



Janette F. Eichhorn

September 21, 1936 - July 21, 2016

Janette F. Eichhorn, age 79, of Cape Girardeau died Thursday, July 21, 2016 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on September 21, 1936 in Lockport, Illinois to Paul and Ruth (Smithpeters) Eichhorn.

Janette graduated from St. Joseph School of Nursing in Joliet, Illinois in 1957. She was a member of the “Quarter Century Club” at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau where she retired in 2000 after 32 years. Her career at St. Francis Hospital on Good Hope Street included practice as a critical care staff nurse and later she assisted in opening the first emergency room at the hospital. She was 1 of the nurse leaders instrumental in the design of systems for the new Saint Francis Medical Center and assisted in planning the hospital’s move from Good Hope Street to the new location on Saint Francis Drive. As a nurse leader at Saint Francis Medical Center she served in many capacities: Assistant Director of Nursing, ending her career at Saint Francis as the Director of Risk Management and Utilization Review. Jan was passionate about nursing and mentored many nurses and other leaders.

The Missouri Nurses Association and the District Eight Nurses Association benefited from Jan’s leadership. She served on many task force, committees and served as President of the District Eight Nurses Association bringing that

membership up to 100 during her term. She was most pleased with her success in developing an Impaired Nurses Return to Practice program, working closely with the Missouri State Board of Nursing and in collaboration with the Missouri Nurses Association. Applying her unique mentorship skills she served on a national task force that published a booklet to assist new nurses with acclimation into practice. Jan served many years as a Missouri delegate to the American Nurses Association House of Delegates where national policy on healthcare and nursing practice was established. In 1993, she received the Missouri Nurses Association Membership Award in recognition of her years of service and leadership.

Jan was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Parish in Cape Girardeau.

She is survived by 1 niece, Pam Williams; 2 nephews, Mark and Michael Eichhorn; great nieces and nephews, Christina, Samantha, Kelli, Brandon and Lucas; a cousin, Yvonne Stelter; and many friends including, Karen, Sean and Michelle Daugherty, Haley Biester, Stacey Jones and Jacque Aden.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 1 brother, Richard Eichhorn.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau, with the Rev. David Hulshof officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Saint Francis Patient Scholarship fund or Mending Hearts Recovery and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Janette F. Eichhorn*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Jan had a big influence on committee action and progress at the Missouri Nurses Association when I was there. She was a friend and colleague. She had a great heart and was always ready to accept challenges to advance nurses's causes for making life better and to make a difference. May she rest in peace. My sympathies to her family including her nursing family. Caroline Davis*

Caroline Davis - July 28, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Jan, you left this world way to soon. You and Edna hired me to work in the old E.R. and got me trained to work in the new ER. I knew nothing about the medical world but I leared a lot working with you. We worked severl night shifts together and I learned so much just observing you. You knew what to do in every situation. I will never ever forget the one patient who came and was so intoxicated. He had to have stitches on his face. This guy was a real big guy and you were no skimpy nurse. You just got right in his face very patiently and "explained" what needed too be done. I don't think he ever understandi what he needed but you kept right over him until he was stitched up. You never lost your temper wth him, you just kept doing what a great nurse would do. You took care of your patient. I thank you for helping me to learn my job. You were always a friend to me. Rest in Peace.*

Sue Craig - July 26, 2016 at 09:10 PM




“ *Jan raised my husband. His Aunt Jan was as much a part of his life as his Mom. And then, when he had kids, she helped raise them. Every time we visited Cape, they slept at her house, with her goofy dog, Lucky, right in between them. Everything she did made people feel welcome and accepted and loved. Even when she was scolding you (and she was not shy about scolding) she made sure you knew the scolding was because she loved you and cared about you. We lost track of her when she moved out of her house and never could find out what happened to her until now...and now our hearts are broken. I know she is with Christ, so I cannot begrudge her that. But we will always miss her.*

Cynthia Brennemann - July 26, 2016 at 12:53 PM

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“ *Jan, I don't think I have adequate words to describe this wonderful lady. She was a wonderful lady, nurse and most importantly a friend. Her impact on the nursing world would was awesome and so many nurses have her to thank for improving their careers. Today I sit here with tears not for her because she is at peace in her heavenly home, but for my selfishness. She always knew when you were having a rough time and was there with words of wisdom and a big hug. Jan you will be so missed.*

Mary Jo Tolbert - July 26, 2016 at 12:20 PM

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“ *Jan was one greatest ladies that I ever met. She did wonderful work in nursing, and absolutely loved it. Another one of her loves, was her work in the recovery field. She was instrumental in establishing the faith based recovery home, Vision House of Cape Girardeau, and also in establishing Mending Hearts of Cape Girardeau, where she served on the Board of Directors. She was always there to take anyone to AA/NA meetings, and a kind ear for those who needed someone to lean on. She was not only a wonderful friend, she was always family to me, and my husband, Eric. We will miss you, sweet lady. Eric and Teresa Welch*



Teresa Welch - July 25, 2016 at 05:14 PM

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“ *We, at the Missouri Nurses Association, wish to express our condolences to the family and friends of Jan Eichhorn. Jan was an active member of the Missouri Nurses Association for many years. She was known for her passion for the nursing profession. Jan will be missed.*

Missouri Nurses Association - July 25, 2016 at 01:50 PM

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“ *Jan Eichorn was one of life's unsung heroines. In addition to offering compassion and support to the patients she served as a nurse, she mentored and supported numerous nurses through the years. Her legacy is reflected in the lives and careers of those she mentored because they have been able to "pass it on" by relating to others with support, compassion, and empathy. She was one of the first nurses to become my friend when I moved to this area in 1993, and the impact her friendship has had on me will not be forgotten. I will always be grateful for the friendship we shared.*

Kathryn Farwell - July 23, 2016 at 08:22 PM