



Janet Lynn Heitmiller

July 12, 1953 - March 29, 2013

Janet Tuttle Heitmiller, 59, of Houston, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2013, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Born July 12, 1953, in Dallas to Levelle James and Mary Lynn Cecil Tuttle, Janet graduated from the University of Houston - Downtown where she later became the Director of Community Relations and Conference Services. She enjoyed traveling, reading, and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a CASA advocate, a former President of the Society of Government Meeting Professionals, and a lifetime committee member for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Ms. Heitmiller was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her loving family including her daughter, Julie Franklin, and son-in-law, Ron, Jr., of Austin; sons Craig Heitmiller and Brad Heitmiller, both of Houston; grandchildren Camille, Everett "Rett" and Charlotte Franklin of Austin; brother Brian Tuttle of Tyler; sister Jeanne Tuttle Ramunni and brother-in-law Louis of Tyler; sister-in-law Sue Ann Tuttle of Llano; nephews Scott Ramunni, James Brian "J.B." Tuttle, Jr., and Clint Tuttle; and mother, Mary Lynn Tuttle of Tyler.

Services will be held on Friday, April 5, 2013, at 1:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler with the Very Reverend Anthony McLaughlin officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler.

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2013, with a Rosary following at 7:00 PM, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

Pallbearers will be Ron Franklin, Louis Ramunni, J.B. Tuttle, Clint Tuttle, Scott Ramunni, and James Gieb.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Rosary

APR 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

APR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

MY

“ Janet, what a wonderful lady! I remember meeting Janet over twelve years ago, when I was hired to cater an event at UHD for then Mayor Bill White. She was very pleased with my work and wanted to know about my business. We talked and talked so much that eventually we became the best of friends. We knew about each others kids, parents, and lent an ear to each other during our ups and downs. Janet was encouraging in regards to my business, always offering expert advice and recommendations. There is so much more I could say about Janet, but bottom line is that I couldn't ask for a better friend and business associate. I can truly say my life is different and better today just by knowing Janet Heitmiller.



Condolences to the Janet Heitmiller family....along with her telling me about you, the photos in her office said it all - she loves you all very much! She often talked of her sweet mother also. My prayers for you all are for peace and strength during this tough time of loss.

For Janet: I love you lady. I wish I could have been there with you at the end of your life on earth. I never imagine you leaving so young, but I'm certain you are now a strong angel in high heaven with our Great Lord, continuing to watch over your loved ones now with much more power . Keep on eye me too, friend, you know I need it! For now, I will miss you much but I know our spirits will meet somewhere, sometime in the future. Blessings.

Michaeline Yanascavage - April 10, 2013 at 12:12 PM

EF

“ Ms. Janet,

Tomorrow will be a week that I found out the news of you being gone and it still seems unbelievable. I think the hardest part right now is walking into the office and not opening your door and turning on that one lamp that you loved. It's also hard to know I won't hear your little footsteps walking towards the office and you talking on the phone as you walked in. It's hard not to hear you in the other office laughing about something or hearing one of your many stories. But then I think to myself that you're no longer in pain and that keeps me going. Because I remember how hard it was to see you not able to walk and it was hard to see you run out of breath so quickly. That wasn't the Ms. Janet I knew and as time went on it only got harder to see you suffering. Now you're the angel you always were and in such a better place. So I don't want you to worry about me and the office because I know exactly what you would want me to do. I learned from the best and I thank you for all of the opportunities that you have blessed me with. Thank you for making such a big impact in my life. Thank you for being the best second mom. And thank you for touching my heart in a way i never would have imagined. I love you so much and I miss you so much but this isn't goodbye, its an I'll see you later.

Love you Ms. Janet!

*Your right hand,
Erica*

Erica Flores - April 04, 2013 at 09:00 PM

MA

This is so beautiful Erica ! She is still with you , and she is your guardian angel along with your grandpa !

Maria - April 05, 2013 at 09:43 AM

YF

“ Your friends in Sports & Fitness purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.



Your friends in Sports & Fitness - April 04, 2013 at 02:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.



April 04, 2013 at 09:39 AM

YU

“ Your SSEM Family at UHD purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.



Your SSEM Family at UHD - April 04, 2013 at 09:34 AM

LA

“ Love, Eric and Anges purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.



Love, Eric and Anges - April 04, 2013 at 06:14 AM

PL

“ Dear Janet,



I miss you so much! You and I have fought so many battles together. When I was ill, you were by my side; you offered to help me. You even offered to take me to the hospital when I had my surgery at MD Anderson. You always put your friends before you! You cared about your friends more than you cared about yourself although you were ill.

Last Monday (March 25), I said that I wanted to return to Houston to visit you, you told me to enjoy my trip. Once again, you were thinking about me enjoying the trip than your illness.

You introduced me to a great noodle soup place and now my entire family eats there whenever we want noodle soup. You taught me to be strong, as a person, as a leader and as a professional. You always told me and reminded me that I CAN do whatever I wanted to achieve in life.

The day before I left to Hong Kong (March 12), I went to your office to visit you. You were tired but you refused to go home. You told me that you would not leave until you finished your work on the computer. I have never thought that March 12 was the last time I could see you.

I am having a tough time accepting the loss but I know that you are in a better place and you do not have pain anymore.

Craig, please know that you still have your Chinese mama. I am here for YOU whenever you need me!

Anges (written in Hong Kong)

po-chu anges leung - April 03, 2013 at 08:32 PM

MM

“ *Michael Van Court and Mark Moulton purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.*



Michael Van Court and Mark Moulton - April 03, 2013 at 07:18 PM

DF

“ *Don Wilson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.*



Don Wilson Family - April 03, 2013 at 05:53 PM

CI

“ *Carolyn Ivey lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller*



Carolyn Ivey - April 03, 2013 at 04:52 PM

SK

“ I met Janet the first week of her employment at UHD, and several years later I had the opportunity to work with her in the Reservation and Events department. Through our years of working together, I always enjoyed the opportunity to hear stories of her college and law office days, but the stories I especially loved were about her family, which was her pride and joy. She was a lovely lady with a keen wit and a wonderful smile.

It was a pleasure to know Janet and I pray that the family she held dear will trust the Lord through this time of loss. May He grant you His strength and peace and help you realize that sweet memories are a precious source of healing and comfort.

Shirley (Newman) Kankey

Shirley (Newman) Kankey - April 03, 2013 at 02:16 PM

LR

“ Julie, Craig and Brad. you had a wonderful mother. the tuttle family - i have not met you but all of you had a super lady in your family. rest in peace, janet.

i met janet years ago and spoke with her regularly. she will be missed.

lata reed

Lata and Tom Reed - April 03, 2013 at 01:22 PM

LR

“ Lata And Tom Reed lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



Lata and Tom Reed - April 03, 2013 at 01:15 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.*



April 03, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ *Bruce Lanham lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller*



Bruce Lanham - April 03, 2013 at 07:50 AM



“ *Angela Koponen lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller*

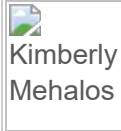


Angela Koponen - April 02, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *Janet was delightful. Her friendship enriched my life. She'll be greatly missed by all who knew her. Many blessing to her family!*

Angela Koponen - April 02, 2013 at 05:00 PM



Kimberly Mehalos

“ I am so sad you have been taken so soon.. I love you so much! I know I have an angel watching over me! xoxox

Kimberly Mehalos - April 02, 2013 at 03:53 PM



LS

“ I only had the pleasure of recently meeting Ms. Janet, and I am grateful that I had the chance to meet her. She was a lovely lady who made me feel welcomed right away, and I appreciate her patience in answering all of my questions. I was truly saddened to hear the news, I know the UHD family is in mourning, myself included. May she rest in peace and smile down on us always.

Leticia Sanchez - April 02, 2013 at 12:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.



April 02, 2013 at 10:45 AM



AD

“ Andrew Davis lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



Andrew Davis - April 02, 2013 at 10:34 AM

JF

“ Ms. Janet was without a doubt the best boss I've ever had. She was so open and understanding. I planned to stay working with her as long as she would have me. Now the office feels so empty without her. She is truly missed by all of us.

Jasmine Farina - April 02, 2013 at 10:32 AM

MG

“ I will miss you dearly, Janet. I cannot believe that just a couple of weeks ago you responded to one of my business emails. I expected to see you on campus soon after your response...I still do. I wish you and your loved ones peace.

Mercedes Gonzales - April 02, 2013 at 10:21 AM

MG

“ Mercedes Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



Mercedes Gonzales - April 02, 2013 at 10:14 AM

KL

“ I met Janet many years ago at an event directors conference in San Diego. We became fast friends and have kept in touch over the years. I remember fondly us going to a beach in California.....I, being from Maine, thought it was beach weather so wore a bathing suit, only to have Janet sit beside me dressed for winter temps..... I tried and tried to have her come to visit me in Maine, but it was always "too cold" for Ms. Janet.

To Julie, Craig and Brad....your Mom was a special lady, and she loved you and her grandchildren very, very much. I feel like I know all of you because she talked about you so often and in great detail. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Karen Farrar Ledger
Colby College
Waterville, ME

Karen Farrar Ledger - April 02, 2013 at 09:01 AM

JA

“ Jon Aoki lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



Jon Aoki - April 02, 2013 at 09:00 AM

DS

“ Debra Jurica Shouldice lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



Debra Jurica Shouldice - April 02, 2013 at 08:51 AM

NP

“ *Nadine Peterson lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller*



Nadine Peterson - April 02, 2013 at 08:42 AM

DT

“ *The passing of Ms. Janet is so surreal to me. I cannot believe she is gone. Yesterday it finally hit me, and I had a breakdown. I know she is in a better pain-free place. I will miss her long conversations and her truthfulness. I pray her family find peace with her passing. I will miss you Ms. Janet; I know you are giving God an earful :)*



DeSandra Torbor - April 02, 2013 at 08:31 AM

NP

“ *May GOD give you perfect peace. You will truly be missed. May GOD comfort your family and give your children peace during their hour of need. Love you Janet- missing you already!*
Nadine

Nadine Peterson - April 02, 2013 at 08:20 AM

MR

“ Our families were very close growing up, and we went on beach vacations together to Crystal Beach and Galveston. We swam, played, danced, ate and laughed until we cried. Thank you, Janet, and all the Tuttles for the best childhood memories ever. Janet was like a sister to me growing up, we even worked together as adults and she helped me through some tough times. We were also sorority sisters at TJC, a sorority that to this day still has reunions. A very special group of women that Janet was very involved in and we all love her. I will always treasure our family friendship, Janet's hilarious sense of humor, her laugh and those bright eyes! Rest in peace, my friendyn Doyle Russell

Marilyn Doyle Russell - April 02, 2013 at 07:35 AM

KW

“ Kamesha Williams lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



Kamesha Williams - April 01, 2013 at 11:47 PM

KW

am deeply saddened by the passing of Ms. Janet. It was a pleasure working with Ms. Janet who was a kind hearted generous person. I know that Ms. Janet was well loved and respected by the UHD family whom we will truly miss dearly. To her children Julie, Craig and Brad, We hope you find comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten. RIP Ms. Janet. Love Kamesha Williams and family

Kamesha Williams - April 01, 2013 at 11:47 PM

SM

“ Rest In Peace Janet.....

Sylvia Medellin - April 01, 2013 at 07:52 PM

JF

“ *John Finlay lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller*



John Finlay - April 01, 2013 at 07:51 PM

BT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Brian Tuttle - April 01, 2013 at 07:24 PM

JC

“ *Jane Creighton purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.*



Jane Creighton - April 01, 2013 at 07:01 PM

LL

“ *Lourdes Ledesma lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller*



Lourdes Ledesma - April 01, 2013 at 06:22 PM

PH

“ *Peggy Henley lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller*



Peggy Henley - April 01, 2013 at 05:54 PM

PH

*Souci sisters....We had so much fun at TJC. You'll be missed little girl !
Love, Woody*

Peggy Henley - April 01, 2013 at 05:56 PM

FV

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Janet for many years. Through those years she was always kind to me and mentored me, even though she would tell you that she didn't. That was the kind of person Janet was, she wouldn't take credit for doing the right thing even when it was apparent to everyone that it was all her doing. I will miss our little firecracker very much, but know she sits on the right hand of God watching over all of us. Here's a poem I'd like to share with Janet's family and friends. These are words that I'm sure Janet is saying to us.

