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Janet Nadine Raffensperger, age 88, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2025, in Redmond, Oregon.

Janet was born on May 5, 1937, in Webster City, Iowa, to William and Irene Bryan. She was raised in Charles City, Iowa, and later earned her nursing degree from the University of Iowa, where she also played bagpipes in the Highlander Marching Band.

On November 5, 1960, Janet married Paul Raffensperger, and together they built a life centered on family, community, and shared adventure. In 1963, they moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where they raised their children, Parke and Kristen. Janet remained in Corvallis for over 60 years before moving to Redmond in 2024.

Janet dedicated much of her professional life to caring for others as a women's health care nurse practitioner at the Oregon State University Student Health Center. Her compassion, wisdom, and advocacy made a lasting impact on generations of students and colleagues.

Beyond her career, Janet lived a life rich in passion and curiosity. She was an accomplished pianist, a devoted fan of foreign films and live theater, and an avid reader. Her love of travel took her and Paul around the globe in their retirement years, collecting memories and stories from many cultures.

Janet and Paul loved the Oregon coast and spent as much time as possible at their cabin in Lincoln City. This was also a favorite for her grandchildren as well.

Janet was also a devoted member of PEO, an organization that provides scholarships for women. She joined in 1957 and was still a member at the time of her passing. She met many lifetime friends through PEO and spent many hours alongside her sisters working to provide scholarships to women in order to help them meet their educational goals.

She is survived by her children, Parke Raffensperger (Corrie) and Kristen Rondeau (Greg); her grandchildren, Drew Raffensperger, Lindsay Zika (Daniel), Matthew Raffensperger, Bridget Raffensperger, Claire Raffensperger, Hannah King (Garret), and Henry Rondeau (Hannah); and her great-grandchildren, Waylon King, Wyatt King, and Margot Zika. Her brother Gerry Bryan and her niece Heather Bryan-Gillen.

A memorial service will be held on October 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis, Oregon, with an open house to follow (location to be announced).

Memorial contributions may be made to P.E.O. Chapter DQ. (Janet will be recognized in a Named Scholarship within the P.E.O. Oregon State Chapter Charitable Trust).

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

OCT 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

PS

“ Janet was a good friend of my mother Charlotte Sinclair. Charlotte and John greatly enjoyed Janet and Paul and shared many wonderful memories together. Sending my condolences. - Peggy Sinclair

Peggy Sinclair - October 24, 2025 at 03:21 PM

SB

“ Janet and I formed a close friendship when we shared a full-time nursing position at OSU Student Health Service. It required good communication between us in order to not only meet the needs at work, but also to fully cover the bases for our young families at home. A key ingredient to making it all work was a sense of humor with laughter. I remember the two of us encouraging each other, as Janet learned to play bagpipes and I attempted to survive while rolling a kayak. Fond memories of a very special friend.

Please accept my condolences.
Susan Brown

Susan Brown - July 15, 2025 at 08:27 PM

CG

“ What a gift it was to know Janet. I met her when I started working at OSU Student Health Services. She and Paul were also clients of me when I was working as a Travel Agent, and we also knew each other in our Book Club. She was a gracious, kind and loving person and will be missed by all who knew her. Prayers are with the family as they suffer this loss.

Carol (Cari) Gleason

Carol Gleason - July 15, 2025 at 05:05 PM

CL

“ Janet was a great mentor to me at Oregon State University Student Health Services as I worked to create the Health Promotion Department there. Her sweet disposition, ready smile and wry sense of humor made her a favorite colleague to check facts on pieces I was doing in her subject of women’s health care.

To Janet’s family, I send my sincere condolences.

Cheryl Graham Leonard - July 14, 2025 at 04:02 AM

JO

“ Janet and I worked together at OSU Student Health Services for many years. We even got to meet Paul during social gatherings and discovered his great sense of humor. What a wonderful couple. When Janet commissioned an art sculpture from Raymond Hunter my mom Trudy was so impressed she did the same. I still have hers on my covered porch in Sisters today and always think of Janet every time I see it. My condolences to Janet's family, your mom was one of a kind we will miss her too. Sincerely, Judy McCann

Judy McCann, Sisters, OR - July 11, 2025 at 10:10 PM

TS

“ I met Janet thru her daughter-in-law over 30 years ago. She was such a warm, friendly and interesting woman with a great smile. Paul and Janet, Kristin and Parke, and their families have made, and are making the world a better place. Janet’s life was a life well lived. May she rest in peace. Love and prayers for healing sent for all of her loved ones.



Tamra Sacchi - July 11, 2025 at 02:35 PM

RF

“ *Dear Family,
Janet was my PEO Sister. She was always helpful giving thoughtful loving Sister. We enjoyed her sense of humor. She was very helpful to me when my husband died.
Please accept my condolences.
with Love & Sympathy.
Love,
Roberta Fox*

Roberta Fox - July 08, 2025 at 08:43 AM