



Janet Woods

January 30, 1956 - September 21, 2016

On September 21, Janet passed away due to circumstances brought on by her battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was with her loving husband as she peacefully passed into the care of her Heavenly Father.

Janet was born January 30, 1956 in Portland, OR to William and Emily Lee. She was raised in Sylmar, CA where she attended and graduated from Sylmar High School.

In Sylmar she met Mark Woods, shortly before he left for his LDS mission in Ohio. Upon his return they reconnected and she knew he was the man she wanted to marry. They began to date and were married in the Los Angeles Temple, July 18, 1975. From 1976 to 1986, Janet and Mark welcomed sons Brad, Robbie, Kevin and Russell.

In 1979 Janet and Mark moved their young family to Orem, UT. There they would reside in the same home for 37 years, making wonderful friends who have been a tremendous support throughout her life and especially through her trials relating to Alzheimer's disease.

Matthew Chapter 22 teaches us, "Jesus said..., Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

There is no more fitting tribute to Janet than to say she lived these two commandments every day of her life. Janet was introduced to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Young Women's organization of the LDS Church in Sylmar, CA. She joined the church as a teenager and spent the rest of her life in service. Hundreds of families will remember the fresh baked bread delivered upon moving into the neighborhood, fresh cookies, homemade quilts, towels with hoods for new babies, and countless other acts of service she performed with no thought for herself.

Even as the effects of Alzheimer's became more pronounced, Janet never lost the desire or ability to share her testimony of the Gospel, participate in the Ward Choir, read her

scriptures daily, and pray to her Heavenly Father day and night. She truly loved the Lord and faithfully lived the first and great commandment.

Janet showed this love through service in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Over the years she served in the Primary, Relief Society, Ward Choir and many other callings. Service in the Temple was especially important to her. With the help of family and friends Janet served in the Temple as often as circumstances permitted, usually weekly. She dedicated her life and positive attitude to supporting Mark in his callings and serving by his side. Perhaps most dear to her heart was the time spent serving in the Young Women's Organization, going to Girl's Camp, and making a lasting impact on those she served.

Janet loved her sons, and her life became more complete as Jenni, Melinda and Jocelyne joined the family. They were not in-laws to her, but were the daughters that Janet always wanted and she loved them as her own. Over the last 12 years Janet found joy in her cherished title of Grandma, and showed the grandkids her affection with her loving hugs.

Janet is survived by her husband Mark, sons Brad (Jenni), Robbie (Melinda) and Kevin (Jocelyne). Parents-in-law Ed and Olive, brothers Greg (Alaine) and Steve and sisters Celia and Carolyn (Elliot). Grandchildren Abbi, Ian, Luis, Olivia, Graham, Mark, Henry and Anna. Preceded in death by grandparents, parents and son Russell.

The Woods family would like to extend special thanks to the angels on earth who cared for Janet and loved her. In particular, Sister Ada Wilson, who for years took Janet to the temple weekly, and Curves and the Aspen Center daily so Mark could work and meet his responsibilities. Also, special thanks to her friends at Curves, Ward and Stake members who watched out for her and helped her home from her occasional "walks," and who loved and cared for her as a sister. Last but certainly not least we would like to recognize her lifelong and eternal best friend, Linda Whitaker. Alzheimer's took the light from Janet's eyes but it would return for her family, her grandkids and always for her loving friend Linda.

The family would also like to thank the dedicated caregivers at the Morgan Senior Activity Center, Aspen Senior Center, the University of Utah memory care team and social work team who provided excellent and loving care to Janet and our family.

We are comforted by the knowledge that families are forever and that we will see our wife, daughter, mother, and grandmother again. Janet is now free to watch her grandkids play and grow in a way that was not possible for her on Earth and for that we thank our

Heavenly Father.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Aspen Senior Center in Provo, Utah in Janet's name.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, September 28th, at 11:00 am, at the Sunset Heights Stake Center, 1260 South 400 West, Orem, Utah, where Visitations will be held Tuesday, September 27th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and prior to services on Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in Orem City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT, 84097

Events

SEP 27 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM
Sunset Heights Stake Center
1260 South 400 West, Orem, UT, US

SEP 28 Visitation 09:30AM - 10:30AM
Sunset Heights Stake Center
1260 South 400 West, Orem, UT, US

SEP 28 Funeral Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM
Sunset Heights Stake Center
1260 South 400 West, Orem, UT, US

Comments



“ Sorry for your loss, she is at peace now. I went to San Fernando Ward and remember the family well. Currently in Cave Junction Oregon. Prayer's to you all!
Sandy Currie

Sandy Currie - March 31, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ Mario and I are so sorry to hear of Janet's passing, Mark.

I have thought of her with gratitude often over the years. I recall her coming to visit teach me when I was expecting our first child - Brad was only a few months old himself - and Janet and I had much in common. She was diligent and I am very thankful now that she was. It was through her friendship and commitment as my first visiting teacher that I came back to activity in the church shortly after Gina's birth.

We remember both of you with fondness as we ponder our many blessings in the gospel, and are thankful for your love and support at the time of Mario's baptism. I can still picture you in our living room, teaching him, as his Elder's Quorum president.

We will keep you and your family in our prayers for both the loss of your beloved wife and your dear mother.

