



Dr. Janice Lu Henry PhD

January 11, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

DR. JANICE LU HENRY, PhD

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Dr. Janice Lu Henry, age 76, of Carbondale, formerly of Alto Pass, passed away at 7:02 PM on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at Reflections Memory Care in Carterville after a long battle with dementia.

Jan was born on July 31, 1946, to Dr. Wayne P. Sirles and Helen (Rendleman) Sirles. After the death of her father, when Jan was a baby, her mother moved her along with her older sister and brother to their family farm, Rendleman Orchards.

Jan was a loving mother, daughter, wife, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was caring, accomplished and had fierce determination in all she did. After graduating valedictorian from Alto Pass High School in 1964, Jan went on to earn both bachelor's and master's degrees. In 1974, Jan started teaching at Southern Illinois University. She earned her Ph.D. in 1997 and

became a Full Professor in 2001. She married her husband, Jim Henry in 1987 and in 2003 retired from SIU after 35 years of teaching. She and Jim enjoyed traveling, hosting parties and being with family until his passing in 2014.

Jan will be remembered by many as an outstanding teacher, leader, and friend; however, she will be remembered most for the dedication and loving care she gave to her daughter, Suzanne K. Schoen-Harju, who died, in 2020, after a lifelong battle with Glycogen Storage Disease.

Jan is survived by a granddaughter, Ella Harju; son in law, Craig Harju; sister, Sharon Williamson; brother, Ren Sirles and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; loving husband, Jim; daughter, Suzanne and her sister, Judy Mittendorf. With her strong faith, she will be welcomed in heaven with open arms!

Jan's niece, Diane, would like to give special thanks to those that assisted her with Jan's care; her dedicated caregiver, Sherri Young, the amazing staff at Reflections Memory Care in Carterville and Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, 31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, IL 62966. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM visitation and a Celebration of Life immediately following at 3:00 PM, with Pastor Don Cox officiating. A private family burial will follow in Alto Pass Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorials be made to the Association for Glycogen Storage Disease or the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Alto Pass Cemetery

Alto Pass, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Janice Lu Henry PhD*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of one of my favorite instructors! Back when it was called the 'school of technical careers,' our 'Mz Schoen' was a calming, encouraging respite in the midst of a labor-intensive program. She was so CHILL, she had us believing we could make it through to graduation -- and we did! Lovely lady, lovely spirit and a great ambassador for the program. I was really glad I got to see her at STC/CASA's celebration a few years ago (where the picture was taken) and reminisce. I'm among the host of students who appreciated a good teacher, then and now. My deepest sympathy to your entire family.*

□ *Lynette Miller, Class of '85*



LYNETTE MILLER - December 13, 2022 at 11:39 AM

SC

“ I am saddened to hear of Jan’s passing but happy for her that she has been reunited with Jim and Suzanne. She has been a very special friend to me for many years and was a wonderful teacher and boss. She touched so many lives and taught so much to so many, including myself. RIP Jan..thank you for all the wonderful memories.



Sheila Cheatham - November 13, 2022 at 12:27 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry to learn of this. We were neighbors for eleven years and I have many memories of our young families growing just across the street from each other. I am saddened and share your grief.

Mary Lou Brown - November 12, 2022 at 08:10 AM

MB

“ Mary Brown lit a candle in memory of Dr. Janice Henry



Mary Lou Brown - November 12, 2022 at 08:02 AM

DI

Thank you! I am Diane, Jan's niece that care for her the last 4 years. Our family appreciates your kind words

Diane - November 13, 2022 at 12:52 PM