



Jane Fergusson Griffin

September 12, 1951 - May 21, 2021

On May 21st, Jane Fergusson Griffin, a former Providence based Epidemiologist and Associate Professor at Brown University, died at the age of 69 surrounded by her family in Sarasota, Florida. Jane was a passionate person who cared deeply about everything she did and shared her kindness, generous spirit, and humor freely with all who knew her. Through her many interests which included birds, golf and photography she showed her joy, compassion, creativity and intelligence. A prize winning poet, Jane captured moments with honesty and grace. She was an advocate for the health rights of the underserved with a strong moral compass.

Born on September 12, 1951 in Boston MA, Jane grew up in Bryn Mawr, PA graduating from Harriton High School in 1969. She went on to receive her BA in Medical Anthropology from Brown University and her MA in Public Health/Epidemiology from Yale University. She started a successful consulting company in Rhode Island, MCH Evaluation, conducting and publishing studies in the field of Maternal and Child Health. Jane raised her son, Brock in Providence, RI and then called many places home with husband, Pat: Barrington, RI, Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, Prince Edward Island, Canada and Sarasota, FL.

A much loved mentor to generations of family, friends and employees, Jane loved fully and was loved by many. She is survived by her husband, Patrick Griffin, her son, Brock deChristopher, her step-son, Keith Griffin (Gina), her siblings, Nancy Tarquinio (Al), Bill Fergusson (Barb), Betsy Platt (Ethan), Stan Fergusson (Linda), Kate James (Ben), and her inlaws, Joan Januskowski (Konrad) and Keith Griffin (Marilyn). Jane was especially close with her nieces and nephews and will be fondly remembered by them all: Chris Fergusson (Katie), Meghan Fergusson (Flora Lichtman), Sam Platt (Kerry Lee), Charlie Platt (Miranda), Will James, Ted James, Tania Januskowski, Collen Hammer, Cori Januskowski, Christopher Griffin and many grand nieces and nephews with one recent namesake, Jane Frances Fergusson Lichtman.

Donations in memory of Jane Fergusson Griffin can be made to The National Audubon Society and/or The Parkinson's Foundation.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sending condolences to Jane’s family. I worked with a group of fabulous women at the Providence Health Centers years ago and Jane was the director of our department. She was a true team-builder and a mentor to many. I was able to work with her again doing MCH work as a consultant; again, she built a wonderful team. We all had love and respect for Jane! She truly had an impact on children’s health in Rhode Island, her work guided health care policy and the implementation of new programs that improved health care services for children and their families.



Sheila D. Conway - December 26, 2021 at 11:29 PM

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“ Pat,

We send sincere thoughts of sympathy to you and your family for your great loss.

George and Donna David

George and Donna David - May 30, 2021 at 07:14 PM

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“ Dear Pat, I'm so sorry you've lost Jane. You've had more than your share of grief, my friend. I wish you peace Craig Wood

Craig Wood - May 30, 2021 at 05:33 PM