



## Jane Elizabeth Henson

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Throughout her life, Jane pursued and shared knowledge about the world in which we live. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne and Indiana University with her undergraduate degree in elementary education. She began her career teaching elementary school in Fort Wayne and Nevada, Missouri. She went on to receive Masters degrees in Instructional Systems Technology and Library Science, also from Indiana University. She worked in these fields in various roles at Central Connecticut State College, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and at Indiana University, where she was Associate Director of the Social Studies Development Center for several years. She also worked with educators at all stages of their careers, from directing student teaching programs at the Indiana University School of Education to facilitating professional exchange programs with seasoned educators from around the world, including Afghanistan and South Korea. Meanwhile, she taught computer science courses at Ivy Tech for many years.

In her spare time, Jane loved to travel and spent considerable

time and energy researching her family's genealogy. A certified track and field official, she volunteered as head of the Sports Information Office at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. She was a fan of the arts, and enjoyed visiting museums, attending concerts, weekend trips to the movies, and knitting scarves and socks for family and friends.

Jane was born in Fort Wayne to the late Robert and Lucile (Feeney) Tucker. She married Phil Henson and had her son Robert of Washington, DC while living in Bloomington. Jane is also survived by her brother, John Tucker and his daughter Lucy; her sister, Mary Timpe, brother-in-law Ken and their son Neal; her brother-in-law James Henson; and her sister-in-law Jane Parker and nephews Brett and Bryan.

Jane passed on Friday morning at Hospice House in Bloomington. The family offers their deepest gratitude to the hospice staff for their compassionate and professional care. In addition, they express their sincere thanks to the staff members who cared for her at Bloomington Hospital and the Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis.

Visitation will be held in the lobby of the Indiana University Auditorium from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm on Friday, May 22, with a brief memorial service and reception immediately afterwards. Interment will follow later this summer in the Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Bloomington Montessori School, or to Hospice House in Bloomington. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).



# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Dear Phil and Robert,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I have not kept in contact with Jane over the years, but I remember her from high school.....she had to be one of the sweetest persons in our class.....always friendly, willing to help, and everyone loved her. I knew she would accomplish great things in her life, and I was right, based on her obituary. I pray for peace and comfort for you both, in knowing that she now is in the arm's of our Jesus.

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Jan Palmer-Pac - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ Dear Robert,  
I was very shocked to learn of your mother's recent passing, as I hadn't known she was ill. The last time I saw her was when we ran into one another at Eastland Plaza about three years ago. We had a good long conversation. She was updating me on your career in Washington, and as always spoke of you with great love and pride in your accomplishments. My son Jamie was considering a career change and we talked about that too, and she gave me useful advice. Jamie started at IU Kelley doing an MBA soon after that and graduated last September. He is now teaching in Thailand and was very sorry to hear about your mom. He asked me to send you his condolences.

You certainly had a wonderful mother who loved you very much. I didn't ever meet your father, but understanding what a hard time this must be for both of you, we all send you both our sincere condolences.

Sincerely,  
Christina Deegan, Jim Amstutz & Jamie Amstutz

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Christina Deegan (Amstutz) - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JE

“ Rob, I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's death. Jane was great. She and I used to sit and talk at my kitchen table when you and Matt were in high school and she was there on Band Business. You lucked out in the mother department--she loved you so much and was so proud of you. Please stop and see us whenever you can when you're in Bloomington. Jennifer and Steve

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**Jennifer Deam** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

GW

“ Dear Phil, I was SO sorry to hear about Jane's passing. She was such a delightful woman and I thoroughly enjoyed our talks while working together and attending the School of HPER/SPH Senior Send-off Luncheons and Kinesiology Department activities. Our deepest sympathy to you and your son Robert. May God bless and comfort you both during this difficult time.

Gwen Hamm

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**Gwen Hamm** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

TM

“ So sorry for your loss. Jane was a fun person, good customer and friend.

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**Tucker, Lynne & Erika Madawick** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

PA

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Jane Parker is a friend and shared memories about her brother and his family. May God grant you HIS peace and comfort as you mourn her passing while celebrating her life. Patrick houlahan

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**patrick houlahan** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

PE

“ So very, very sorry to hear of Jane's passing. I wise and wonderful woman, I valued her deeply as a colleague.

Peg Sutton - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

ME

“ Phil & Robert, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Remember the good times that you shared with Jane. She will always be with you in spirit. All our love, Merylene & Dave.

Merylene Dampier - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

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“ Dear Phil & Robert,  
We are so sorry to learn of the loss of Jane. May our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ comfort and strenghten you both at this time.  
Your cousin, Candy and familyj

Harold Robert & Candy (Henson) Alexander - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

DO

“ So sorry for your loss. One of the finest women I have ever known.

Doug Vandeventer - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

MO

“ Dear Phil and Robert,  
Please accept my sympathy and prayers in the loss of someone so special...your wife and mother.  
Jane and I became friends at St. Jude so many years ago. We always made an effort to touch base, catch up and reaffirm each other over the last many years when we talked on and on at our class reunions. As teachers we had much to share, and were both dragging our feet regarding retirement. :). The last time we were together, we had both made the leap and were excited about the many new possibilities that retirement offered. I was so sad to hear shortly after that Jane was diagnosed with cancer. She deserved so much more. I enjoyed communicating with her and know she fought the good fight. In reading about all her accomplishments and talents, she had already packed in a lifetime of memories...which hopefully will give you comfort and peace in the time to come. God bless and know Jane will be remembered by so many of us in The Ft. Wayne area.  
Most sincerely,  
Monya Meyer Weissert  
Ps...one special memory you may not know...Jane was the envy of every one of the girls in our eighth grade class when she was selected as May Crowning Queen. I don't remember a single one of us feeling that she didn't deserve the honor. She was well liked and admired by everyone. Memories are such a gift.

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Monya Weissert - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM

PA

“ Dear Phil, Robert and Tucker Family,

*We are so sorry to read of Jane's death. It was such a pleasure to live next door and watch all three Tucker kids grow and develop into such fine young adults. That is still how we think of them.*

*Please know that you are in our thoughts and that we are saddened by the loss of this fine lady.*

*With fondest thoughts,  
Paul and Ann Weber*

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**Paul & Ann Weber** - October 26, 2015 at 03:59 PM