



Jane E. Batson

September 6, 1947 - September 27, 2014

Jane Elizabeth Batson, 67, of Roswell passed away on Saturday, September 27, 2014. A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm Friday, October 3, 2014 at Grace Community Church.

Jane was born on September 6, 1947 in Amarillo, Texas to Thomas and Gladys Scott. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Jack Batson, their son John Batson, his wife, Karen, and their daughter, Elizabeth, of Temple, Texas, and daughter, Shannon Batson, of Roswell.

Jane was known for her dedication to public service and to the betterment of life in Chaves County and New Mexico. Throughout her career, she has been passionate about helping others and improving the lives of those who are less fortunate. She has done much of this through her grantwriting of over 30 years, which has seen millions of dollars come through her community projects. A few of her special projects include: UNITY (Understanding Needs in Today's Youth) Center, ENMU-Roswell Community Dental Van and Clinic, Chaves County Community Pharmacy, among many others.

Most recently, Jane's projects have come under the umbrella of Embrace, Inc. Many of these are as a result of the Community Transformation Grant. It is from the NM Department of Health with the major activities designed to increase healthy lifestyles and healthy nutrition thus reducing the incidence of

chronic illness like diabetes and high blood pressure. An integral part of this project is getting people access to fresh fruits and vegetables in their communities, including Roswell, Dexter, Hagerman and Lake Arthur through the Roadrunner Food Pantry program. In Lake Arthur, Jane was able to start a community garden program there and also partner with an Americorps team this last summer to get this project off the ground. Through this project, Jane also developed a partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of NM in their Move with Blue program, including BCBS's purchase of the Kaboom Imagination Playground to be used for community events and school programs to encourage play and creativity.

Throughout her lifetime of service, Jane has received many awards and achievements for her work in the community and state-wide. If you knew Jane, you knew that she put her passion behind her projects not for the notoriety, but to see the community she loved succeed. If Jane could be a part of helping Roswell and the surrounding community, she was going to do it.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to Embrace, Inc., PO Box 4425, Roswell, NM 88202. The programs that Jane helped get started that are currently under Embrace include: La Puerta Abierta, women's health outreach services and a homeless clinic staffed by volunteer physicians, with future plans for a homeless shelter, especially designed for homeless veterans; UNITY Center for teenagers including suicide prevention programs; Roadrunner Food Pantry; Douglas L. McBride Veteran's Cemetery. Many of Jane's projects are still moving forward under Embrace, Inc., and their Executive Director, Nathan Padilla, and she would have loved to see this work continue in her absence. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan at 575.623.1220 or 575.840.1075.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jane E. Batson*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Hugs from Kacy and Ingvar*

Kacy Thompson - May 26, 2015 at 05:10 PM



“ *Coach Batson and family, We were so saddened to hear of Jane's passing. We send you our heartfelt sympathies and prayers. She was a pillar of this community and will be sorely missed. Robert and Vicki Hobbs*

Robert and Vick Hobbs - October 13, 2014 at 03:02 PM



“ *Mrs. Batson, was a very important person in my life, more like a mentor of nursing. She was my Peds instructor and later I worked for her in Public Health. I shall miss her greatly, she was an exceptional woman, wife and mother, and an advocate for those in need. I shall miss you Mrs. Batson, your spirit will always be in my heart, you made me that nurse and person I am today. God bless you, god has welcomed you in his kingdom. My best to Jack and the family. Kathy M. McCloud RN and family*

kathy m. McCloud - October 13, 2014 at 11:22 AM

SC

“ *Jack and Family,
Jane was a very special and wonderful lady of this community. I will miss her smile and her touching concern for the communities in Chaves County. May God surround you in his loving arms during this sad time.*
Sandy Correia

Sandy Correia - October 10, 2014 at 08:45 AM

DM

“ *My family and I have known Jane Batson and her Family for a very long time. Jane you will be greatly miss and you are in God's arms and he is holding you forever. May the Lord be with her family and friends and everyone that she knew and worked with and touch everyones heart and soul. May you rest in peace, beautiful and precious lady. Love In God's Eyes, Pennt Mills, Tamara Perozek, Michelle Perozek, Sarah Perozek and Debbie Mills.*



Debbie Mills - October 08, 2014 at 12:12 PM

AP

“ *I was shocked to hear of Jane's passing today since I've been out-of-town. Jane was such an amazing person, and I feel honored to have known her. She cared so deeply for others. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jack, and your family. Anne Puma*

Anne Puma - October 08, 2014 at 11:24 AM

MM

“ Jane was truly an inspiration to many. She will sorely be missed by this community. Her memory will live on forever. The work Jane did came from her heart. We will miss you Jane.



Manuel Martinez - October 06, 2014 at 04:39 PM

GU

“ Jane was a great woman, loving and caring person with a heart of gold, she will always be cherished by one and all, thank you & God bless you!!! May Sweet Baby Jesus give you comfort and understanding during this time of your loved ones passing.

Guadalupe - October 04, 2014 at 04:58 PM

CO

“ Jane was a wonderful outstanding person in our community and will dearly missed. Prayers for her family. May her spirit go on.

Carla Overmier - October 04, 2014 at 02:02 AM

JB

“ Jane was the "go to" person for information and help in the medical community in New Mexico! She helped me with connections for my family members several times. I had the pleasure of working for and with Jane for many years. She will be missed!!! Thoughts and prayers with Jack and the kids, and all of Jane's family and friends.



Jan Bell - October 03, 2014 at 06:15 PM

BS

“ Jane Batson was one of the nicest women I have had the honor of knowing. She was always there to help when Jack and I needed help with track meets. She spent many hours freezing in the booth helping with scoring or whatever else we needed help with. Organization was her middle name. Helping people was what she thrived on. My thoughts and prayers go out to Jack and her kids. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Barbara Phillips Shideler - October 03, 2014 at 05:43 PM

TM

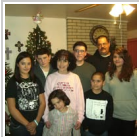
“ Jane was a very special lady. She will be missed by so many.

Twyla Mathews - October 03, 2014 at 02:19 PM

ZA

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to y'all. God blessed us all with Jane's giving spirit. She touched so many hearts through all her endeavors.

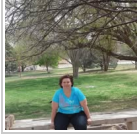
Zela and Jerry Airhart - October 03, 2014 at 10:35 AM



“ David Kenyon lit a candle in memory of Jane E. Batson



David Kenyon - October 02, 2014 at 10:57 PM



“ Elizabeth Moore lit a candle in memory of Jane E. Batson



Elizabeth Moore - October 02, 2014 at 09:40 PM



“ Jane was my Pediatric teacher when I was in nursing school. She was a great teacher. She later became my boss- twice, a peer, and most of all, a friend. She was such an amazing force. It is hard to believe she is gone. Her memory will continue to live on. My prayers go out to her family and friends. She will be missed by many.

Candi Miller-Morris - October 02, 2014 at 09:33 PM



“ Prayers to the Batson family during this time. Jane will be missed.



Gina Buldra - October 02, 2014 at 08:43 PM



“ Dear Jack, I was very sorry to hear about Jane's untimely passing. God will give you and your family the strength to get through this time. God be with you.

Martha M. Brown

Martha M. Brown - October 02, 2014 at 07:16 PM

CF

“ *Dear Jack & Family*
Her memories will long live in our hearts as she was a dear woman who cared so much about how others were. Because I've walked this walk, I know how difficult this time is leading up to the funeral. So know that my heart is with all of you and I continue to pray for your comfort and peace. As for Jane, her memory of all she did for our community, lives on. Thank you for sharing her with us all these years.

Claudette Foster

Claudette Foster - October 02, 2014 at 06:38 PM

PR

“ *Dear Jack and Family*
Jane has meant so much for so many/ I will always be thankful for her tireless effort promoting the Community Band. God bless each of you. She was a dear lady.
Paula Reed

Paula Reed - October 02, 2014 at 06:25 PM

 Chris
Bell

“ *Prayers to Jane's family and to the community.*



Chris Bell - October 02, 2014 at 04:52 PM

TH

“ Mrs. Batson was always so kind and willing to listen and help to ensure I would succeed as a student at ENMU-R. Since then, I have become even more aware of just how much of a champion for people and life Mrs. Batson has been throughout her life—beyond inspiring.

And in the past year, I have had the privilege to get to know a person whom Mrs. Batson has touched in such a positive way that the ripple effects of their collaboration seem to have become waves of giving and reaching our community in such a beautiful way—such a legacy. There are two words that come to my mind when thinking of her obvious faith, strength and grace—Christ-like.

My sincerest heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to all of her friends and family.

Todd Housewright

Todd Housewright - October 02, 2014 at 03:17 PM

NB

“ *To the Batson Family,
I am so sorry for your loss of wife and mother, Jane! She was a wonderful person, who helped others as well as the community! She will be greatly missed! With my deepest sympathy, all of you are in my thoughts and prayers! Love in Christ, Nancy Britton*

Nancy P. Britton - October 02, 2014 at 03:02 PM

AW

“ *Alice J. Wood lit a candle in memory of Jane E. Batson*



Alice J. Wood - October 02, 2014 at 12:48 PM

 Shelly Mathews Ervin

“ *Jane you will be greatly missed! What an amazing woman, who took time to care for others! What a joy it was to have worked with you for so many years!*



Shelly Mathews Ervin - October 02, 2014 at 11:17 AM

BK

“ *Jane was the brightest star in Roswell. She worked so tirelessly for the community. It was a joy to be associated with this outstanding lady. She will be missed by Roswell and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico outreach.*
Becky Kenny, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico

Becky Kenny - October 02, 2014 at 11:10 AM

JG

“ *Janet Gomez lit a candle in memory of Jane E. Batson*



Janet Gomez - October 02, 2014 at 10:56 AM



“ Jack, John, and Shannon, I am terribly sorry for your loss of this wonderful woman. Jane was truly one of the kindest, most gentle, and most caring woman I have ever met. My heart is full of sadness. May God be with each of you during this difficult time.

Clare McGuire Doyle - October 02, 2014 at 10:40 AM

LR

“ Lawana Ray lit a candle in memory of Jane E. Batson



Lawana Ray - October 01, 2014 at 05:59 PM

EB

“ A Powerful Woman of God! She was loved by all and will be missed!

Eddie Burns - October 01, 2014 at 04:37 PM

BG

“ Bridgit Gauna lit a candle in memory of Jane E. Batson



Bridgit Gauna - October 01, 2014 at 01:04 PM

BG

Jane was a very giving person, she help me to advance in my chosen field of Social Work, and gave me the opportunity to become involved with La Puerta, Road Runner Food Bank, and Embrace. She will be greatly missed.

Bridgit Gauna - October 01, 2014 at 01:06 PM



Brianna
Bitner

“ *Brianna Bitner lit a candle in memory of Jane
E. Batson*



Brianna Bitner - October 01, 2014 at 12:27 PM

MP

“ *Jane will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful, giving person.
God bless you Jack and your family.*

Maricelda P Pisana - October 01, 2014 at 11:21 AM