



## Jane W. Newton

June 10, 1929 - November 26, 2017

Jane Webster Newton

Born: June 10, 1929 in Beloit, Wisconsin and passed gloriously into heaven, November 26th, 2017 at home surrounded by her family after a prolonged stretch of congestive heart failure.

Jane attended grade school in Madison, Wisconsin, Washington, DC and some in Turkey where her father was in the American Diplomatic Service for 20 years. She attended high school in Claremont, California. She attended Scripps College in Pomona, California, and then went to nursing school at Columbia University in New York City where she earned her BSN in 1952. Years later, she completed a degree at OSU in Elementary Education around 1970.

On October 30, 1954 Jane and Mike Newton married in Vermont to complete 63 wonderful years together.

Jane worked for 2 years as a Registered Nurse, then was a housewife and full time volunteer in many organizations, including League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood (50+ years ago), she worked on many local and state political projects, served as a Hospice Volunteer for Benton Hospice and Inter-Faith Caregivers for 30+ years. She was a spirited and avid deep thinker and letter writer to the Gazette Times on her many issues of passion. She was nearly a columnist! Jane was a devoted Christian and this impacted her love of people and God passionately. She was a great mother to us, and many graduate students and others. She was a beloved wife and a treasured friend.

She was the original conservationist, and made frugality a game. She loved this community and this nation and was generous to the depths of her heart. We will all miss her wisdom, integrity and rigor greatly.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Newton, son, Dan Newton, daughter, Lindy Newton, and son, Tom Newton. There are numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, all loved greatly.

Father's Name: Donald Everett Webster

Mother's Name: Mabel Whaley Webster

Donations to Community Outreach Inc., of Corvallis would be welcome in lieu of flowers and with gratefulness.

The family of Jane Newton wishes to invite you to a Celebration of Life on Saturday, January 20th, at 11:00 a.m. at: The First Presbyterian Church, Dennis Hall 114 SW 8th St Corvallis, OR 97333 Please join us for lunch following the Celebration of Life. Jane was an extraordinary person who touched each of us in remarkable ways. We want you to bring your memories and friendship to share as we remember this fine lady together. Please share your stories with Mike and the family. We are grateful for all the words, comfort, cards and prayers that you have shared with all of us. Mike, Dan, Tom, and Linda

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church  
114 SE 8th Street  
Corvallis, OR 97333

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Mike and family,  
I am sorry to hear about your loss. She was such a caring person. I fondly think of my visits to the Netwons when she took care of our son Peter (while Mike and I were out talking forestry). I remember watching them and thinking she was the perfect grandma. Fond memories

*Klaus Puettmann*

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**Klaus Puettmann** - December 09, 2017 at 02:00 AM

CS

“ I am pretty sure that Mike and Jane's son Tom is the longest term friend I have, I can remember when they built that big house on the hill in the middle of nowhere and how much our family (especially I) loved going over there. I remember how much fun Mrs Newton was, always with smile and a distinctive and infectious laugh. I remember cookies and a big table with lots of food. Those memories are from my pre teen years, maybe not so accurate but most important, they are good memories. Tom and I have been in and out of contact, recently mostly out and that is too bad. I grieve the loss of this amazing woman but I rejoice that she is home and whole again.  
Curtis Sorensen, MD  
Columbus, GA

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**Curtis M. Sorensen** - December 07, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ Dear Mike,

*I have many fond memories of my many visits with you and Jane at your home. It felt like my home away from home as a graduate student and your hospitality was much appreciated. Countless engaging and deep conversations with Jane about religion, politics, natural sciences and conservation we had over the years. My best memories are from last Spring during a brief stopover in Corvallis with my kids, when on Jane's request we broke off conversation to go outside and play Frisbee all together on the lawn in the bright early morning sunshine.*

*Brian Roth, MS.F '94*

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**Brian Roth** - December 04, 2017 at 02:44 AM

SN

“ Dear Uncle Mike, Dan, Lindy, Tom and all the family,  
Leanne and Nancy have just told me about Auntie Jane's going to our Lord - what a great party must be going on in Heaven. Sadness here but joy there. Condolences to you.

A gracious, kind, compassionate, welcoming, loving, passionate, social minded, gentle, woman, so very like her sister. The Websters certainly made good kids (she looks so much like her mother in this photo). I remember we first met when Michael took me to visit you all, and how wonderful and friendly your household, and how amazed I was that Auntie Jane had a whole big drawer absolutely chock full of chocolate buds in the kitchen - I had never seen so many! I was only thinking about her last night and how she was so upset with Border Control about having to throw out the runner beans - the ones she had freshly picked from your garden in the morning, and was bringing in to Sydney because she thought Debby would like them to cook for dinner. And I remember her visiting and sitting at their bedsides, with the at home hospice people. What a beautiful lady.

