



Jane E. Carvalho, Esq

October 19, 2019

Jane E. Carvalho, Esq., 72, passed away peacefully after a long illness on October 19, 2019.

Jane was born and raised in New Bedford before moving to Mattapoisett 20 years ago. She was the daughter of the late Antone Carvalho and Zaida (Pires) Carvalho.

Jane earned a B.A. at Hood College and a Master's from Brown University, where she was a teaching fellow. She earned a J.D. at Northeastern Law School. She was fluent in several languages and worked as a translator and cryptologist for the FBI, spent several years as an ESL educator and in 1983 passed the bar and became a prominent family law attorney. She began her career at the Law Office of Armand Fernandes, Jr. before opening a private practice in 1987 with offices in Boston, New Bedford and Martha's Vineyard. She served on the Board of Directors for SMLAC and the Interchurch Council. She was a member of the Board of Bar Overseers Hearing Committee and a past President of the Massachusetts Bar Association Family Law Section Council. She was a frequent lecturer for MCLE, Northeastern University and UMass Law. She devoted her life to championing the underdog. Jane enjoyed hiking, biking, camping, being at the ocean and the outdoors in general. Most of all, she had a special place in her heart for animals, having rescued hundreds over the years. Jane was a longtime member of the Pentecostal Assembly in New Bedford and traveled to India for mission work. She was a devoted Christian and her faith comforted her through her illness. She was a one-of-a-kind woman, a trail blazer and an exceptionally hard worker. She will be deeply missed by her family and the friends, colleagues, children and clients whose lives she touched.

She is survived by her cousins, Paul, Deborah, Marsha and Tim Pires, her Aunt Rose Pires, and her friend, Donna Horrocks, who was her caregiver in her last years. She was "Auntie Jane" to Billy, Nicholas and Faith Horrocks and thought of Donna's husband, Bill, as her brother. She had a hand in raising two fine human beings, Matthew Costa and Brittany Costa, who were her stepchildren.

Per Jane's wishes, private funeral arrangements entrusted to Donaghy-Hathaway Funeral Home, New Bedford.

Donations in Jane's memory may be made to a "No Kill" animal shelter of your choice or simply practice a random act of kindness in Jane's honor.

Comments



“ Donna, I was shocked to learn of Jane’s passing. We had lost touch which does not mean I did not think of her often and our time spent together preacting Law, laughing about our work and our lives. I particularly always chided her about her manicured nails staying perfect while rock climbing!!! Still a mystery to me. I know how close you were and what a very high loss it will be for her. She was so lucky to have you and your family in her life. Thinking of you. Take care of yourself. Bettina Borders

bettina borders - November 19 at 06:51 PM



“ Jane did so much for me and my family back in the day. She always welcomed me into her house for sleepover after sleepover with Brittany. Jane taught me so much about Compassion and loving animals She was truly one of the most generous, thoughtful and smartest people I have had the pleasure to meet!! So grateful for the memories! RIP beautiful Jane!!!

Lindsey - October 28 at 05:42 PM



“ I am so very sorry to see that Jane passed away. She was such a bright woman, I loved working with her every day. She had such a wonderful spirit. She was such an advocate for her clients. Family law is such a difficult area to practice but she was one of the best and as a young secretary coming out of school, she was the best role model. Thank you Jane and god bless you. Love, Sarah Pestana Lynn.

Maria Lynn - October 28 at 09:36 AM



“ So sorry to see this in the paper today. Jane was a good friend when we were both practicing family law in New Bedford. We lost touch over the past years but I remember her very fondly as a vibrant, fun loving,intelligent, powerful woman.



Lynn Whitney - October 27 at 06:15 PM