



## Jane Pattsner Coverstone

November 13, 1933 - March 9, 2011

Jane Coverstone November 13, 1933 – March 9, 2011 Jane Pattsner Coverstone was born November 13, 1933 in Port Townsend, WA, the daughter of Arthur Pattsner and Helen Homes Pattsner. Jane was raised in Port Townsend and graduated from Port Townsend High School in 1951. She began college at the University of Washington that same year. The following year, Jane transferred to Oregon State University to pursue a degree in Home Economics with emphasis in early childhood education. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from OSU in 1956. While attending OSU, Jane met fellow student Dale Coverstone, of Medford, OR, at a sorority/fraternity event and later married him on March 23rd, 1958. Jane enrolled in graduate school at OSU and completed graduate coursework in early childhood development. However, she chose to focus on her own children and family and left school before completing her graduate research project and receiving her degree. Jane and Dale lived briefly in Eugene, OR, and Portland, OR, before settling in Medford and Jacksonville, OR, to raise their family. It was there that Jane worked with colleagues to open a pre-school program at the First Presbyterian Church in Medford, a program that continues today. Jane was very active in church and community organizations in Medford and Jacksonville and remained so throughout her life. Her leadership included serving as Deacon and Elder for First Presbyterian Churches in Jacksonville, OR, and Port Townsend, WA, and serving on the Board of Directors for a national Alzheimer's Association, in support of the disease that claimed the

life of her mother. In 1987, Jane moved with her husband to Mukilteo, WA, and later to Port Townsend, WA. Jane survived her husband, who passed away in 2003. Jane later moved to the Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg, OR in 2008, where she resided and remained active in community activities. Jane will be sorely missed by friends and family, but her spirit of caring, kindness, and leadership will be remembered by all those who knew her and will undoubtedly be carried on by her children and grandchildren. The family would like to thank the wonderful caring staff at the Friendsview Health Center and a special thanks to Leslie from Odessey hospice. Jane died of a Glioblastoma Multiforme brain tumor on March 9, 2011 and is survived by her three children, Michael Arthur Coverstone of the Rogue Valley, OR, Susan Diane Mooney (Allen) of Beaverton, OR, and John Aaron Coverstone (Kirsten) of Shoreview, MN, as well as six grandchildren and eight great grand children. A celebration of life will be held at Attrell's Funeral Chapel, 207 Villa Road, Newberg, OR, at 11:00am, Saturday, March 19th.

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ To Jane's three children. How she loved all children and worked for their betterment, and what a blessing her three children were to her and Dale and the church family. We all rejoiced when Michael came to their home. Then Susan came, and we rejoiced again. I have been blessed in having both Michael and Susan in Nusery School. Then I'd been fortunate to get to know Susan as an adult. What a joy as a little person and I'm so pleased to get to know again. She is a very special adult person. Love you Sue. Then Michael whom I haven't known as an adult, but I would like to. I always felt a special love for Michael, my little rascel. Then John who came later and was so appreciated. I didn't get to know John except as a little baby. A dear little baby. We thought you would look more like your Dad with the dark hair, but in my opinion you look so very much like your Mother. To you all, I dearly loved your Mom and I can't possibly say how much. She was a wonderful friend. I will never forget her special way, her teaching ability, and what a mark she made in my life. May the Lord bless you and keep you this through hard time of mourning. Donna Fowler

---

**Donna Fowler** - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM