



Jane E. Croke

CROKE, Jane E. Formerly of Berkley and Palo Alto, CA. Found Peace June 2, 2014. Preceded in death by her parents Richard J. and Katherine (Bissell) Croke. Beloved cousin of Robert, Ellen and Edward Croke. Further survived by other caring relatives, very dear friends, and her feline companion, Pumpkin. Jane was a graduate of Wauwatosa East High School ('60), Stanford University, and the University of CA at Berkley. A teacher and lifelong learner she pursued her loves of literature, film and the Arts. Jane truly inspired everyone she met to a greater sense of kindness, social justice and love of all creatures. There will be no funeral, but a private memorial to Jane will be held in California at a future date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jane and I met at age 4 in Kindergarten in Wauwatosa....a long time very special friend...we shared birthday parties as we were born one day apart in the same hospital...I will miss her greatly...thank you for your gift...love always to Jane...*

susan bartaluzzi - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Ellen, Robert, and Edward, I hope this message reaches you. This is , a friend of Jane's since our first year at Stanford (1960), who lives in Atlanta, Georgia. I last visited Jane in 2011. We did not communicate regularly-our last contact was several months ago-but I have always felt very close to her. I went through a very big move in May and just today (July 5) tried to phone her, finding neither of her numbers was working. First I just emailed my concern but then decided to Google her name and found my worst fears confirmed. I am very very saddened to learn of Jane's passing. I know how much Jane appreciated the support all of you gave her. I remember her speaking often about her cousin Ellen. I would so much appreciate your letting me know more about what happened at the end. I know Jane was dealing with such serious physical challenges and admired how she kept going even when it was very difficult with her need for oxygen. And I know it got more difficult in the past three years since I last saw her. As I wrote in a comment for the obituary section of the Milwaukee Journal, I loved Jane for her kindness, commitment to justice, intellectual curiosity and sense of humor. I also admired how she dealt with her serious physical challenges-she is a real model for me as I get older myself. Please let me know if there is an organization she wanted people to give to in her memory. I noticed that some gave to the Unitarian Church-I attended a service there with Jane. Also, Jane and I had dinner with her friend Sue in 2011. Do you have Sue's contact information? You can reach me by email annmauney555@aol.com, phone: 404-630-8910 or at 555 Hardendorf Ave., Atlanta, GA 30307. I'll really appreciate your being in touch with me. I will miss Jane greatly. I send you my love,

Ann Mauney - July 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I wanted to let you know that the recently received a gift in memory of Jane Croke from the following: Beverly Katter of Shorewood, WI We have written to thank her for her generosity, and her name (with no amounts, of course) will be added to our Record Book. The gift will also be acknowledged in our church newsletter, the Chanticleer.

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First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee - June 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM