



Jane Ochrymowycz

January 8, 2012

Ochrymowycz, Jane E. Age 74, of Minnetonka, MN. Passed away peacefully on Friday, December 30th, surrounded by family and friends. Born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, Jane graduated with honors from Hiram College, and earned her Masters degree in Spanish at the Univ. of Iowa, where she met her future husband, Orest Ochrymowycz. They moved to Winona and raised their children, Cindy and David. Jane taught in the Winona Public School system, Winona State University, College of St. Teresa, and St. Mary's University, where she was the Director of the Academic Skills Center. In Winona Jane headed the local affiliate of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, and served as the Chair of the Winona Area Alzheimer's Network. After retirement, Jane moved to Minnetonka to be closer to her cherished grandchildren. This opened a new chapter in her advocacy efforts. Jane was active on the Board of Directors of the MN-ND Alzheimer's Association. She chaired the Public Policy Committee and was Board Chair. Her service culminated in the Maureen Reagan National Advocacy Award in 2007. At the time of her death, she was the President of the Seniors and Workers for Quality Coalition, a post held since 2005. She served the MN Dept. of Human Services as a member of the Advisory Boards on Nursing Home Rates and a variety of quality care and staffing issues. She was on the Home Care Regulatory Committee for the MN Dept. of Health, and on the Advisory Board for the William Mitchell Center for Elder Justice & Policy. Jane was very proud to receive the Agent of Change Award from the American Assoc. of University Women (AAUW) in 2004. Jane

was a brilliant woman who thoroughly enjoyed travel, concerts & theater with friends, all of her grand- children's events, fundraisers, reunions, her condo association, driving, great food, parties, and Queen Avenue gatherings. Jane lived a life full of compassion. She loved people. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Jim Murphy; their children - Julia, Will, Allison and Grace; extended family; fellow activists; and many, many friends. Jane is preceded in death by her loving son, David. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am, Thursday, January 12th at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 4537 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis. Visitation one hour prior to service. Luncheon immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to: Doctors Without Borders, Wellstone Action!, Perspectives Family Center, or a charity of the donor's choice. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

RW

“ I worked closely with Jane as co-chair of the Public Policy Committee for the MN-ND Alzheimer's Chapter and fellow Board member for several years. She was such an inspiration and model for advocacy and family needs. On a personal note, she often gave me rides to the airport after our board meeting so we could enjoy conversations about family and other life issues. My deepest condolences to family members. I hope to be able to visit with her daughter in the near future about her last weeks.

~

Rodger Wetzel,

Bismarck, North Dakota

Contact Me

Rodger Wetzel - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Jane was warm, and compassionate. She loved people and it was easy to love her back. Talking with Jane was always a joy because she was a very interesting multi faceted person. Jane was truly a jewel of a woman and I will miss her. I am sending her family my sympathy in their time of grief.*

~

Diana Hoyt,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Diana Hoyt - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *i knew Jane for only a short time through my work with the Alzheimer's Association but will never forget her compassion and energy for those causes that she believed in. She will continue to inspire through her legacy of leadership and service. She has given amazing gifts to her family and friends who will be comforted by the memories of her. Thank you, Jane.*

~

Mary Bauer,

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Mary Bauer - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I was privileged to know Jane through AAUW. Her intelligence, leadership, passion, and concern for others was always apparent. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

~

Donna Nix,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Donna Nix - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Jane also helped me out in the Academic Skills Center from 1998-2000 at SMU. I really appreciated and was grateful for her assistance in helping me with some classes. My thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family.

~

Brooke Greenwell,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Brooke Greenwell - January 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Jane was a kind and amazing woman. I graduated from SMU in 1997. The Academic Skills Center helped me in many ways. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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SARAH,

CHICAGO, Illinois

SARAH - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Jane was a wonderful woman and a great advocate for seniors and workers. My sympathy to her family in this time of grief.* ”

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John Marty,

Roseville, Minnesota

John Marty - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *It was my pleasure to have the opportunity to meet Jane. I knew her as the advocate for the Alzheimer's Association - a very professional volunteer, competent and welcoming. Always a ready smile. I enjoyed her and we are all going to miss her efforts on behalf of individuals and families who experience Alzheimer's and dementia.*

~

Kathy Lamp,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Kathy Lamp - January 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

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mary wieczorek,

Winona, Minnesota

Contact Me

mary wieczorek - January 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I only knew Jane as a member of the group that read essays fir AAUW and Hennepin County Library. What a gift that was!Mary Tambornino, Minnetonka, MN*

January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Cindy and family, we send our thoughts and sympathy. May your mother's memory serve as inspiration and a blessing for your children.*

~

Donna Roback,

Edina, Minnesota

Donna Roback - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *My sincere condolences to your family . I walked many Alzheimer's Memory walks with Jane when she was in Winona, and we talked of her often after she left Winona, she was a very passionate part of the Alzheimer's Association , and we will miss her smile and zest for life. (Sheryl Foster, RTP Company).*

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Sheryl Foster,

Winona, Minnesota

Sheryl Foster - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ Dear Cindy and Family, It was our privilege to provide care for your beloved mother. We share in your grief and send you our love. Your Friends at Little Hospice

~

NC Little Memorial Hospice Inc,

www.littlehospice.org, Minnesota

NC Little Memorial Hospice Inc - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Jane always had a smile and kind word. She made great contributions to public policy for older Minnesotans! I will miss her!* ”

~

Janice Jones,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Janice Jones - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *When I reflect on what an "advocate" should be in our world, Jane's face will forever come to mind. Her passion and respect for people was second to none, and I have been made better by learning from her.*

~

Adam Suomala,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Adam Suomala - January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Jane was one of the sweetest, hardest working advocates for seniors. I loved working with her on policy. She will be dearly missed.

~

Jim Vossen,

New London, Minnesota

Jim Vossen - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *I will so miss Jane as my next door neighbor. She was a wonderful neighbor--my thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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Diane Overby,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Diane Overby - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jane's death. She was a very giving person with much thoughtfulness in her actions. I met her in the Minnetonka AAUW and enjoyed her contributions. My very deepest sympathy to her family.

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Marge Nyquist,

Wayzata, Minnesota

Marge Nyquist - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ *Jane leaves an indelible mark on public policy and private lives. Her valor, compassion, generosity and humility are remembered by countless admirers. Warren and I send our condolences to her dear family.*

~

Iris Freeman,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Iris Freeman - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM