



Jane Fleischbein

April 20, 1953 - April 5, 2016

Jane Helen Fleischbein, 62, died with her husband by her side after an almost three-year battle with ovarian cancer.

She was born to Alan Theodore (Ted) and Marjorie Fleischbein on April 20, 1953, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jane and her family moved from White Bear Lake, Minnesota, to Seattle, Washington, in 1957, where they lived in West Queen Anne and then Lawtonwood. She attended high school at Helen Bush, graduating in 1971, and she always spoke fondly of her time there.

After high school, Jane left home to begin work in a wide range of occupations, starting as a teacher's aide at Fairhaven, Western Washington University, then working as a counselor in Bellingham and Seattle. In 1977, she moved on to become a park ranger at Fort Canby State Park in Ilwaco, Washington, and then an assistant teacher.

It was during the '70s that Jane caught the commercial fishing bug, and began her life on a salmon troller. She fished on the FV Mona and really took to life on the water. But, she had trouble with seasickness, and the smell of diesel would get her started feeling nauseated. When she went home after the season was over, she rode city buses and would sit in the back so she would

smell the fumes and not associate the smell with being sick. It showed such determination to continue fishing! (Always thinking rationally as well...)

When the Boldt decision changed commercial salmon seasons, she wanted to continue life on the water, so her next stop was Clatsop Community College in Astoria where she obtained an associate's degree in oceanographic technology. She then began working in the School of Oceanography at Oregon State University in 1981, first as a student worker while she finished her Bachelor of Arts from Evergreen College in Olympia, and later as a Faculty Research Assistant. Jane excelled at this job: she participated in countless research cruises to study the waters off Oregon, California, Peru, Ecuador and those in the far western Equatorial Pacific Ocean. Jane recruited and trained volunteers and graduate students to work at sea safely and effectively; she organized logistics and devised sampling protocols; she processed, archived, and analyzed oceanographic data. She published technical reports, developed and maintained a website, and was co-author of several scientific papers. She was widely respected and appreciated by professors, students, technicians and crew members alike; she made friends wherever she went. Her work at sea and ashore was essential to the fundamental research that has advanced our understanding of ocean currents and phenomena such as coastal upwelling, seasonal variations, and the ocean's response to El Nino.

Even while working full time as an oceanographer and raising her family, Jane was always interested in learning and in new opportunities. She was always taking one college course or another; she earned a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in nursing while continuing to work full time.

She first took leave from her work as an oceanographer to deliver mail for the U.S. Postal Service in Astoria for several months. A decade later, Jane taught

second grade at Lincoln School for two years. After her retirement from OSU in 2009, Jane worked first as a nurse in Corvallis and Lebanon in the Samaritan Health System, and then as a public health nurse and public health nurse supervisor with the Linn County Public Health Department. She always said that her favorite nursing work was in public health.

Jane's love of nature wasn't limited to the ocean. She was a hiker, skier and birder; she loved to see wildlife in their environment. With her planning and organizing skill, she made it possible for many friends and family to enjoy the natural world with her.

Jane was a conscientious citizen. She served on the Benton County Planning Commission for several years, and was deeply concerned about environmental issues and sustainability. Most recently, she was involved in local emergency planning, serving on the Stoneybrook Village Preparedness Committee and the Linn County Medical Reserve Corps.

Jane is survived by her husband, Danny Kugler, daughter Hali Kugler and granddaughter Cameron Ryan Ensor, all of Corvallis; brother Mark Fleischbein and sister-in-law Flora Tenzler of Anacortes, Washington; many cousins; and numerous friends who will all miss her sunny smile and friendly disposition. She will sorely be missed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, 1101 14th Street NW, Suite 850, Washington, D.C. 20005 (www.ovariancancer.org).

Tribute Wall



Joy
Chase

“ *This news shocked and saddened me. Jane was a delight to know as a friend and to work with in disaster preparedness. We shared some wonderful laughs and her smile, witty comebacks, and friendship will be greatly missed. Miss you Jane.*

Joy Chase - May 05, 2016 at 10:08 PM



PC

“ *I first met Jane when she came to do her internship with Public Health for her BSN degree. We quickly realized her value and lured her to work with public health after she finished her degree. Jane was an incredible woman, smart, quick learner, cheerful and wonderful employee. She moved into supervisor for our emergency preparedness, communicable disease and immunization program. I so appreciate her common sense approach and gentle nature. We had many good laughs and solved a lot of problems, or so we thought. She will be missed terribly. Thank you Jane for teaching me many valuable lessons. Pat Crozier*

Pat Crozier - April 15, 2016 at 06:15 PM

JT

“ I first met Jane when she joined our Maternal Child Health team at Linn County Public Health. Jane was a wonderful Public Health Nurse – she loved the work and the service. Jane always had an openness, that warm smile, and a playful sense of humor. She listened thoughtfully and shared her feelings and honest interpretation of things. She was dedicated to our Linn-Benton community, and she loved learning and tackling challenges. Jane was a natural leader – when she saw or was faced with a problem, she dug into the heart of the issue, learned everything she could about it, and then pulled together a team and a solution that worked. Jane was a friend. I will miss her, and I will think of her often with warmth, a chuckle, and a smile.

