

Jane Duff Cain

September 5, 2023



Jane Duff Cain, 92, of Crescent City, CA and most recently Brookings, OR, passed away July 9, 2023. Jane was the youngest of four, born December 11, 1930, to Louis Dunlop Duff, Sr, and Cyra Sweet Duff of Kansas City, MO.

She graduated from Southwest High School where she was a proud member of the basketball team and swimming club and vice president of both the school choir and literary magazine. Jane graduated from the University of Missouri in Columbia where she was an active participant of Kappa Alpha Theta. This began her lifelong commitment to volunteering which included stints as President of the Junior League of Princeton, NJ in 1970-71 and President of the Women's Club of Crescent City, CA in 2015-16. Jane was also a successful businesswoman throughout her career, initially as a real estate agent in various places she lived (Kansas City, San Diego, and San Francisco) and then as the founder of Almost Like a Daughter, which provided personal services for the elderly and disabled for over three decades.

Known for her decisive wit as well as her ability to count, Jane was an avid bridge enthusiast, skilled seamstress and talented knitter. Her dogs were constant and loyal companions. Jane had a keen ear, loved to sing and was one of the founding members of the Grace Notes, an a cappella group on Old Greenwich, CT and sang in various a cappella groups across the country.

Jane is predeceased by her former husband, John Joseph Cain, and her youngest daughter, Cyra Jane Cain, as well as her sister Sibyl Duff Tilson and brother Louis D. Duff. She is survived by her sister Cyra Duff Sanborn of Lexington, MA, her children, Constance Cain of Crescent City, CA and Douglas Cain of San

Francisco, CA and her grandson Nathanael (Laura) of Bend, OR and her great grandchildren. Jane was beloved by various nieces and nephews scattered around the country, including Athelia Ann Tilson of Watertown, MA, Sibyl Louise Tilson of Alexandria, VA, Patricia Woodbury Miller of Prairie Village, KS, Cyra Sanborn Dumitru of San Antonio, TX, Peter Sanborn of Lexington, MA, and Noel Sanborn of Palo Alto, CA. Jane brought color and energy to the lives of those she loved.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bright Creek, the memory care unit of Sea View Senior Living for the wonderful loving care she received there, especially Ruby Howard, Karen Rickerson, Barbara Jimenez RN, and Jordan Landers. Also, thanks to Glenda Vierow for previous care.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers those who wish to honor Iane's memory may do so by contributing to the Puli Club of America or a dog rescue in your area or to the Brookings Presbyterian Church.