk Fredericks** - April 22 at 11:04 AM

MA

“Mr. Frederick's was such a joyful person and a valued member of the West Charlotte Myeloma Support Group. We will miss his pleasant personality! Marva Adams

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**Marva Adams** - April 21 at 08:33 PM

JD

“Jean Dunne lit a candle in memory of Jan Fredericks



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**Jean Dunne** - April 21 at 07:49 PM

JD

“Barbara and family,

*I knew Jan when he was my choir director at St. Jude parish in Gates, NY. He was a fine man and a remarkable musician. He had a gentle and godly spirit. I liked him very much and was saddened when you all decided to move to North Carolina. I thought of him often and am now saddened to know that he is gone, but I am sure that he is or will be leading the heavenly choir. I hope to join him one day in singing the LORD,S praises!*

*Sincerely, Jean Dunne*

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**Jean Dunne** - April 21 at 07:47 PM

RI

“ MEMORIES of Jan Frederick's are memories of a music prodigee whose reputation as a piano virtuoso was no secret for any of us who attended school with him at St Joseph's in the Eastern Cape Town of Aliwal North. Jan was a special young boy - reserved, gentle and unassuming - whose musical achievements we followed over the years and embraced them as if they were were our very own. He was an Aliwalite and his achievements and successes were somehow ours too. Through Schalk we kept informed about Jan and his life and it is Schalk who shared the critical condition of Jan's health and ultimately his passing.

We mourn with Jan's brothers living here in South Africa and we mourn with Jan's family in the United States.

We keep you in our prayers and in our hearts as we say farewell to a very special person.

Jan was my inspiration(Dawn)

HAMBA KAHLE JAN! REST IN PEACE BROTHER.

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RitaTandy - April 21 at 10:52 AM

JF

“ Barbara and Family, We offer our prayers and condolences at this special time. The memories of the days of helping to make music an integral part of the celebration of the Liturgy at St Salome's are as fresh in our minds in spite of the many years that have passed. The gift of Jan's person, his faith and his gift for music are treasure and grace to us. May he rest in peace and may the memories you hold be comfort in loss and his faith a beacon for us all. Peace, Jackie and Pat Fox

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Jackie and Patrick Fox - April 20 at 06:28 PM

MV

Barbara Jan was a special soul and a talented one at that I cherish the memories at holy cross with him and several others when we used to have our in cyclical studies I remember we got in some deep theological discussions but as we all know this is just a dress rehearsal for the big show so God bless you and family and will see you later

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Mike Valerio - April 21 at 04:06 PM

AB

“ Barbara and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. May God's love and the memories you keep in your heart, comfort you in this time of sorrow. Tom and I offer prayers to you and your family.

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Audrey and Tom Brett - April 19 at 08:25 PM

SB

“ I will always remember Jan as a man of great faith and duty to Our Lord. He carried his cross with dignity and never failed to offer a smile or greeting. His fervor for pro-life causes was always on display and drew many to pray with him and Barbara in front of the abortion clinic. We thank God for Jan’s witness and his life! Well done, good and faithful servant!

Sonnet Bonelli - April 19 at 07:37 PM

MA

“ Jan and the Frederick family entered our lives as we began homeschooling, Jan.1992. We were so encouraged by their involvement in the pro-life community. Raised the bar for us! Jan's gift of time in teaching Gregorian chant to our children was a true blessing. His gentleness and love of God, family, and community is something to emulate. Although we have not seen him in person since the NC move, he will be missed. Love to you all

