



Jeanette "Jan" Stiles

February 9, 1940 - March 12, 2020

Jeanette "Jan" Stiles, age 80, of Washington, Iowa, died Thursday, March 12, 2020, in Crestwood, Missouri, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Private family funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2020, at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home in Washington, Iowa, with Pastor Kwang Song officiating. Services will be live streamed on Facebook through the Jones & Eden Funeral Home Facebook page. Private burial will take place at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Washington, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established for "Night to Shine" through the United Methodist Church in Washington, Iowa. Memorials can be mailed to Jami Shelbrock, 24311 West Pheasant Chase Drive, Plainfield, Illinois, 60544 or mailed to the Jones & Eden Funeral Home, 116 East Main Street, Washington, Iowa 52353. Checks can be made payable to "Night to Shine" with "In memory of Jan Stiles" in the memo line. The Jones & Eden Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent for Jan's family through the web at www.jonesfh.com

Jan was born February 9, 1940, in Alhambra, California, the daughter of William and Helen (Saulke) Letts. She attended and graduated from Alhambra High School. Jan then attended junior college before attending William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, graduating in 1963. She was united in marriage to James William Stiles on August 8, 1964, in Alhambra, California.

Jan was an elementary school teacher. She taught second grade from 1963-1972, and was a substitute teacher from 1980-2018 for grades k-12. She was an active member of PEO in Washington, Iowa; church Bible Study, and decorated the fellowship hall at the Washington United Methodist Church for all of the holidays throughout the year.

She is survived by her daughter, Jami Shelbrock and husband Craig and their children Easton, Trey, Madison and Jayden of Plainfield, Illinois; son, Jeff Stiles and wife Heather and their children Anya, Kiera, and Micah of Crestwood, Missouri, and one sister, Janice Gordon of San Juan Capistrano, California.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband Jim Stiles in 2018.

Cemetery

Elm Grove Cemetery

Washington, IA, 52353

Comments



“ I met Jan at our grief share group in 2019. She would ride with us on thursdays. I did not know she had passed awY until yesterday When someone from that group asked me if I knew. I had just spoken about her yesterday with my mom and we were wondering how she was doing. What a spunky feisty lady she was. We didn't know her long but she left an imprint on our hearts I wish I had gotten to see her 1 last time She was a special lady. I will always feel like I knew a celebrity due to her relation to president nixon. I hope Gracie has a good home. I'm so sorry to hear about Jan we really loved her

Lorraine and sally - May 22 at 09:22 AM



“ Love and sympathy to your whole family! Lucy just told me of Jan's passing. When Jan and Jim lived on Annear Street, they ministered to everyone. The entire neighborhood was better because of them. Remember street garage sales? What an organizer Jan was! Her love of life, positive attitude, sense of humor, infectious laugh...will be remembered...and so much more! Tom & Sharon Fenton

Sharon Fenton - March 30 at 11:11 AM



“ Jeff, Jami and family,
Thinking of you now as you celebrate your mom's life and mourn her passing. I know it's been years since I've seen you, but one memory that stands out of your mom was when she visited my family after my son was born. My parents were there too and my father, Jim, still hadn't held my son, his grandson. Your mom gave him a hard time about him not holding his grandson. She was not the first, but she is probably one of the only people that could have convinced him to do it! I also enjoyed my telephone visits with her after the passing of your dad. She was truly one of a kind and lit up everywhere she went. I'm better for knowing her even the few times we were together.
Thanks for sharing her.

Jillea Monroe Bueso

Jillea Monroe Bueso - March 26 at 09:17 PM



“ Jim and Jan were such special people! We got to know them while Jim served our church in Mason City. They were true servants of God. Jan was always so positive and we loved her humor. She was so gifted in decorating her home, the fellowship hall, along with many other things. She was a true blessing when she helped

decorate the tables in the fellowship hall for our daughter's wedding. It was beautiful!
We were so happy to see her last summer when she was at church one Sunday. Our
deepest sympathy on your loss. Heaven gained a true angel!
Chuck and Marty Petzoldt

Marty and Chuck Petzoldt - March 26 at 04:27 PM



“ Jan was a very special lady, unique, elegant and a friend to all. I will greatly miss her warm hugs and kind words. Please take good care of her companion Gracie, who gave her much comfort and companionship after she lost Jim. SHE will be greatly missed in our community.

Sue - Gracie's Groomer - March 26 at 02:27 PM



“ Jan brought such joy to every gathering and was a faithful witness for the Lord. I thank God for giving her so many years after her initial diagnosis so that more people could benefit from knowing her and looking to her for inspiration to grow in faith. My condolences to the family. I have been praying for you often during Jan's last days and will continue to do so.
Dianne Gray

dianne Gray - March 26 at 02:24 PM



“ How do I begin to describe Jan Stiles. I will start with one big thing...every time I was with her there was always laughter. I will miss that laugh, and that positive outlook on life. Yes, she fought for many years, I remember her sharing about her cancer that she initially had. Although I was concerned (as was she) she would put a positive spin on it. She always knew that her hope was in her Lord. I send virtual hugs to Jami and family and Jeff and family. I will be watching this afternoon...and be sure and let me know when her "celebration party" will be this summer. My sympathy to you all
Nancy Foote (Ames, Iowa)

Nancy G Foote - March 26 at 01:02 PM



“ So sad to hear this news. First met Jan in Cedar Falls and were so happy to hear that your parents moved to Washington. We all reconnected. Jan always made us smile....a very special lady! Please know you are in our prayers.
Jeff and Pat Swartzendruber



“ Jan was full of life. I will always remember her from Christmas time. She loved decorating for that holiday so much and enjoyed having her grandkids back to visit her. My thoughts go out to the family.
Xiomara Levsen

Xiomara Levsen - March 25 at 11:17 AM



“ Who could ever meet Jan and NOT have their life changed? Both she and Jim served their Lord well, Jim with deep caring and commitment, and Jan with color, flair and boldness...and yes, also with deep caring for others. For all of the health problems she endured I never heard her complain, she treated her trips to Iowa City for treatment as a time to enjoy going shopping. Jami and Jeff, our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your families. Our memories of Jan will always be a part of our hearts and faith. May God bless you with precious memories of this very dear lady.
Milton and Ilene Schnicker

Milton & Ilene Schnicker - March 25 at 10:45 AM



“ What a Great Description of this Special Lady. Thank-You, Ilene and Milton. Evie
Evelyn Heald - March 26 at 03:30 AM



“ Jamie, Jeff and families:
John and I are so sad for your loss. We have such wonderful memories of your Mom from when you lived on Annear Street. She and your dad were such an inspiration to us and our family. Their joy for life and caring for others is something we will always remember. Your mom's spirited and energetic personality was contagious. We loved her taste for style and the positive example she set for others. Your parents had such an impact on our lives and they will live forever in our hearts. We pray that God gives you the strength to help you through this difficult time in your life.
Love and hugs,
John and Julie

Julie Larson - March 25 at 10:01 AM



“ Jan was such a special person. She was immediately loved when we first met here. She was always positive, even when she was battling cancer. She gave inspiration to the rest of us. She and I both loved jewelry and compared what we wore to church. She will be missed so much. It seems she has taken the sunshine away, as it has been very cloudy since her passing.
God bless all you.
Janet Sterling

Janet Sterling - March 25 at 08:34 AM



“ Jan and Jim were friends of my wife Nancy and I dating back to their years in St Mark's UMC in Council Bluffs. What good times we had when together. Years past and as DS in Mason City where we appointed Jim, I remember Jan, character that she was, working on an appointment worthy of Jim's good ministry when they were up for a move from Spirit Lake. She made hopes and expectations clear to Bishop Jordan threatening to show up and "sit on his lap" if necessary. Some months ago I made it a point to visit Jan in her home in Washington IA. I had missed being at Jim's Celebration of Life service. We had a good time sharing and reminiscing and her flair for life was most evident in both her personality, humor, and elaborate home decorations that filled each space even the front entrance basement and storage areas which she was proud to show me.

ward young - March 24 at 12:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jeanette "Jan" Stiles.



