



JANET S. ALTHOUSE

October 1, 2011

Janet S. Althouse, 69, of The Bridges of Bent Creek in Mechanicsburg, died at Holy Spirit Hospital on Saturday morning, October 1, 2011. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late John Stolarz and the late Theda May Cully Schreiber. She was married to the late Dr. L. Bruce Althouse, Jr. who died October 3, 1998.

She graduated in 1959 from Manheim Township High School and Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ with an Associate's degree. Janet was a medical secretary which included the Radiology Department at Lancaster General Hospital. A former member of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Navy Wives Club, she enjoyed spending time with her 1959 High School Class where they would gather in various places and share in fellowship. Janet was very involved in the Bent Creek Crossing organizations and her hobbies included jigsaw and crossword puzzles and reading.

Janet is survived by her son, L. Bruce Althouse, III, husband of Kimberly of Mechanicsburg, PA, daughter, Lynn A. Kopnisky, wife of Thomas of Harrisburg, PA, a sister, Jean Sheffer wife of Jeff, Newport, PA. Also surviving are four grandchildren

Drew, Daniel, Bruce and Amelia, her stepsister Jade Oliver, half-brother Ron Stolarz, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Kunzler.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Janet's Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (at the corner of Orange & Pine Sts), Lancaster on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. The family will receive friends at The Groffs from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service. A private family interment will be in Conestoga Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Janet's name to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2040 Linglestown Rd., Ste. 104, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or the American Heart Association, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603-2395.

Tribute Wall



“ JANET S. ALTHOUSE

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Jan was such an inspiration to her friends. She was a beautiful woman, a loving wife and mother. Whenever we would get together she always was pleasant and positive. My condolences to all of your family. My life is richer for having Jan in it. She will be missed.*

Linn Martin - October 05, 2011 at 08:04 PM



“ *To the Althouse family, I have fond memories of swimming at Jan and Bruce's on weekends as a child. Always remembered Bruce III as "Baby Bruce", and playing video games in the basement. As our parents were close, I was able to attend Bruce's funeral in '98 and I am sad to hear that Jan has passed. Though time separated us, I am happy that I was able to stop in to see Jan while visiting PA a year or so ago. It surprised her and really put a smile on here face. I was able to spend some time with her that day and hope that it made her feel loved. Though it had been many years, the Grissinger's were still thinking of her! As I am in California and will not be able to attend the funeral, please know that my thoughts are with you all.*

Adam Grissinger - October 05, 2011 at 03:23 AM

PP

“ To the families and friends of Jan and Bruce: There are special people in one's life and Jan and Bruce were that to me and our classmates from MTHS class of 1959. Having taught pre-medical students and researchers for nearly 5 decades at Wesleyan, I have been amazed at the efforts to understand, cure and treat diseases as tragic as MS. We can all pray that these efforts pay off in the near future. Jan and Bruce were high school sweethearts and real examples for those of us who grew up with them. Jan was the first of three Halloween Queens from our class. She was also one of the seven (of eight) cheerleaders from the Class of '59. She was also an All Star First Team field hockey player on the undefeated team. What I remember best is our time in Paul Wenrich's senior social studies class. I am sorry to miss the service tomorrow, but extend my deepest sympathies to Jan's family and friends. With love, Pete Pringle

Pete Pringle - October 05, 2011 at 03:10 AM

MR

“ Much love and prayers to Jan's family. I remember the monthly visits to Applebee's with a few ladies from Associated Cardiologists and Lynn as a great time to catch up with Jan. Although I've lost touch the last few years, I was saddened to hear of her passing. She was an extraordinary woman who made every one around her feel special.

Mandy Rothenhoefer - October 03, 2011 at 11:26 PM

HH

“ Sadly, the news of Jan’s death has reached us in California. As a long time friend and classmate of Jan and Bruce - all the way back to Nathan C. Schaefer Elementary –I have much to remember. Although her physical condition changed for the worse over the years, her spirit and personality didn’t. This was clearly in evidence from the day in high school when she won the county talent contest (not sure why this memory popped into my mind – don’t remember the title of the competition), to the way she was at the reunion where I last saw her. There was a reason that Jan has such a wonderful and supportive family, and so many friends. Carol and I will always be thankful to have been considered as one of those friends.
Harold (Harry) and Carol Hafer

Harry Hafer - October 03, 2011 at 03:14 AM

EK

“ Dear family, I have lived in Mech for the past 48 years since I left 1036 Edgemore Court in Lancaster, Pa. I knew Janet as the older sister of Jeanne whom I was friendly with. I wish to express my sincere sympathies to the entire family especially Jeannie (hi). I am so very sorry for your incredible loss. Eileen Benn Kranzel

Eileen Benn Kranzel - October 02, 2011 at 10:38 PM