



Jane Whitaker

January 17, 1940 - July 12, 2019

Jane Theresa Whitaker, age 79, of Huntersville, NC, passed away on Friday, July 12, 2019. She was born in Cincinnati, OH, the daughter of the late Omer Spencer Whitaker and Katherine Elizabeth (nee Schaulk) Whitaker.

Jane grew up in Mount Airy, OH near Cincinnati. She attended Little Flower Elementary and Our Lady of Angels High School in Saint Bernard. Jane excelled at athletics and greatly enjoyed both softball and bowling. She graduated high school in 1958 and married Jerry Stephenson in 1961. Jane and Jerry had four children, daughter Debbie (deceased), daughter Laura (1963), son Kelly (1964), and son Michael (1968). Jane and Jerry divorced in 1976.

Jane raised her three children as a single working mother on a modest wage in tireless support of the family. She was an exemplary model of perseverance, courage, and thriftiness. She worked at United Dairy Farmers until her retirement and relocated to Charlotte, NC to be closer to her daughter and enjoy warmer weather. Jane loved boating with the Minogue's on Lake Norman in addition to many hours of volunteering at the local animal shelter and the nearby hospital.

Jane also enjoyed the outdoors and loved physical adventures to include camping, biking, hiking, parasailing, zip lining, or snorkeling during many vacations with her sons and family members. Jane was also a huge pet lover and gifted gardener seen most days in North Carolina working in the yard or on a walk with her dog Daisy.

For the past five years she fought a ferocious battle with cancer. Her strength, courage, and fierce independence left her family in awe. Jane is survived by her three children Laura (Pete), Kelly (Julie), and Michael (Laura), six grandchildren (Roland, Grace, Katie, Clare, Audrey, and Silas), and four siblings, Myrna, Don (Kathy), Kathy (Tom), Carol (Jake), and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Jane was a parish member of St. Mark Catholic Church. A Memorial Mass will be held for

Jane at 11:00 am, Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at St. Mark Catholic Church, 14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC, 28078. The family will hold a reception immediately following the service at the Doyers Clubhouse in The Hamptons neighborhood.

Doyers Clubhouse
15800 Doyers Drive
Huntersville, NC 28078

Memorials in Jane's memory may be made to the Cornelius Animal Shelter, 19110 Meridian Street, Cornelius, NC 28031 or <https://www.cornelius.org/266/Donations>. James Funeral Home is serving the family and condolences may be sent to them through our website at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com.

Events

JUL **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Mark Catholic Church

14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC, US, 28078

Comments



“ Beverly Moss lit a candle in memory of Jane Whitaker



Beverly Moss - July 25 at 05:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jane Whitaker.



July 24 at 07:37 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jane Whitaker.



July 22 at 10:55 PM



“ Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Whitaker.



July 20 at 02:35 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Whitaker.



July 19 at 02:10 PM



“ To the best Mom, Mother in Law, and Grandmother (Meem) that we could have ever asked for. Jane lived life with a Tenacity of Purpose, Integrity & Compassion. Rest in Peace. Forever grateful.

With love,

Laura, Roland III, Roland IV & Katie Minogue



Roland Minogue - July 19 at 10:47 AM



“ The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

Bereavement Ministry Team - July 17 at 09:40 AM



“ I knew Jane when she volunteered at Novant. She was always so pleasant and friendly to everyone. She talked about her children and grandchildren with so much love.

My only regret is that we lost touch when she became ill and my husband became very ill. God bless.

Barbara Merriman - July 16 at 04:40 PM