



Jane Matthews

March 27, 1935 - December 29, 2023

Jane Foster Matthews Age 88 passed away December 29, 2023 in Ashland, Mississippi. Jane was born at Emory hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, March 27, 1935. Jane was born into a very creative family, full of artists, photographers, and writers and very creative people. Her life was full of these traditions plus her love for dogs, cats and horses, and she always had many pets surrounding her. She attended Winnona Park Elementary School in Decatur Georgia and graduated from Decatur High School in 1952. Attended University of Alabama, where she was Miss Alabama and marched with the university band at football games. She returned to Atlanta and worked in advertising at a local Ad agency. She married William “Sonny” Matthews and they had one daughter, Bentley Matthews of Memphis, Tennessee. Jane continued working in advertising and communications throughout her life and was a member of the staff of Southern Sentinel Newspaper for 20 plus years in Ripley, Mississippi. At work she helped produce a daily small-town newspaper including writer, photographer, and sales person. Her motto was “Got to be somewhere” and she was always in a rush to meet that deadline.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew N Foster Senior, and Isabella Landfear Foster both of Decatur, Georgia. Her sister, Janet Foster Johnson of Decatur, GA deceased 2018 and Husband, William “Sonny” M. Matthews deceased 1994.

She is survived by brother, Andrew “Andy” N. Foster Jr. of Mount Pleasant, SC and Tryon NC; Daughter Bentley Jane Matthews, of Memphis, Tennessee, Grand daughter Alexa Foster Matthews, Great Grand son Drevon Kadin Harris; son Tristen Mansfield Matthews and Great Grand Daughter Dorothy Josephine Matthews. Plus many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Humane Society or to Calvary Episcopal Church in Michigan City, where she attended for over 15 years.

Memorial Services at a later date to be announced.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ So sorry to hear of Jane's death. Worked with her at the Banner Independent in Booneville, MS a number of years ago.

She was a delightful person to work with and very creative and very interesting to talk with. Her love of animals was great and she always had some interesting stories to tell. Sympathy and prayers to her family.
Janet Prater



Janet S Prater - January 11, 2024 at 06:03 PM

SJ

I met Jane over fifteen years ago when she was searching for an Episcopal Church to attend . She found one she loved in Michigan City,where I belonged . All of us in the church grew to love Jane . She was a wonderful friend with a beautiful spirit, kind heart and inquisitive mind! I loved how she always knew what was going on in the world. She was extremely intelligent,I will miss our conversations. Rest in peace ,Jane

Susan James - January 12, 2024 at 07:52 AM

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“ Ms. Jane was a fabulous person with an incredible way with words. She was one of my favorite patrons at the Ripley Public Library. She and I shared a love of words and animals. She will be greatly missed.

Sheila Lence - January 02, 2024 at 05:30 PM