



Jane Frances Paysinger

May 28, 1953 - January 26, 2021

Jane Frances Paysinger passed peacefully from this earth to her heavenly home January 26th, 2021, in Memphis, Tennessee due to complications from COVID-19.

Jane first saw the light of day May 28th, 1953, in Oak Ridge, TN. She grew up in the countryside just south of Cleveland, TN and spent her early summers swimming in the Ocoee and Conasauga Rivers with her brother John and sister Nancy. There was plenty of yard to play in, trees to climb, and pets to play with, especially cats. Jane loved cats. Her parents always made sure there were plenty of books to read and enough chores, fun, and otherwise to keep Jane and her siblings occupied. The whole family was active in 4-H as Dad was the assistant county agent. Besides the “required” public speaking, Jane’s specialty was food preservation. She loved music and began piano lessons in elementary school. Mozart was her favorite composer. Piano lessons continued well into high school, and along the way Jane added the French horn to her repertoire, playing all 4 years in the Cleveland High Blue Raider Marching Band. She was a good student throughout her school years and graduated in 1971.

Jane set her sights on a career in pharmacy and received her doctorate from the UT School of Pharmacy in Memphis. Her first two pharmacy jobs landed her in New York and Ohio. After 10 years in hospitals, Jane shifted gears and headed to seminary. Here’s why ... more or less. As Jane grew up, her family was very active in their home church, Valley View Baptist. It was there she professed and proclaimed her Faith Statement — that her Salvation is in Jesus Christ. It was also there that she learned about Lottie Moon and her mission work in 1800’s China. Jane

loved giving to the Lottie Moon Missions at her church. Her faith and her strong belief in missions led her to serve as a missionary for 17 years in Nalerigu, Ghana, managing the pharmacy at the Baptist Medical Centre there. During Jane's tenure, the hospital and pharmacy staff treated approximately 400 people daily. The BMC served the northeast region of Ghana and the surrounding countries of Togo and Burkina Faso. Jane shared many exciting stories with family and friends about her adventures in Ghana, the interesting people she met, and the varied customs of different religions. She also brought back gifts for family, friends, loved ones, anyone. Jane was a very giving person. A quiet, generous, giving person.

Jane is predeceased by her parents Marjorie Campbell Paysinger Lee and John Robert Paysinger, Sr., brother Paul Lee Paysinger, grandparents Easter Jane Reed, John Paul Campbell, Sr., Frances Mae Owen, and Robert Lee Paysinger, as well as numerous beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins. Jane is also predeceased by stepfather G. B. Lee and step-siblings Karyl (Cookie) Lee Mee and Russ Lee.

She is survived by her sister Nancy of Memphis; brother John, Jr. and wife Mary of Trinidad, California; and John's children, Sunny and Josh of Oregon, Isis of California, Micah of Arizona, and grand-daughter Jade of Oregon. She is also survived by Nancy Ann Bisby Paysinger and Lee Tate, Jr of Oregon; aunt, Mary Paysinger Wolaver of North Carolina and her family; step-siblings Pat Henley of Johnson City, TN and Sally Lee, Polly and Bob Lee, all of Cleveland, TN; and numerous cousins. Jane is also survived by her adopted Memphis family, Jerri and Ken Russell and their family; her beloved mission field family and her church families. Her cats, Callie and Eli, miss her terribly and are well cared for by Jane's neighbor, Paige.

Due to the current pandemic, there will be a Celebration of Life Service for Jane at Second Baptist Church, 4680 Walnut Grove RD, Memphis, at a later date.

A brief graveside service will be officiated by Dr. Stephen Cook, February 6th, 11:00 am at Memorial Park Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, 38119. Masks and social distancing are required at the graveside.

Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home.

To honor Jane's memory and in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to her favorite charities/organizations:

Mid-South Food Bank, Memphis Union Mission, ASPCA, Valley View Storehouse (4657 Spring Place Rd, Cleveland, TN 37323), The George Faile Foundation, Inc. (supports the Nalerigu hospital - 506 East 3rd St, Rome, GA 30161).

Events

FEB **Graveside** 11:00AM

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Memorial Park Cemetery

5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

Comments



“ February 6, 2021

Dear Jane,

As you are laid to rest today, your presence will not be forgotten.

The last time we met was on our trip together from Memphis to the Ghana Baptist Missionary Reunion. You were able to welcome me as a friend, despite the difficult changes that had occurred in my life since we were co-workers at the hospital in Ghana.

I remember the times of high stress in Nalerigu when we worked together to battle disease. The last meningitis epidemic in Ghana was one such time that had stretched the hospital beyond its limits and you were at the hub of the response, standing strong. During that time the President of Ghana, Jerry Rawlings, came to the hospital to assess our work and you were found standing in the Gap. In fact, I have a photo with both of us standing with the President and Minister of Health, explaining the situation to him.

You have a legacy with the world and it reads " For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me."

For most this is a dream but you actually did it.

You will not be forgotten.

I am filled with sadness, having lost a good friend.

Peace,

Vince Waite

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Coworker

Vincent Waite - February 14, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Jane's family. So sorry for your loss.
Pam (Lyle) Crane

Pam Crane - February 06, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ It was a treat to share holidays with Jane. My best memories are of Christmases we shared. She was often the hostess in the days when she'd make it home from her African mission to see the family, bringing handmade gifts from Ghana ...cheerful, thoughtful, great wry humor. You will be missed dear heart . Love ,Mary



mary - February 05, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane Frances Paysinger.



February 03, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ We were missionary colleagues with Jane in West Africa. We had not kept in touch in recent years. This is very shocking news and we are praying for her family and friends.

Larry & Ann Verlander

Larry-Ann Verlander - February 01, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ Thinking of the wonderful family visits many years ago to Tennessee and being together. Heaven definitely has a place for you.

Love, Cousin Morgan

Morgan Wolaver - February 01, 2021 at 10:29 AM