



Janet N. Johnston

September 10, 1935 - August 28, 2016

Pending Services

Comments



“ I will always remember her incredible calming effect she had on me. No matter the situation, she would simple make me feel that all would be OK.

Tom Doyle - September 19, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ Janet will be remembered by myself and many others as kind, loving, sharing and courageous. I will most remember her as an artist. I can see the lovely water colors that she did with such precise lines and clarity.

When I was the pastor to the Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes from 2002 -8, there was a period where she had me come over to her home in Berkeley and she helped me try my own hand at art. The times I came was a renewing and meaningful to energize me to do my vocational work.

Oh, I can't forget her great cooking too!!!

The world is a better place because of Janet. She will not be forgotten.

Sharon Stalkfleet - September 19, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ Janet was one of the most generous and thoughtful people I know. I have a cradle that has been passed down in my family that has a longer and more narrow shape than standard. Janet took down the measurements and hand-crafted sheets to fit the cradle, and my little one slept there in comfort until she outgrew it. Janet was very loving towards my daughter as she grew. Almost never did a week go by without a little note from Janet in the mail with something she thought we'd find interesting -- from recipes to art shows, from books to gardening. I feel very blessed to have known her and will miss her very much. God be with you all as you grieve her death.
- Christine

Christine - September 19, 2016 at 11:50 AM



“ Janet was my S-hero! Her calm voice was a good influence and I always was impressed with her wisdom. Her cookies and Mac and cheese were loved and appreciated by everyone. And her art she so generously shared was truly special. When I hear or read of the special woman in Proverbs I think of Janet. She was a very special friend. Karin Mai

Karin Mai - September 17, 2016 at 09:22 AM



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Carolyn Carpenter - September 16, 2016 at 01:37 PM



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Carolyn Carpenter - September 16, 2016 at 01:34 PM



“ I treasure the years that Janet was a member at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oakland, Calif. I remember the wonderful desserts she made, her many kind gestures and her willingness to help. The pictures of Janet that I submitted were taken in September and October 2007 in connection with the Fairmont Hospital Task Force of which Janet was a devoted member. [Submitted by Michael Kleiber]

Michael Kleiber - September 15, 2016 at 09:10 PM



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Michael Kleiber - September 15, 2016 at 09:04 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of such a family treasure like your loved one. They must have told wonderful stories and entertained many family and friends over the years. Please hold on to those. Take comfort from Psalms 34:18-"God is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are crushed in spirit he saves". My sincere condolences to the family and friends.

Dan L - September 05, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ Janet was a kind, generous, genuine person whose love for Christ shown through in everything she did. Her friendship to our family seemed as if we were special and we thought of her as an adoptive "grandma". From the first moment she joined Joyful Servant and took an active interest in her new community, coming to a church picnic and becoming my youngest sons partner in a washers tournament, which was an unfamiliar game to her, but what a sport. Then offering up her talents and home to teach painting to members of the church and my then teenage son being the lone youth in attendance. She then agreed to read my sons confirmation scripture at his memorial service and proudly honored our son and family by wearing his gawky orange memory bracelet for over five years until she had to remove it for surgery. She cooked us a number of meals during difficult times. My husband and I learned to make a better pork chop from her. She was an amazing cook. She shared with me how to make a lavender stick from the huge lavender she admired in our yard. She had my daughter over for lunch and tea and took us out to Burgerville to share a hamburger lunch which she enjoyed. I will never eat Fritos again without thinking of Janet as when they were served at church she always told me how much she liked them and I would grab her at least one bag before they were gone. She was a phenomenal artist, writer and cook in fact creativity was in her soul. Most of all she was a Joyful Servant. She always had a kind word or compliment to give. She took an interest in everyone making them feel special. She served others in so many capacities in the community both formally and informally. A birthday did not go by without a card from Janet, in fact she wrote cards and personal notes everyday and always shared an interesting picture, article or work of art that the recipient might enjoy or have interest in. She will be greatly missed by many and my heart breaks for her family that I know will miss her even more dearly. Dance in Heaven Janet as you praise your Heavenly Father. You truly had a life well lived and are an inspiration to us all!



Kristin Binkerd - September 02, 2016 at 10:21 PM



“ An amazingly kind person. All of us at the pool are missing her. She was always the first in line to give out a "Thank you" or a kind word. We all feel this loss.

Laurie Daykin - September 02, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ Kim Hester lit a candle in memory of Janet N. Johnston



Kim Hester - September 02, 2016 at 03:38 PM