Her reach extended way pass her home borders.

Thinking of you and upholding you in my prayers.

Love to you all,

Shona Nicholls, Australia

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**Shona Nicholls** - December 04, 2017 at 01:10 AM

JK

“ Dear Mike,  
My thoughts go back to 1958 when the forestry grad students would meet. You and Jane would bring your kids in sleeping bags for an evening of good fellowship. Jane was always so friendly and inquiring even though we seldom would see each other. I'm grateful for Newton memories.

Judy Krueger

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**Judy Krueger** - December 02, 2017 at 06:04 PM

DC

*Love and blessings to the Newton family. Don & Maureen Carr*

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**don & maureen carr** - December 05, 2017 at 11:19 PM

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*Don & Maureen Carr*

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**don & maureen carr** - December 05, 2017 at 11:21 PM

JW

“ *Dear Mike:*

*We were so saddened to hear that your life-long companion, Jane, passed away last week. She was an extraordinary lady and set a wonderful example for the rest of us to aspire to--but, alas, never equal. Her lasting legacy is her family, and we trust they will all rally around you during this time of grief. We're confident that her vibrant, loving spirit will ultimately prevail and leave you with nothing but fond memories.*

*Jack & JoAnne Walstad*

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**John Daniel Walstad** - December 02, 2017 at 05:06 PM

RS

“ Mike and Family,

*Just learned of Jane's passing. We have thought of her and you many times these past months but too much got in the way of visiting you both.*

*I will miss her council on getting the paper work right on the timber sales and other forest practices. Her opinions always shed light on the topics under discussion.*

*Mike hope to stop and visit when things settle down.*

*Rich and Maridee Symons*

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**Richard and Maridee Symons** - December 01, 2017 at 06:57 PM

LN

“ Our most sincere sympathy over the loss of Jane. She was a treasure.

*We were quite newly married when we met and and she did a lovely job of mentoring us newly weds, Early memories we're of picking strawberries (lots of them) and then getting day-old cream from Shreibe`s dairy and making whip cream (lots of it) for our recently picked berries. As time went on we came to know and appreciate her dedication to family, government and especially natural resources management. Visits with Jane were always warm and welcoming and we would return home invigorated and also vowing to do the right thing. Thank you Jane for the time you spent with us.*  
*Betty and Logan Norris*

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**Logan and Betty Norris** - December 01, 2017 at 06:54 PM

DI

“ Dear Mike and family,

*Oh I am so sorry to learn about Jane's death. Anyone who was a graduate student at Oregon State University with some involvement with Mike was always treated like family by Jane. Jane and Mike were such a wonderful and loving partnership. It is so hard to accept that this dynamo of energy is no longer with us. Among my many fond memories of Jane I think back to a recent visit to the Newton house as Mike and I discussed a manuscript and forestry issues. Then we sat down to a simple lunch of soup, cheese, and bread. Jane was right there with us, engaged in our passionate conversation. God bless every Newton and friend of Jane's during this time of grief.*

*George Ice*

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**Dr. George Ice** - December 01, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ Dear Mike, Dan, Melinda, and Tom,

*So Sorry to hear of your pain. Jane was a very cheerful, helpful person, and will be missed by many. My Dad also sends his condolences, and remembers Jane fondly and admirably.*

*My Deepest Sympathies,  
Barry Vomocil*

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**Barry Vomocil** - November 30, 2017 at 07:39 PM

RW

“ Dear Mike and family,  
Although our paths have seldom crossed this year, we were surprised to see the notice in the GT on Tuesday that Jane has passed away on Sunday. We think back fondly on all the dance parties we attended at the Newtons. What fun they were, and what a good excuse for friends to break bread together and drink home-made beer. We grieve the passing of a great lady, and extend our condolences to you.

*Dick and Doris Waring*

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**Richard H Waring** - November 29, 2017 at 10:30 PM

TS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Jane's family & friends. I knew Jane from many years ago when she oversaw the forestry area at Farm Expo. She was great with the kids and they learned a lot from her. She touched many lives. Tammy Skubinna, retired 4-H Faculty in Benton County.

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**Tammy Skubinna** - November 29, 2017 at 03:21 AM