



Jane Dudley

November 24, 1932 - January 7, 2023

Donna Jane “Jane” (Chandler) Dudley passed away peacefully of old age on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at Our Lady Of Peace Hospice in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Jane's ashes will be kept in an urn until spring for a Memorial Service and Celebration of Life. An invitation will be forthcoming.

Jane was born the eighth of nine children to William Willard Chandler and Hally Jane Howard on 24 November 1932 on the family farm in Bremer County, Iowa. At a young age, Jane helped out with her nieces and nephews who were born to her older brothers and sisters. So many of you have fond memories with “Aunt Jane.” At the age of 12, Jane moved off the farm with her parents to Plainfield, Iowa. Jane attended the school there and participated in the girl's basketball team. Many of the women in the Chandler family played the piano, and so did Jane. She played and sang at the Plainfield Methodist church. Upon graduation, she went to Iowa State Teacher's College for two years and obtained a teaching degree. She joined a sorority and a glee club. She met her husband, William (Bill) Henry Dudley there. Jane's first teaching job was in Green, Iowa. She married Bill Dudley on 5 June 1955. They moved to Richfield, Minnesota. She taught first grade there. She also supported Bill through two years of service in the Marines and several more as a reservist. She also supported Bill in his career endeavors in the investment world. Jane was a pretty, talented and outgoing wife who showed hospitality to out-of-town guests and hosted parties. Bill should be eternally grateful to her for her role in

his career success. Very many "IDS" people have such fond memories of Jane and her kindness. Jane and Bill adopted Eric Edward Dudley in 1960. After a move to Wooddale Drive in Edina, they adopted Rebecca Jane in 1962. Jane was a wonderful and attentive mother. There are countless memories of birthday parties, Christmas, Halloween, summers at the lake, homemade, sit-down dinners and everything else. Later, when the six grandchildren came along, Jane was the continued source of activities and a warm home. She adored her children and grandchildren. She conveyed love in everything she did.

Jane loved the arts. She went to the University of Minnesota in the 1970's for a design degree. She did part-time interior decorating and worked at CG Rein Art Galleries. She was a volunteer for the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra and started/managed a small gift shop in the lobby. For many years she sang in the choir and was part of a "Clown Ministry" with Good Samaritan UMC. For many years Jane was a member of the Minneapolis Women's Club. She wore many hats there. She served on the housing committee and assisted in upgrades to several rooms there. She was part of the yearly Christmas program and served on the Travel Committee. Jane loved music and started guitar lessons in her late thirties! She attended concerts and supported the Minnesota Opera. Jane gave her time and attention to many people. She assisted friends and family who were in need in private ways that only she knows. She gave one hundred percent to everything she did and to everyone she was with. Yet, she was very content to be alone and read a book. Thank you to everyone who was Jane's friend throughout the years.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents and eight brothers and sisters, and also her granddaughter Halley Ann. She is survived by her husband Bill, and son, Eric (sons Henry and Daniel), and daughter Rebecca (Eva, Warren and Earl.), and great grandson Micah Leo Dudley.

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Tribute Wall

LD

“ I never even knew my Aunt Jane died! She was my godmother, and I still remember how she sewed Barbie clothes for my sister and I when we were little. I saw her last in 1990 at a Dudley family reunion at my Father's house in Washington and she was as beautiful as ever. I had so hoped to see her again one day.

Laura L Dudley - February 16, 2024 at 03:04 PM

RH

“ I was a kid at a group home where Eric worked and one summer I got to meet Jane at her house in Annandale. She made me and the other kids feel like it was our house, she served us a great meal and offered us great company. I just thought people should know.
Sincerely, Randy Huston

Randy Huston - February 09, 2023 at 10:41 PM

DS

Very sweet comments!!!

debra snow - February 10, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ Jane Dudley

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

LI

“ We will miss her voice, her wit and Jane's warmth. Ernie and I have many wonderful memories of Jane. We send our prayers and condolences to the Dudley family. She will be missed by many.
Ernie and Linda Goodwin.

Linda - January 18, 2023 at 06:20 PM

RJ

“ Dear Mr. Dudley, Eric, and Becky, I am sending my deepest sympathies at this difficult time. ♡ ~Bobby Simms

Robert A. Simms Jr. - January 10, 2023 at 05:48 PM

RE

Thank you, Bobby, that means a lot. Wishing you the best. Becky

Rebeca - January 12, 2023 at 12:09 AM

RG

“ Jane was "my" bright light! She took me under her wing as soon as I moved to Minneapolis. We both felt I was her younger self. We had so many personal things in common. She was my mentor. I looked to her for advice as I was learning to navigate a world I had not known. She was smart, sophisticated and savvy! She said it like it is. I truly admired her honesty and incredible sense of humor! She never ceased to make me laugh. And I mean belly laughs. I would often get stomach aches from laughing. Jane was one of a kind and I will surely miss her. She was beautiful inside and out.

Roberta Golub - January 10, 2023 at 02:49 PM

BE

Hello Roberta! Yes, Mom talked to me often about how she was "just an Iowa farm girl." She had to learn how to get up to speed on being a city girl and the wife of a corporate man. I think she did a great job at taking on that task. She definitely rose to the occasion.

Becky - January 11, 2023 at 12:12 PM

MB

“ Aunt Jane was a very talented women! I always enjoyed seeing her at family reunions. She was a great support to me as my brother and two sisters passed away! My love and support is sent to her family! Mary Chandler Bruhn

Mary Chandler Bruhn - January 09, 2023 at 06:03 PM

RE

Thank you, Mary!

Rebecca - January 12, 2023 at 09:08 AM

RE

Hello Mary, I received your card yesterday. Thank you for the very nice message and the photo. I will cherish the photo. I am sure Mom/Aunt Jane was welcomed by all her brothers and sisters and enjoying their company now.

Rebecca - January 13, 2023 at 09:45 AM

BE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Becky - January 09, 2023 at 03:57 PM

LB

Becky and Eric, you were so young and adorable in that picture! Your Mother was beautiful and loved you both so very much and your children as well 😍❤️

Lou Ann Baker - January 10, 2023 at 08:14 AM

BE

Eric and I were just talking about this photo. It was Thanksgiving day and it had just snowed. We were at our house on Tupa Drive in Breamar Hills, Edina. There is a woodsy hill in the backyard. We think the photo was taken with a 35mm with a timer Eric had--the latest technology!!! Not sure of the year, but Eric was in Senior High and I was in Junior High. Mom has a "Nancy Reagan" coat on!!! Love it :)

Becky - January 11, 2023 at 12:15 PM

JG

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John Grover Born in Duluth, last saw Dudley playing a round of golf somewhere in twin cities perhaps in 1960's.

John Grover - October 13, 2024 at 07:32 PM

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John Grover - October 13, 2024 at 07:39 PM