



Janet Louise T. Cunningham

JUN 13, 1947 - JUL 13, 2021



Scan to Visit



Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Events	Page 5
Tribute Wall	Page 6
Media	Page 8



Janet Louise T. Cunningham

JUN 13, 1947 - JUL 13, 2021

Janet Louise T Cunningham, affectionately known as “Sugawooga,” passed away on July 13, 2021 after a long fight with cerebellar ataxia and a Parkinson’s-related condition. She was born on June 13, 1947, in Lynwood, California at St. Frances Memorial Hospital to the late W.T. and Harriett Turner. Janet was the eldest of five children: sisters Rose (preceded in death), Warraine, and Adrienne, and one brother, Wayne. At an early age, Janet developed a life-long passion for learning. She was a graduate of John C. Fremont High School in Los Angeles, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of California at Long Beach.

In 1972, Janet married Gerald Cunningham. To their union was born two children, Brittany and Phillip, who they loved dearly. During their twenty-two years of marriage, they resided in Phoenix, AZ, Pittsburgh, PA, Las Vegas, NV, and Brea, CA. In 1987, the family relocated to Texas and made the DFW Metroplex home.

There were three constants in Janet’s life: her love of God, her children, and her passionate desire to educate and mentor children and young adults. Having received Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior, Janet was an active church member no matter where she lived. She regularly attended Friendship West Baptist Church, in Dallas, TX until medical conditions made it difficult to go to services. While residing at Accel at Willow Bend, she valued every opportunity to fellowship with volunteers from Prestonwood Baptist Church and would participate in person when she was able.

Janet had a distinguished career as a special education and English teacher, working for Scottsdale (AZ) Independent School District (“ISD”), Pittsburgh Public Schools (PA), Las Vegas ISD (NV), Orange County ISD (CA), and Plano ISD (TX). In 2013, Janet retired from Hillcrest High School, Dallas ISD. Her tremendous desire to ensure all children, especially those from marginalized populations, had the skills needed to successfully transition to kindergarten and beyond led her to



Obituary

Janet Louise T. Cunningham

JUN 13, 1947 - JUL 13, 2021

own and actively operate two day-care centers in Denton, TX: Young Scholars I and II in the 1990's.

For Janet, the commitment to service extended beyond the traditional classroom. Janet was an active member of civic organizations such as Jack and Jill of America. In 1975, she was initiated into the Delta Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and was proud that her daughter became a member of the Sorority twenty years later.

To know Janet was to love her. Janet's loving nature, warm spirit and genuine kindness were infectious. She never knew a stranger and was impeccable with her word. Janet felt everyone deserved the very best in life and would do anything in her power to ensure people were better off after knowing her. Her legacy and inspiration will live on in the hearts, souls, and minds of every human she touched and interacted with.

Janet Louise T Cunningham leaves to celebrate her life and legacy daughter Brittany Cunningham (Everett), son Phillip Cunningham (Jennifer), sisters Warraine Baker and Adrienne Turner, brother Wayne Turner (Hazel), granddaughter Isabella Paige Cunningham, grandson John Phillip Cunningham, nieces Ieesha Cannida (James), Jamilya Williams, Javon Coye (Christian), Dana Golleher (Matthew), and Celeste Turner, nephews Jassonn Williams (Valerie), Jamal Williams, Troy Darrell, William Turner, and Rashid Baker, and a host of family, surrogate family members, and friends.




Events

Janet Louise T. Cunningham

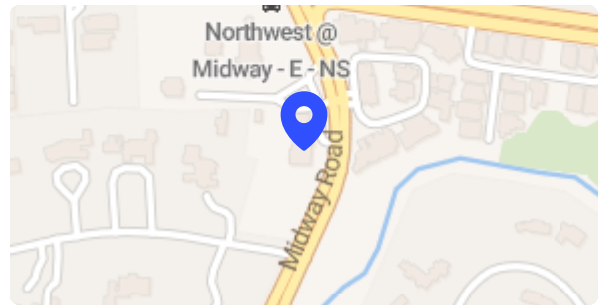
JUN 13, 1947 - JUL 13, 2021

Funeral Service

 **Friday**, July 23, 2021

 12:00 PM CT

 **Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church**
9027 Midway Rd., Dallas TX 75209

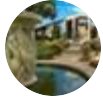




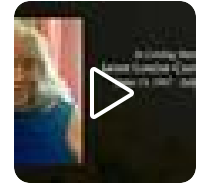
Tribute Wall

Janet Louise T. Cunningham

JUN 13, 1947 - JUL 13, 2021



Restland Funeral Home And Cemetery shared a **Video**.



July 21 at 1:43 PM



Carol Mills posted:

I was saddened to hear of Janet's passing. I worked with her at Hillcrest and always found her to be warm and funny and good-humored. She was also an ardent advocate for her students. She will definitely be missed. My deepest condolences to her family. Carol Mills

July 24 at 9:32 AM



Charyl Ware posted:

My husband and I first met Jan and her husband at First Baptist Church. Later, her parents moved from California and moved into our neighborhood. Her family and parents embraced our family. We all spent a lot of time gathering at her parents' house. We always enjoyed seeing and spending time with Jan. We send our condolences to the Turner family. We look forward to seeing Jan in our heavenly father's house. Love, Anthony, Charyl, Anthony Jr. and Andre' The Ware Family

July 24 at 5:22 AM



K. Butler posted:

Blessings upon the Family of Janet Cunningham, I have FANTASTIC memories of our conversations both as a colleague and as a friend. I will miss her uncommon kindness and SPLENDID sense of HUMOR! I will miss visiting with her, texting and brief conversations. Janet was a good listener. When working together, if I had a critical concern about something, when I left Janet's presence, and walked down the hallway, I would be laughing, either inwardly or outwardly, or perhaps both. I am grateful that God allowed me to cross her path in life over the past 20 years. What an unspeakable TRUE JOY!! Yes, she will be missed, dearly. As Christians, we know that God makes no mistakes. I will see you one day with all of God's perfections and glory!!! May God continue to BLESS Janet's Family n Friends with his GRACE, STRENGTH, and MERCY, especially during this time of loss. Love in Christ, K. Butler

July 23 at 11:39 AM



Tribute Wall

Janet Louise T. Cunningham

JUN 13, 1947 - JUL 13, 2021



Sheila Young posted:

I met Janet when her son applied to St Mark's and my husband was the admissions director. We became close friends and she is the reason I joined Jack and Jill. My son adored Brittany and always wanted to go to the Cunningham's house. I know you and Ed are in heaven having a good time. Rest in peace my friend. I will see you again. Love you forever.

July 22 at 5:29 PM



Hillcrest High School Coworkers sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Cunningham family.



July 22 at 6:18 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Cunningham family.



July 21 at 5:57 PM



Diana Koon posted:

Janet had a personal relationship with Christ. We enjoyed each moment we spent with her. She loved Kenneth.

July 20 at 6:43 AM



Media

Janet Louise T. Cunningham

JUN 13, 1947 - JUL 13, 2021



Restland Funeral Home And Cemetery shared a Video.

July 21 at 1:43 PM

In Loving Memory
Janet Louise Cunningham
June 13, 1947 - July 13, 2021



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Janet by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit

