



## Ms. Jaana Mechelle Meeks

May 19, 1965 - March 27, 2026

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Jaana – “Jan,” to some, is survived by her family, friends, and former partner.

She is free now.

Jaana was witty, charming, and clever, and she loved to play. She had the ability to ignite play in the people around her. Her joy with a simple childhood toy was infectious and led to many hilarious rounds of parachute man, or Frisbee. Jaana loved the beach and was most at home there, calm and at peace. She was happiest when she was near the water, or better yet, on it, or in it.

Jaana played basketball at W.P. Davidson High School in Mobile, AL, and received a full basketball scholarship to Chattahoochee Valley Community College. From there, she went on to complete her BSW at the University of Montevallo, and her MSW at the University of Alabama. She obtained her LCSW (Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker) and dedicated her life to helping others.

Her proudest achievements were born from her passion for helping women who needed a safe space. As Program Director at Pathways, Inc., in

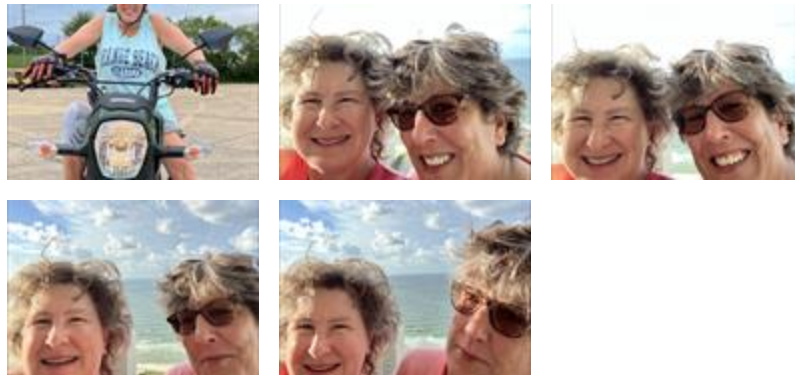
Birmingham, AL, she created the Safe Haven Women's shelter and later created the Sexual Assault Program at The Lighthouse in Robertsedale, AL.

Jaana was an incredible, insightful, caring, person, and she will be sorely missed by those who loved her.

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SusanFCooley - April 29 at 10:42 PM

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*Thank you Susan for posting these. I enjoyed working with Jaana for many years. She always made me laugh.*

Tammy Hollingsworth - May 09 at 01:22 PM

RG

“ *So many words and yet no words. I miss you, home girl.*

*Please Lord keep her in peace.*

Rebecca Grizzle - April 29 at 07:10 PM

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*I remember this day. :)*

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