



Jacqueline Ruth Dover

May 20, 1950 - October 4, 2014

Mrs. Jacqueline Ruth Dover

Mrs. Jacqueline (“Jackie”) Ruth Dover, age 64, resident of Bartlesville, died at 6:14 A.M. on Saturday, October 4, 2014, at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, following complications from a surgery in June.

Funeral services for Jackie will be held at 11 A.M. on Saturday, October 11, at East Cross United Methodist Church with Rev. Chad Perceful officiating. Friends who wish may call for visitation at Stumpff Funeral Home on Friday, as the casket will remain closed for the funeral. The family will receive guests at the funeral home from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Friday.

Jackie was born on May 20, 1950, at Lincoln, Nebraska, to Robert L. and Marjorie Ann (Hagaman) Neumann. She was raised and received her education at St. Joseph and then at Kansas City, Missouri, graduating as valedictorian of both her high school and undergraduate classes. She attended William Jewell College, earning a B.A. in English and History. She then attended the University of Arkansas, earning her M.A. in English. While in graduate school, Jackie met Larry Francis Dover in the cafeteria and proclaimed that she would marry that man. Indeed, they were married on January 4, 1975, in Kansas City, Missouri. They made their home at Fayetteville, Arkansas, until Larry began working at Phillips Petroleum

Company in July of 1978, at which time they moved to Bartlesville. Except for a brief tenure in Texas, Jackie continued to live in Bartlesville for the rest of her life.

Jackie was a wife and mother by vocation, raising her two children first as a happy homemaker and then as an avid school volunteer at Hoover Elementary. Later, she worked as the secretary and then office manager at East Cross United Methodist Church. Most recently, Jackie had filled her time caring for cats (including five of her own as well as a constant influx of foster kittens), cultivating her gardens, and video-chatting with her first grandchild.

Jackie is survived by her daughter, Sarah Mendez and husband Jonathan, granddaughter Talia; her son, James Dover and wife Kristen; her brother, Vincent Neumann and wife Joyce; and her sister-in-law, Celia Neumann. She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Dover; her parents, Robert and Marjorie Neumann; and her brother, Gregory Neumann.

Those who wish may send memorial funds to the Animal Rescue Foundation (A.R.F.) of Bartlesville at P.O. Box 3292 Bartlesville, OK 74006 Attn: Vicki Adams.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jacqueline Ruth Dover*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Jacqueline Ruth Dover*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Aunt Jackie, you will be missed.*

Scott Dover - November 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *This is the slideshow we played at my mom's visitation and funeral:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLndKHRBR-c&feature=youtu.be>*

Sarah M. - October 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Jackie a few times, but mostly knew of Jackie through her husband Larry, whom I worked with for several years. Larry always spoke highly of Jackie and I remember him calling her about everyday during lunch. We need more Larry's and Jackie's in this world. Prayers to the family.*

Earl Boesl - October 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Your kindness towards people and animals is a tribute to your big heart. Thank you for all you have done for the animals. Everyone has some of your blankets you made, the kitties with have a piece of you with them always. RIP Jackie

Debbie McClendon - October 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Chuck and I will be with you in thought today as you celebrate Jackie's life. She was a strong, inspirational woman and will be sorely missed.

Jan Scovill - October 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Will always hold dear the good friend Jackie was over the past years...'how she cared for my Calli cat & me while I was in the hospital. Sharron, Jackie & Nita shared much in common for lots of years here in Bartlesville. Much love & prayers to her sweet family.

Nita K. Wakeley

Nita K. Wakeley - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Jackie and I met in middle school and became the best of friends. We had the sort of friendship that can only be forged during that exciting, turbulent, and anxious time of "growing up." We tackled the trials of gym class with its mandatory showers and of 8th grade speech class together. I remember feeling like the dynamic duo when we won our debate, arguing for a ban on pesticides and citing Rachael Carson's book *Silent Spring*. We were giggling, hysterical 14-year old girls together, besotted by the Beatles and everything about them. Even though my family was transferred to Memphis during our junior year of high school, Jackie has been in my thoughts and in my heart ever since. She will remain there always.

Sue Ellen Myers Polise - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I didn't know Jackie personally but I do know she is an amazing person. Shortly after the Washington II. Tornado I joined a group of amazing women who rescued animals, mostly cats. I fostered over 20 of them. When she found out she sent me a couple big boxes of cat blankies. They were amazing. Thanks again!

Danika McLain - October 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My heart goes out to her wonderful family. Jackie will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Debbi Atkinson - October 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ God Bless you Jackie. My heart is so sad for the loss of this wonderful caring person and friend to animals!! Prayers for her family and friends. Jackie I am sure there were many a kitty waiting for you when you arrived in heaven!!!

