Jan Batchelor was born on February 16, 1942 at Hotel Dieu, Windsor, Ontario. She is a seventh generation Canadian and her family has all grown up in Windsor. Jan was one of five children. She has three brothers and one sister. She is the second oldest sibling. When she was 16 the family moved to Aurora due to her father's job relocating.

After she graduated high school, she took summer school at McMaster university and met her husband Ron there. They got married and had two children. One son, David and one daughter, Casey.

Jan worked as a teacher. She had always wanted to be a teacher since she was a young girl so this was a dream job. At first, she was a primary school teacher, then moved to be a special education teacher. She is a kind woman with many great stories and thoughts about our world today.