



Jane Jackson

September 22, 1946 - August 9, 2011

Obituary of Jane Jackson

Jane Randol Jackson, 64, died unexpectedly on August 8, 2011, at the home she shared with her husband, Larry, in The Villages, Florida.

Jane was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on September 22, 1946, to Dorothy and Narvol A. Randol. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Carolyn Randol Brinkle.

Jane attended Franklin Elementary School, graduated from Cape Central High School in 1964, earned a B.A. Degree in French and Education from Southeast Missouri State University, and a Masters Degree in French from Middlebury College in Vermont, with studies at the Sorbonne in France.

She taught French at Cape Central High School for many years, and German at Southeast Missouri State University for a semester after returning with her husband from Austria, where she taught English as a foreign language for four years. Jane then taught gifted students at Kelly High School in Benton. After retiring from more than 30 years of teaching, she became the Director of the Cape County Archives.

At her death, she was serving as a member of the national Lewis and Clark

Trail Heritage Foundation Board of Directors. She was instrumental in founding the nationally recognized Red House Interpretive Center, located in Cape Girardeau, and served on the board of directors. She also served on the Cape Girardeau Public Library Board of Directors, and was a member of PEO and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Jane was a lifelong member of Grace United Methodist Church, where she was Chairwoman of the Board. She also wrote a special publication on the history of the church for its 150th anniversary.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Jackson; son Chris Tilley (Debbie and grandson Benjamin Randol); brother and sister-in-law Narvol and Amy Randol; sister Margaret Randol Dement; nephews Shannon Randol (Becky), Neil Randol (Nikki), Dale Brinkle (Kristen), Craig Brinkle, Brian Brinkle; nieces Julie Kellick (Tim), Alison Diamond (Lloyd); cousin Jim Burgess (Judy); great nephews and nieces Ben and Claire Kellick, Sophie Camden Randol, and Anthony and Zachary Brinkle. She is also survived by her stepchildren: Christopher Havelock Jackson, Carol Jackson Tuthill, and Connie Jackson Malone and their 8 children.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 2011 at Grace United Methodist Church at 521 Caruthers Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

The funeral will be immediately following the visitation at 2 p.m. at the church, with burial to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Ford & Sons is handling local arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Red House c/o Cape Girardeau Parks Department, 410 Kiwanis Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701; the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation at P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403; or

Grace United Methodist Church at 521 Caruthers Street in Cape Girardeau,
MO 63701.

Tribute Wall

VC

“ I was so sorry to read of Jane's death. I had her in 7th grade French class, and we became fast friends. She was always someone I trusted, laughed with, and grew to admire through the years. I pray that God's comfort is with you in the coming months. She was truly a special lady!! Vikki Holt Courvoisier

Victoria Holt Courvoisier - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear about Mme. Jackson's passing. She was so young! I was in her French class for many years in the late 80's, and there wasn't a teacher at Central that had as much influence over my life as she did. She even told me that if I passed my test to get my drivers permit, she'd let me drive her car (brave, but perhaps foolish)! I was fortunate to have visited her in Austria, and remember that Larry made pasta carbonara - my first taste! My condolences to the family and those she left behind. I'll always remember her, especially when I'm slogging through something in French!

Erika Werne - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jane was a wonderful childhood friend of mine and I appreciated having her in my life. She always made me smile and pushed me to try new things. I will always remember her smile and her enthusiasm for life. I am saddened that she is lost to those who love her as I know she brightened their lives as she did mine.

Robin Brown (Ogara) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Jane Randol Jackson was indeed a world-shaking presence in SE Missouri, second only to the New Madrid earthquake. But Jane's legacy will last much longer. I knew her through her work with the Cape County Archives and the Red House. She set the standard for both facilities in terms of promotion and operation in a professional manner. Her enthusiasm and graciousness helped countless people to find information on the history of their own ancestors, and Jane's guidance ensured that they also learned about the rich history of this part of Missouri. Students, scholars, interns, colleagues, and the many customers and fellow citizens will miss her, but her smile and enthusiastic presence will continue to guide us and set the standard for how we operate as historians and good citizens. I am sorry I was not able to get away in time to attend her service, but she has put her claim on the whole southeast region. What a great lady!!!!

Mike Everman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ We were both deeply saddened to hear of your beloved Jane's passing. We feel truly blessed to have known Jane through the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Jane's vivacity, warmth, enthusiasm, radiant smile, and passion for history and education shone brightly, and we will always treasure our experiences and special moments on the Lewis and Clark Trail with her. One fond memory we will always cherish is sitting one evening around a campfire beside Jane while she joyfully sang and played the tambourine. Among her many contributions to the LCTHF, Jane planned and organized a memorable trip aboard the Grampa Woo that enabled us to experience the excitement of the Corps of Discovery's triumphant return to St. Louis with her. O! The Joy! Jane became a friend we looked forward to seeing at the annual meetings, and her cheerful disposition, positive energy, and joie de vivre made her so much fun to be around. Jane was a caring, talented, vibrant woman, and words cannot adequately express our sorrow upon hearing of her sudden passing. May treasured memories of happy and special moments bring you comfort and peace. Please know that our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with you and your family.

Kim and Pam Michael (Massachusetts) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We are in Oregon for the summer and were just told of Jane's passing today. We were part of Jane's Lewis & Clark Club. One thing we will always remember about Jane was her passion. She had such passion about preserving and promoting the memory of Lewis & Clark. We will miss her. Sincerely, Charlie & Eileen Cochran

Charles & Eileen Cochran - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Chris and family, So sorry to hear about your mother. We know she will be dearly missed. Just wanted you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Spencer and Kim Train - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Chris, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. I will always remember her as a caring, passionate, talented Mother, woman, teacher, and community visionary. It was my pleasure to have known her. Ms. Liz

Liz Lockhart - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Larry, Sorry this is so late, but not taking a paper and living in the country, we find out things to late. We both are exxtremely saddened to learn of Janes passing. she was a wonderful lady and friend. We will miss her. We will pray for you and wish you the best in these stressful times. R&J

Rodney& Jan Miller - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ To Margaret and Narvol and family, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers and I am so sorry I couldn't be there for you all. She will be greatly missed. What a wonderful person.

Martha Hathaway - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ The members of Mouth of the Platte Chapter LCTHF of Omaha, NE/Council Bluffs, IA offer sincere thoughts and prayers for the family of Jane Jackson. We so enjoyed her presence and guidance at the 43rd Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Meeting last week in Omaha. We hope that treasured memories of Jane will bring you peace. May time heal your sorrows and peace replace your heartache.

Mouth of the Platte Chapter LCTHF - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dearest Larry, Ladd and I are heartsick to hear about your beloved Jane. We feel blessed to have seen her in Omaha for the LCTHF meeting. She was a special lady that we all respected and loved. We all should aspire to reflect the love and dedication she had for life. The world has lost one of its most special ones. Fondly, Ladd & Karen Seaberg Atchison, KS

Ladd and Karen Seaberg - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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