Judy Treanor

Judy Treanor - April 15, 2016 at 03:19 PM

LF

“ Jane and I met while going to sea. We spent many hours on watch together. What I remember was the fun, Jane would always bring a few toys to entertain ourselves. We once put a silly slide show together about a princess and a frog. Jane brought the toys and helped write the story, while others made the clothing and set it to music. She also brought these toys that were of various shapes that would swell in water, some how they made it into water bottles and under pillows. We had many laughs which made the long hours at sea memorable. She was always kind and thoughtful which was also very much appreciated. I miss her.



Linda Fayler - April 11, 2016 at 10:04 PM

DW

“ I first knew Jane's husband Danny when we both worked at the EPA lab in the late 1980s. Then Jane and Danny moved in across the street from us in Timberhill. But I got to know Jane much better when we both served on the Corvallis Planning Commission in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Jane was a steady comrade on the Planning Commission, coming prepared often with penetrating comments and questions for staff, applicants, and testifiers. After our days on the Planning Commission, Jane and Danny moved to the rural area north of Lebanon. I knew that she had gone to nursing school. She was a wonderful person and I'm sad that I didn't see more of her in recent years.

Denis White - April 09, 2016 at 11:06 AM

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Denis White - April 09, 2016 at 10:51 AM

SB

“ I fondly remember Jane's heartfelt laugh and smile. All while telling us what she really thought about a particular topic. She was always caring and wanted to help the community. Even after retiring she was active with the Medical Reserve Corps. Jane, you will be greatly missed.

Sarah Bates - April 08, 2016 at 11:07 PM

LC

“ Jane was too young, too vibrant, too beautiful to lose. In our Emergency Preparedness Team, she was the wheel, the creativity, the vitality that spurred us on. Even near the end of her days, there was a sparkle in her eyes, a playfulness in her spirit and an eagerness to be active, caring, and to make a difference. And she always did.



Linda Chisholm - April 07, 2016 at 03:59 PM

JW

“ I met Jane because she worked in Oceanography with my husband, Marc. When Hali was born, Jane believed Hali could go to work with her and be content to sleep while Jane worked. Hali had other ideas and I became Hali's care provider. That was the start of a very long friendship. I was there when Jane decided to become a teacher and teach at Lincoln School. Then when she decided to go to nursing school, we had a few discussions about that. She excelled at everything she did. Jane always had a smile on her face. Marc and I visited with Jane on Saturday and although her appearance had changed when she smiled and laughed, she was the same Jane I've known for years. She will be missed by me and all of my family.
Julie Willis

Julie Willis - April 07, 2016 at 11:43 AM

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Adriana Huyer - April 06, 2016 at 10:38 PM

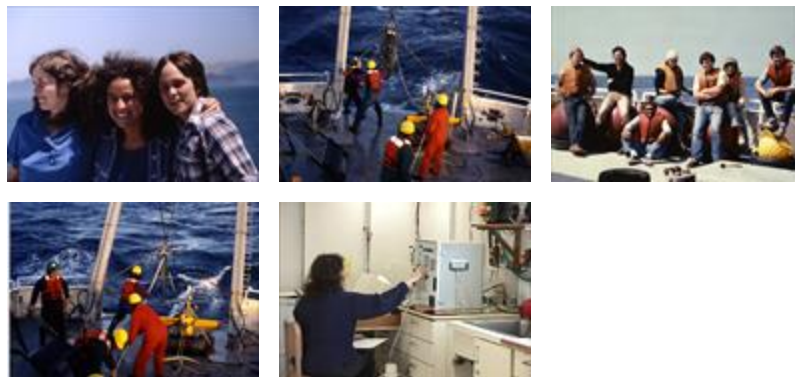
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“ It was a pleasure to sail with Jane on many, many cruises - off Oregon, California, Peru, and in the far western Pacific. And to work with her in the office - one cannot imagine a better research assistant. Jane, thank you for the memories.

Adriana Huyer - April 06, 2016 at 10:12 PM

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