Denise Medland - October 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I had just taken in a pregnant mom cat and Jackie sent me a message asking for my address. A few days later a huge box of the most wonderful blankets arrived. That is a gift that I will never forget. Jackie wrote the sweetest note and I felt like she was there with me when momma cat gave birth. She will be missed, a woman with the kindest soul.

Caralee Reed - October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My prayers are with Jackie's family. Such a nice woman. Debbie McKinney

Debbie McKinney - October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I never met you in person, but one day a large box arrived at my door that was full of blankets you made for my rescue kitties with the sweetest note. Your kindness has never been forgotten and I will hug those blankets a little tighter when I tuck my babies into their beds with them. What an angel you are - on earth and in heaven. We are all blessed to have received your kindness. Rest In Peace.

Marilee Wells - October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Though I never met Jackie in person, I felt as though I'd known her for a long time. She was so compassionate and caring for the homeless pets, especially the kitties. We "liked" each others comments on Facebook and we seemed to follow the same shelters and rescues. One day I received a huge box of kitty blankets so I could transport my rescued felines to and from adoption events. There were so many I was able to share them with the other fosters in my rescue group. About a month later, she sent me another box and this time she included doggie blankets as I'd mentioned I had dogs of my own never realizing she would make them blankies. Of course, she made sure they had doggie designs and not kitty designs. That's how thoughtful she was...even though the dogs would never have known. Like so many others in the animal rescue world, Jackie will be greatly missed...for her compassion, kindness, and support. I'm so blessed and honored that I got to know her...even if was just on Facebook. I will cherish her blankets even more and always think of her when I'm placing them in the cat carriers and dog beds. May God Bless her and unite her with all the homeless animals she helped to save, and may she rest in peace.

Sue Good - October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I can't believe we never met, and that I will never be blessed enough to do so. You are an absolute inspiration to so many. You have made such a huge impact on the cat rescue community. You leave an amazing legacy to light our way. My "Jackie blankets" will now be even more cherished. I feel so lucky to have been one of many recipients (including two others in our small rescue). All of your pledging and words of encouragement make this whole rescue thing doable. To Jackie's family, I want to thank you for sharing your beautiful wife and mother with us all. So many innocent lives were saved because of her. We love you so so much, Jackie. I am thankful you are at peace, but oh how I wish you were still here. Thank you for being you.

Molly Hosken - October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I want you to know that the friends of Jackie who love you surround you. It was such a joy to be able to visit Jackie in August and share our memories of Hoover Elementary together. May the memories of Jackie help your family find peace.

Celeste Habiger - October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ For her brother's 50th birthday, the kids and I rigged a home game show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," just a little chance to make him feel foolish on his birthday. His friends were in on it and easily answered their questions but on Vince's turn, the questions were impossible. Well, if you ever wanted a partner for Trivial Pursuit, Jackie was the best! So, on the second round we told Vince it was time for him to 'phone a friend' for help. We dialed Jackie who was waiting for our call, had her on speaker and you should have seen Vince's eyes well up when she said, "Hello!" Best birthday gift ever and, of course, she got the question right.
She was my sister for over 40 years and I will miss her presence in this world. She was a wonderful friend.

Joyce Neumann - October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Sending hugs your way. Your Mom was always so thoughtful and caring. She will be missed by so many. When she was at Hoover Elementary my daughter always looked forward to seeing Jackie at school lunch time. Sarah was very homesick and Jackie's hugs got her through the day without tears in the first grade.
I will miss her thoughtful cards she sent for birthdays and holidays and our phone chats when we would catch up on each other's lives.
Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Waits - October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ My girl and best friend. Glad you are at peace.

Vincent Neumann - October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Jackie & I were old friends. I am so sorry she's gone and regret those times I didn't see her. I wish peace for her family and God's love to surround them.

Linda Paxson Jacobs - October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jackie saved dozens of orphaned kittens for ARF in her last years, staying up days at a time with very little sleep, feeding and nursing armloads of 2-3 week old kittens around the clock. She designed and sewed and shipped nearly 800 donated "blankies" to cat rescues and shelters in the last 5 months before she became ill. She was first of all a loving mother and grandmother; she was a precious friend, and she was my hero for her work for cat rescue organizations. In my area, Central Illinois, she sent two dozen of her "blankies" to a feral cat rescue lady and two to a friend who had just adopted two senior dogs from a local shelter. She sent special decor-specific blankies to me for my cats. I am certain that love for her, and the loss of her, is shared across the country.

Robin Smith - October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Love you, Jackie!

Kay Housman - October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My 2 girls and I spent a week with Auntie Jackie 2 summers ago. She spoiled my girls and had some great "grandma practice" before Talia was born. We now cherish the time we spent with our Oklahoma family. She will be missed!

Meri Hass - October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jackie was a loving, caring woman and she will be greatly missed in our lives. Many wonderful memories with her remain in our hearts.

Jayne Ferguson - October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM