



Janet R. Mosley

February 8, 1946 - June 12, 2013

Janet “Jan” Mosley died Wednesday, June 12, while asleep at her home in Corvallis, in the presence of her family.

Jan was born in Pendleton to Vernon and Eula Atchison Hollingsworth. She graduated from Blue River High School and completed several college courses. Jan wore many hats during a long working career.

She served as a police officer in Pendleton, Hermiston and Albany before joining Oregon State University, where she served as secretary of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center, secretary to the OSU Faculty Senate, and department manager of the departments of Fisheries and Wildlife, Civil and Construction Engineering, and Chemical and Environmental Engineering.

Jan was an avid reader of fiction and proud owner of the complete works of Stephen King. She also enjoyed colorful humor, knitting, needlepoint, good movies, travel and her many feline friends. As a youngster she often could be found astride a horse, “Lady,” or motorcycle. Jan derived great pleasure from a large circle of friends and was devoted to each.

Jan retained her cheerful, nurturing nature throughout a prolonged illness and actively participated in planning for her demise. We will remember her as a

loving wife, mother and grandmother who never forgot a birthday, and as a loyal, steadfast friend. For those of us who knew her well, the world will be a lesser place without Janet Ruth Mosley.

Jan was preceded in death by parents Eula and Vernon Hollingsworth; siblings Gerald Hollingsworth, Joan Phipps and Carol Replinger; and nephews Robert Bowman and Jonathan Phipps. She is survived by husband Alvin Mosley; former husband Ronald Schmidt; children Shane (Kim) Schmidt and Shyla (Jason) Johnson; grandchildren Blake Henry and Landon Johnson; stepchildren Dan (Kari) Mosley and Jessica (Glenn) Keiper; and six step-grandchildren.

A celebration of Jan's life will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at the Clubhouse, 6097 N.E. Ebony Lane, Adair Village. Memorials in lieu of flowers can be made to Benton Hospice Service, the Oregon Humane Society or local humane societies.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *I miss you mamma.*

Shyla - July 27, 2013 at 12:54 AM

KY

“ *So sad to hear of Jan's passing. She was a wonderful lady, always good fun and with such a great outlook. We always remember fondly the trip downunder with Shyla and the visit with us. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.
Kylee, Juan and Lila.*

Kylee - July 11, 2013 at 11:21 PM

KN

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Jan's passing. My heart goes out to her family. She was an amazing woman...funny, lively, sincere, and truly interested in people. She brightened many a day here in the Fisheries and Wildlife Department at OSU. I really missed her when she moved to another department. Thanks Jan....thinking of you.
Kim Nelson*

Kim Nelson - July 01, 2013 at 07:44 PM

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P Sawyer - June 26, 2013 at 02:46 PM

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P Sawyer - June 26, 2013 at 02:43 PM

GE

“ *What a beautiful person! A Basil Chicken Sandwich with pasta salad will be for lunch tomorrow. Jan you will be missed. Your friend Gary*



Gary Evans - June 24, 2013 at 11:40 PM

DE

“ Dear Al and Family,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Jan was a remarkable woman--quite the lively lady. She always had a great sense of humor and a great attitude about things, no matter how ugly it got. In fact, when a colleague told me she had died, I asked if he was certain about his information, because although I knew she had been ill again, she was always good for a practical joke!

Jan was the office manager in Fisheries and Wildlife when I was hired and was a great help to me in trying to figure out the OSU system. However, there were times when I was never really sure if she was pulling my leg or not. To her credit, she never let me dangle long before straightening me out with a chuckle. Once I came to recognize that twinkle in her eye, she rarely fooled me again. That didn't keep her from trying!

I hope the opportunity to bring family and friends together for a celebration of life well-lived will provide you with a sense of closure. I won't be able to attend, but you can be sure that I will be thinking of all of you, especially Jan.

Dan Edge

Dan Edge - June 24, 2013 at 10:15 PM

DM

“ Ahhh jeez, Jan. People come in and out of our lives and some, like you, seem like they were always a part of me, even when we only saw each other every couple of years. A smile, a question about me or someone we knew, a joke, a focus on the people around you. You always made everyone feel welcome in your home, your office, anywhere. My heart goes out to Al and your family. Thank you, Jan.

Doug Markle - June 24, 2013 at 09:26 PM

DM

“ *Diane Matusevich lit a candle in memory of Janet R. Mosley*



Diane Matusevich - June 24, 2013 at 04:25 PM

MP

“ *I am saddened at the loss of Jan. My condolences to all of her family. As you all know, Jan was a knitter and I met her at the yarn shop that I owned. Whenever she came in to the shop, I loved talking with her and helping her choose yarns for all of the gifts she would make. Even on days when she wasn't feeling her best, she was cheerful and thankful and always thinking of others. Gifts for her Doctors, Nurses and close friends were at the top of her list. She could always make me laugh. She is one of those people that I will always remember fondly. Jan, you will be missed.*

Michele Powell

Michele Powell - June 24, 2013 at 03:45 PM

TW

“ *When Al & Jan moved in across the road from us, over 20 years ago, Jan was so worried that we would not be cat lovers. She was thrilled when I said, "We have 12---we love cats!" It was the beginning of a wonderful friendship. Jan was a great neighbor---always there when needed. She will always be missed.*

Terry Wetzel - June 23, 2013 at 08:07 AM

PS

“ My friendship with Jan happened by the merest chance. As a new home computer user in October of 1996, I'd wandered into an online chat room, rather appropriately called "Cat Chat". It was there that I met Jan who immediately welcomed me into the fold. What started that night became a friendship that lasted for almost seventeen years, long after our little "chat room" had become just a memory.

Jan and I first met face to face, in August of 1997 when she and Alvin made a trip to Prince Edward Island, Canada, where Alvin was attending a potato conference. After the conference ended, Jan and I then travelled to Arnold, Maryland, where we met other members of our little online group. I shall always remember that trip with humour and great affection. In February of 1998 Jan made a second trip to our home in New Brunswick, she wanted to see "snow". We were happy to oblige.

Through the years we kept in touch through mail, the occasional phone call, and tons of e-mail. Jan was an absolute pleasure to know, smart, and wickedly funny. Through treatment and chemo she never lost her sense of humour nor the will to fight. Her loss came far too soon.

I am privileged to have known Janet "Shelby" Mosley, and deeply honoured to have called her "friend". Gonna miss you, littermate.

Paula Sawyer
New Scotland, NB
Canada

P Sawyer - June 22, 2013 at 01:21 PM

GB

“ Al and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Janet was a wonderful person, I very much enjoyed meeting her and visiting on the grounds of your property. If there is anything I can do even if it is just hitting some balls around let me know.

Gary Blacklock
541-971-2772

Gary Blacklock - June 22, 2013 at 12:05 PM

GB

“ Gary Blacklock lit a candle in memory of Janet R. Mosley



Gary Blacklock - June 22, 2013 at 11:55 AM

DJ

“ I remember working for Janet back in 2002/2003 in the Civil Engineering department. I was filling in for her while she was having chemo treatments. What a JOY to have known Janet. She was always up beat and nothing ever got her down. I feel privileged to have known her over the years. I will never forget the conversations we had about her cats. Such beautiful cats!! Janet was a beautiful person and I will never forget her. My prayers are with her family and friends.

Debbie Jensen - June 18, 2013 at 11:50 AM