



## Jayne Anne Sullivan

July 2, 1937 - March 1, 2020

Jayne Sullivan left this earth on March 1, 2020. She was a lifelong resident of the greater Des Moines area. Jayne was a graduate of Roosevelt High School and Drake University and received her masters from the University of Northern Iowa. She began her career at North High School and after five years she left teaching and began a lifelong career with the Department of Education until her retirement in 2000.

Jayne was a founding member of The Ray Society, Parliamentarian of The Des Moines Women's Club, a member of PEO - Chapter KD, Tri Delta Sorority, Des Moines Pioneers and a lifetime member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her brother, Floyd Simmerman and longtime companion, Bill Moller. She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Sr. and Edythe Simmerman.

Funeral services will be 11 AM Friday, March 6, 2020 at Westminster Presbyterian Church 4114 Allison Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310. Visitation will be 4PM- 7PM Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the church. A private burial will be at Jordan Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to The Ray Society at Drake University,

2507 University Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311; PEO Foundation, 3700 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50312 or The Des Moines Women's Club, 1501 Woodland Ave, Des Moines, IA 50309.

"Go ye therefore and teach all"

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
4114 Allison Ave  
Des Moines, IA

## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
4114 Allison Ave  
Des Moines, IA

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *She was such a classy woman. Every day she came to work at the DE, she dressed so beautifully and professionally. I enjoyed the times I got to work with her.*

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**Mary Beth Schroeder Fracek** - March 06, 2020 at 11:25 PM

RM

“ *I remain a friend for sure. Jane and I shared resources at Drake University and at the Department of Education. We promoted workplace learning through cooperative education techniques, managed leadership training, and helped establish community service as a practice in preparing students for high school graduation. Jane was persistent in trying to get things right, did not hesitate to try, and quietly managed life. She brings to mind a poem by Robert Frost: Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." A very peaceful thought in time.*

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**Raymond Morley** - March 06, 2020 at 08:06 AM

AV

“ *Jayne has been my friend since we met in the Tri Delta pledge class of 1955. She always seemed to be the perfect lady even then, but there was that mischievous gleam in her eye that let you know she was up for a bit of fun. We connected again at the Department of Education and had more good times on trips and many lunches. I will miss her! She was a wonderful, gentle lady.*

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**Anita Varme** - March 05, 2020 at 11:58 AM

NB

“ Jayne was a very sweet, classy lady and a wonderful companion to my brother Bill. I will miss her greatly during my visits to Des Moines!! Norma Moller Bush

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**Norma Bush** - March 04, 2020 at 03:58 PM

BB

“ Jayne has had an impact on thousands of students, educators that she worked with, improved organizations that she joined and held positions, helped strangers lost and confused when she volunteered at the airport, loved and took care of her dogs and kept dogs until they found a home, was a great travel companion from visiting Iowa schools to traveling to China. Jayne is my dear friend and it is so hard to not be able to talk to her and plan weekends events with her.  
Her memories however will live on.

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**beverly bunker** - March 04, 2020 at 10:56 AM

LC

“ Jayne was my supervisor when I worked at the Department of Education. I thoroughly enjoyed working with her. She was the ultimate professional, always with hair styled and nails manicured, and immaculately attired. I always looked up to her and strove to be like her. I left to go back to college, and when I saw her again 30 years later at a colleague's retirement, it was like I'd never been away. Rest in peace, Jayne.

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**Laura Lee Van Genderen Creasy** - March 03, 2020 at 08:17 PM

GV

“ Jayne was my dear P.E.O sister and friend. We were initiated into Chapter KD on the same date. We shared emails and texts with poems, quips and humor. She was witty, charming and a fashion statement! What a privilege to know her.

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**Gloria Vermie** - March 03, 2020 at 05:03 PM

JK

“ Dear Jayne Anne. She was more like a sister than a cousin... Especially to my mom. Jayne attended every family event. So many Weddings, graduations, baby showers, birthdays. Such a thoughtful person. Whenever I had a conversation with her she always made me feel like what I had to say was important and interesting. Always classy. Always perfect. I will miss her so much .

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**Julie kuecker** - March 03, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jayne Anne Sullivan.



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March 02, 2020 at 09:36 PM