Mario and Holly Valenti

Holly Valenti - October 10, 2016 at 01:59 AM



“ What an inspiration Janet has been as she has faithfully attended the temple so often. My family will be forever grateful to her for the help she has given to us by performing work there on behalf of our ancestors. She has also been a great example to me as she has faithfully served as my visiting teaching companion for the last few years. I have appreciated the opportunity to learn from her. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

Shannon Lehr - September 28, 2016 at 07:17 AM



“ I always enjoyed Janet bearing her sweet testimony in Fast and Testimony Meeting. What a wonderful example to us all of living a Christ like life and enduring to the end through all her trials and difficulties. She was a great visiting teacher to Shauna and served faithfully in this capacity until the end of her life. We both loved her for her goodness and will miss her coming to our home every month. Our love and best wishes go out to Mark and all the family. Seems like we have known you folks forever.

Michael Theobald - September 28, 2016 at 01:13 AM



“ Janet was like a sister to me. She lived with our family for a while while she was in high school. She was always so pleasant and kind to me and others. Her smile and beautiful blue eyes were infectious. I am so glad I got to see her while I was in Utah. My condolences go out to you Mark, and your family. Janet will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers will definitely be with you and your family during this difficult time.

Laurie Whitaker Thompson - September 26, 2016 at 11:35 PM



“ Janet was bright and smart and full of joy as we took care of her at Aspen Center! I remember anytime we talked about things that happened in her past she would mention her young woman's leader in the Church and how they became friends and this was such a high light in her life....that obviously brought her into the Gospel! I am privileged and honored to have cared for her!! Frederika

Frederika ten Hoopen - September 26, 2016 at 08:00 PM



“ I grew up in Janet's ward and neighborhood. Every fast and testimony meeting we could count on Janet to be one of the first people up at the pulpit. In the summer of 2015, there was an episode in church in which the first speaker began an inappropriate sermon denouncing church doctrine. The congregation became unsettled and soon priesthood holders were required to escort the angry speaker from the church. As the congregation was visibly shaken, and not knowing what to do next, Janet stood as if nothing had occurred and bore her firm and steadfast testimony. The spirit re-entered the meeting. I was not the only one who shed tears of love and gratitude for Janet, her love, her life, and her mission that day.

Lauren Hardy - September 26, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ I didn't know your Mom, Robbie, but knowing you tells me that your Mom was considerate of others and their feelings, tender-hearted, committed to excellence in dress and demeanor, and rock solid in a belief in Christ. I send my love to your entire family.

Patti Harrington - September 25, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ Mark and family...we are so saddened to hear of the passing of our dear Janet... I am so grateful that Linda and I got to spend time with her this past summer going to Olive Garden and the movies to see BFG!... It was so fun and her eyes lit up when she recognized me after all these years!... Janet was like a sixth Whitaker sister and she fit right in with her red hair and blue eyes and freckles Just like Johnny and I!!... I'll never forget her love and friendship she always showed me and my family and I know she and Linda were like sisters because they were inseparable as teenagers and into young adulthood!! I'm thankful for the plan of salvation and the opportunity we have to meet again in our perfected state. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mark and your children and grandchildren and sweet Olive and Ed as you grieve the loss of your sweetheart and they grieve the loss of their dear mother, grandmother and daughter in lawGod be with her til we meet again...

Dora Whitaker-Gerzeli - September 25, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ Thanks to modern technology and a sister who is "on the ball," this news reached us here in Beijing, China, where we are currently living. Mark, we are so sorry for your loss--and for the loss of Janet's companionship for the past years. We send our love to you and your family. I have many personal memories of Janet's service and compassion. Perhaps you remember that Janet offered to babysit my children while I returned to teaching after the birth of Lori in 1981. I'll never forget how loving and tender and sweet Janet was with this little baby girl! I also remember many, many meals from Janet's kitchen when I was sick or busy or just tired. What a blessing my friendship with Janet was during those years when we were both young, busy mothers. Because we moved away from Orem so many years ago and have lost contact to some extent with our friends there, THAT Janet--the young, vibrant, busy, and helpful friend--is the one I will always remember and cherish. Our thoughts are with you, Mark, and your family. Love, Brigg and Janet Steele

Janet Steele - September 25, 2016 at 06:36 PM



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Melinda Woods - September 25, 2016 at 12:17 PM



“ Two wonderful people who we all came to love, respect and revere. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Gary, Julie and Pam at Aspen Senior Center in Provo

Gary Staples - September 27, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ Mark and family, My heart goes out to you at Janet's passing. I always enjoyed seeing her smiling face and loved giving her a bug hug whenever I picked my husband up at Jay Morgan's Senior Activity Center. I feel blessed to have known you and her. May God's blessings be with you and your family always. My prayers are with you all. Fran Downing

Fran Downing - September 29, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ Janet always tried to do the right thing. Forever serving and helping wherever she could. She broke from her upbringing and embraced the Gospel of Jesus Christ and her family... Her life revolved around the church. She had a strong testimony and shared it whenever she could. Even with her illness.... SHE KNEW THAT THE SCRIPTURES AND THE CHURCH WERE TRUE! She was so proud of her boys and loved to talk about them and their successes. She loved all her daughter-in-laws and grandchildren. Mark, you and your family have been true saints... a true inspiration to us all. LOVE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Janae Anderson - September 24, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ I first met Janet at girls camp while on a hike. Her beautiful smile and warm personality were delightful. HB and I offer our deepest condolences.

HB and Penee Arnett - September 24, 2016 at 04:01 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

Vic, Mindy (Broderick), Andrew, and Tom Walsh

Mindy Walsh - September 23, 2016 at 10:53 PM