And if I go, while you're still here...

*Know that I live on,
Vibrating through a different measure
-behind a thin veil you cannot see through.*

*You will not see me,
-so you must have faith.*

*I wait the time when we can soar together again,
-both aware of each other.*

*Until then, live your life to its fullest.
And when you need me,
Just whisper my name in your heart,
...I will be there.*

Fred Varela - April 01, 2013 at 05:41 PM

FV

“ Fred Varela lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



Fred Varela - April 01, 2013 at 05:13 PM

TS

“ I have only know Janet for about 2 years at UHD but she could tell stories about her family and her work that cracked me up! She will be missed and I am sending prayers to all of her family and friends. God Bless you all!!

Tracy Simms - April 01, 2013 at 05:07 PM

NC

“ I knew lovely Janet when planning events at UHD for my former department at METRO. She was always such a joy, and joyful person. Am sorry to learn of her passing, and she put up a good fight is is now at rest. I will always think of Janet fondly and am so glad I was able to know her, albeit for a short time. Nancy Christopherson

Nancy Christopherson - April 01, 2013 at 04:05 PM

MF

“ Maria Flores lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



Maria Flores - April 01, 2013 at 01:11 PM

RJ

“ Robert Jurica lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



Robert Jurica - April 01, 2013 at 12:22 PM

RC

“ Randall Childress purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Janet Lynn Heitmiller.



Randall Childress - April 01, 2013 at 11:56 AM

C'

“ Memories forever...



Cynthia Wharton, Souci Pledge '71 - April 01, 2013 at 11:37 AM

DM

“ D'Auan McNeel lit a candle in memory of Janet Lynn Heitmiller



D'Auan McNeel - March 31, 2013 at 08:23 PM

 Gladis
Moya

“ Janet Heitmiller help me grow And become The professional I am now.I worked with her for 7yrs at the University of Houston- Downtown and I was her right hand. We had our laughs And at time our hard times but she kept strong no matter what....Her first battle with cancer was very hard but she fought it And being by her side everyday to keep her strong And I made sure everything at work was always running smooth so when she came Back she had no worries.. she was a big part in my life so it breaks My heart that she is gone but now she is with our heavenly father with no pain And going to watch over us... I want to tell Julie, Craig And Brad you guys had a great mother, always very strong and caring. We loved her at UHD And she will continue to be a big part of us. Please know,My prayers is with you And your family.. I will miss her long talks but i thank God for giving me the opportunity of having her in My life.....love always Gladis Navarro

Gladis Moya - March 30, 2013 at 03:17 PM

MC

She has left a hole in my heart. She will be missed but NEVER forgotten.

Michael Van Court

Michael Van Court - March 31, 2013 at 06:08 PM

LF

Janet was such a special person. Very engaging and friendly. She and I are both from Tyler and we had plenty of good conversation about our hometown. We would discuss how much we missed Tyler and didn't care too much for Houston:) She could really relate to me and I will miss that because it's not often you meet someone who understands where you come from. I already miss her but understand that this is part of life and God has full control. Thank God for Janet's life and how she has touched so many.

Lila Beasley Murray, UHD friend - April 01, 2013 at 11:07 AM

GC

Janet was a secret buddy of mines. She would call me every now and than just to keep in touch what a great person. No one new of our friendship but it was very special. Janet I will miss you so much. To the children you have a beautiful mother and please keep in mind that she is not (sorry) that she don't have to suffer any longer. keep looking up to God who is the author of our faith.

Gwendolyn Carter - April 01, 2013 at 05:10 PM

KW

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Kamesha Williams - April 01, 2013 at 11:42 PM

BB

My deepest sympathy to Janet's family and friends. I will miss her witty, vivacious personality, her kindness and concern for others. It was a pleasure to know her and share personal and other challenges. May God give you strength.
Brenetta Brooks, UHD Retiree

Brenetta Brooks - April 02, 2013 at 08:54 PM

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