



Jane Johnson Huhn

May 7, 1944 - March 9, 2018

Jane Johnson Huhn died in her home in Santa Barbara at the age of 73. She was born in Alexandria Minnesota - the second child of Cliff and Ruth Johnson. Jane was a fun loving child. Her early friends lived on and around Cedar Street and they would gather in an open field next to the family home and play all kinds of games. Some of these grade school and later high school friends become known as the "Girls of '62" – the date of their high school graduation - and remained lifelong friends. The girls often gathered in Alexandria in the summer but also in Seattle, Santa Barbara, and Boise.

Jane met her husband Bob in junior high and they were married June 15, 1963. Jane attended Moorhead State University, the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, and Mankato State University following alongside and in partnership with her husband Bob and his education toward a physical therapy degree. This culminated in his 1968 graduation from the Mayo Clinic School of Physical Therapy in Rochester, Minnesota. The couple was fortunate to move to Santa Barbara for Bob's first position at Cottage Hospital and become permanent residents.

Jane and Bob returned nearly every summer to Alexandria and in 1974 bought a cabin on Lake Darling which they owned for 10 years. It was the source of joy for the family. While in Alex they regularly attended high school reunions of both Jane and Bob who graduated from Alexandria High School one year apart.

Jane's greatest gifts were her gentle spirit, great sense of humor, and love of the Lord, children, grandchildren and friends. She was a natural listener, and reached out to others with laughter and kindness in both word and deed. Jane was a devote Christian and was an active participant in worship and church activities at Christ Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches.

Jane is survived by her husband of 54 years Robert Huhn; 3 children - Leigh Melville and her three children Ryann, Pressley, and Braeden; Ross Huhn and his two children Indie and River; and Jay Huhn - wife Donna and their 4 children Madison, Abbey, Troy and

Mallory; sister Karen Johnson; brother Robert Johnson - wife Sigrid and their sons Andrew and Peter.

A memorial service for Jane will be held on Friday, April 6th at 1 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Santa Barbara. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests you consider a donation in Jane's memory to the Endowment Fund of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Comments



“ I remember leaving on my Big Wheel because I wanted to play at Ross' house and I was going to get there somehow- I was about 4. Well, mom caught me and tossed me in the car and back home I went. My first memory of making it to the front door had me pushing the door bell with my rifle because I was not tall enough to reach with my hands. Ross and I were born a week apart- me being older, but he was taller. Thus, we had an agreement that for one week out of the year, I could "beat him up." I began to spend MANY days and nights at the Huhn's. Jane was always there or coming home with boxes of Golden Grahams. Ross and I would make grilled cheese on the hot plate, or popcorn. We were always outside and when we were bored, Jane would say, "Get outside," and then we'd hear the click of the door locking. It was the best way to spend a childhood. Big Wheels, basketball in their driveway, roller skating (we pretended to be olympic skaters, complete with arms behind backs), bikes to UCSB, McD's on weekends with our dollars rolled into paperclips (our money clips), and just a ton more. Jane was always around and would ask me about school and such. She took me TWICE to their family place in MN for a MONTH. There, Ross and I had keys to a ski boat... Two 7th graders with a ski boat? What could go wrong? Again, you can't live a better childhood. I just can't believe they took me twice..I can be a bit of energy for just ONE person. :) My best memories from a very young age were around the Huhn's home. I am very lucky that I was able to meet so many members of the family in MN during those visits and be a part of their family. There are so many aspects of who I am today that really grew and shaped from those childhood experiences. I am sad that I did not have a chance to tell Mrs. H how much those times matter to me now. Thanks, 5 Huhns! - Robbie

Robert Regan - April 03, 2018 at 10:29 PM



“ How I met Martha Jane Johnson Huhn...It was September of 1971 and I was in the front yard gardening....my 2 year old son, Rob, was helping me and his 3 month old brother, Corey, was in a baby swing...a young mother came by with a daughter, Leigh, and her son, Ross (also 2 years old) in a stroller....She was very pregnant as her son, Jay, would be born in October 1971...We started a conversation...we became good friends....many times over the years, I would take my sons, Rob, Corey, and then Garrett in a red wagon over to their home at 935 Palermo in Hidden Valley...Jane and I would visit on her front porch while the five boys had a great time....sometimes she would make a vodka tonic for us....at dusk, I packed up my boys and headed home...In recent years, I haven't seen Bob or Jane too often, but my son, Rob, and their son, Ross, and my son, Corey, and their son, Jay have remained close friends to this day. They always called themselves the HVL (Hidden Valley Locals). Jane and I shared our young children together....There were so many good times!!!! Gayle (Rusty) Bowman

Gayle Bowman - March 30, 2018 at 03:51 PM