March 23 at 11:32 PM



“ We were saddened to learn of Jan's passing. She was such a delightful, energetic, joyful spirit!

Revs. Paul & Gayle Wilcox - March 23 at 10:54 PM



“ Jan always brought a smile and lots of laughs to the teacher's lounge at Sawyer in Ames. Loved working with her as a parent and teacher friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jamie and Jeff, and your families.

Marie Schropp - March 23 at 09:58 PM



“ We moved into the Associate's parsonage at Cedar Falls some years following Jim and Jan. We loved the house but kind of felt like it was always "Jim and Jan's house!" :-). It was a pleasure to follow them there and hear the stories. It has remained a pleasure to connect with either of them when the opportunity presented itself. This pair exemplified much of what Jesus modeled: Jim always had time for people; and Jan knew she was loved and didn't have to fit anyone else's expectations!! How refreshing!!!
Jane Moen and Paul Frederiksen

Paul Frederiksen - March 23 at 06:39 PM



“ Jan Stiles was always a breath of fresh air. She was a perceptive soul, in keeping with her Quaker roots, the “inner light” in her was not hidden. Her husband, Jim, served at Collegiate/Wesley Foundation with me from 1983-92, and my wife, Betty, and I developed a wonderful friendship with them which deepened over the years. Jan was possessed by a loving and compassionate heart which she generously shared in the life of the church and the education community. She was an original in ways which blessed so many on our journey. We thank God that the lives of both Jan and Jim Stiles: for they, being dead, yet liveth. Peace be with them. Rev. David and Betty Stout

David Stout - March 23 at 05:49 PM



“ Your mom was such a joy! Duayne and I will miss her smile and energy and love for Sophie! We so loved having her at book study and UMW and church. It is still hard to believe. Love and prayers for all - Cindy and Duayne Seberg.



Cindy Seberg - March 23 at 03:40 PM



“ Jan will definately be missed. She was just loving person that just lit up a room when she entered it. I will always treasure my memories of her. Like the song goes...Memories Bring Back Memories Bring Back Memories. -Betty Sangel

Betty Sangel - March 22 at 02:10 PM



“ Jan was such fun person and loved opening her home to groups and friends. She also loved sharing the story of meeting Jim at William Penn College and how she knew he'd be her husband one day. My life was enriched by Jan and her dear Jim.

Marde McConnell - March 21 at 01:30 AM



“ So many memories with the Stiles family in Cedar Falls & Spirit Lake, IA. Jan was a gem in everyone's life when you met her. Ann Gamble

Ann Gamble - March 20 at 05:11 PM



“ We are so very sorry to hear of Jan's passing. We got to know Pastor Jim and Jan when they were assigned to First United Methodist Church in Mason City, IA. They were both very much true followers of Jesus and an inspiration to all. We will always remember how they were servants of God and always putting others first. May you cherish the memories and may God hold you close in this time of sorrow. Praying for you all during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy....Chuck and Karla Bennett

Karla Bennett - March 18 at 09:42 PM



“ I remember waiting for our new Pastor to be revealed. A rather slower paced Jim, strolled in from another direction after Jan made her grand entrance and for a split second, I thought..... wow, we're going to shake up this little town :) They were a blessing to our community and quickly became family to all. We're all a bit better for our paths to have crossed.

Jack/Lisa Horn - March 17 at 12:51 PM



“ Jan lit up every life she touched! She is now with the love of her life and both are watching over family and their many friends. We miss you Jan.



Dana Rembold - March 17 at 10:10 AM