Maureen - April 19 at 07:34 PM

DP

“ I had met Jan for the first time when, as a Std. 7 pupil in 1969, aged 14, I attended the Holy Cross Convent where Sr Frances was about to give me a piano lesson. There was a knock on the door and in walked Jan, then a student at the South African College of Music, University of Cape Town. After introducing us, Sr Frances asked me to play for him. I was so nervous that he decided to listen to my playing from the courtyard outside. I launched into the Third Movement of Beethoven’s Moonlight Sonata. When I had finished playing, he looked at me with a twinkle in his eye and said that I should consider a career as a music teacher. I took his advice to the letter and eventually qualified with a Doctorate in Music, from the University of Fort Hare, the Alma mater of Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo. Fast forward to 06062018, the last year of my lecturing career which spanned 43 years, during which period I had served on several music professional bodies, most significantly, the International Society for Music Education. He visited me at the School of Music, North-West University in Potchefstroom, South Africa. We spent a glorious morning reminiscing together. I gained the impression that he was a devout Catholic. He still had that same twinkle in his eye. Now in hindsight I realize that he was the one who had shepherded me into a career from which I would never look back. Thank you so much Jan for showing me the way to my professional future, and for being there for me at its end in 2018. May you rest in eternal peace. To his bereaved family I wish to say: Pax vobiscum. Peace be with you. Jan would want nothing less.

Dr Alvin Petersen - April 19 at 05:09 PM

AS

“ Uncle Jan was just the best. Im so glad I was able to know a man like him. I remember us sitting at the kitchen table and he says “Hey! What’s your phone number? I’ll memorize it!” After I told him he said to ask him again in an hour. When I asked him in an hour he told me my phone number memorized! One of his many many skills.  
Love you uncle Jan, until we meet again!  
Love Alexandra xoxo



alexandra slater - April 19 at 01:48 PM

JB

“ Jan was such a wonderful and saintly man. We’ll always remember remember his friendship and appreciation for life. Our condolences to Barbara and his family.  
Jack & Sue Brinker

Jack Brinker - April 18 at 01:44 PM

AS

Jan was a man to be admired. Always looked up to him & took what he said to heart. Will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Jan.

Al Schierle

Al Schierle - April 18 at 03:14 PM

BH

Loved seeing Jan at daily Mass even when it was physically taxing for him. Such an inspiration to All and a joy to see his smile and tap Into the Spirit that was His strength

Barbara Hauser - April 19 at 08:07 PM

MB

I read Jan's name in the masses for this week at St. Charles Borromeo today. So many memories of Jan at St. Andrew's School in Rochester. Sorry I lost touch, as he and his family were so inspirational. He was a very positive role model for the children. I smile when I think of his Pope John Paul badge he'd wear on his shirt. The music room was across from my classroom and "Fifty, Nifty United States" would fill my head all day. I would sometimes drive him home and the STOP Abortion sign on the front window. So glad i knew him! My sorrow (and joy) to Barbara and his family.

Mary Beth Barry

Mary Beth Barry - May 01 at 10:55 AM



*Extraordinary, reading these messages and tributes. My deepest condolences to Izak and Schalk, whom i know from all of our high school days at St Barnabas College, Johannesburg, now more than 50 years ago. Also to Barbara and your family, whom i don't know. Just to say that just the other day I accepted Jan's request to be his facebook friend and what a delightful surprise that was. I had lost complete touch with him and to get this request was wonderful. I remember him at school, he was in Form V and i in Form I, the equivalent of Grades 12 and 8, and loomed in our intensely close lives at school, as being so much older, bigger, stronger, wiser, and everything that age at that point produces for you. But he was then already a person to whom we could only look up to. He was able at that point to manage older people in his presence with such grace and maturity - how could we ever become like that? As things turned out, he became my sister-in-law, Arlene Hanmer's piano teacher and i think i remember coming to visit Lyn my wife and meeting Jan leaving after a lesson. And then, i forgot, and thanks for reminding me Schalk, that he was a cousin to Clive McBride, with whom i lived as a student here in Cape Town.*

*I am so sorry that i didn't reconnect with Jan. The opportunity was certainly there. I studied at the University at Buffalo, not far from Rochester and we certainly could have made a plan to visit.*

*I got a FB reminder the other day that it was his birthday and sent him a message, only, later that same day to get a message from Ruth Jacobs that he had passed on. I knew from our brief FB relationship that he was ill, but not the detail of it. My love to you all.*

*Crain Soudien*

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**Crain Soudien** - July 10 at 06:23 AM