



Jane M. Dobbins

February 15, 1956 - April 9, 2025

Jane Marjorie (Ouellette) Dobbins, 69, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. She bravely fought her battle against metastatic breast cancer and all of those who knew her are so proud of her for the resilience and fortitude she showed.

Jane was born in Quincy, Massachusetts on February 15, 1956; a daughter of the late Wallace “Bud” and Marjorie (Thompson) Ouellette.

Jane earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1978 from Bowling Green State University in Ohio in Social Work.

On June 15, 1979, she married Michael Allen Dobbins in Mentor, Ohio. They returned to Bowling Green, Ohio where Michael finished his graduate studies at Bowling Green State University. They were lovingly and happily married for almost 46 years.

In 1980, Jane and Michael moved to Lafayette, Indiana when Michael was employed at Eli Lilly and Company. In 1981, Jane was employed by Group Homes for Children where she would remain for 41 years, eventually assuming the role of Director. Throughout her career, Jane was passionate and caring for the underserved and troubled youth in the state of Indiana. She was a long-term member and participant in IARCA (Indiana Association of

Resources and Child Advocacy) and she was the board president for a term. Jane was honored with the Cathy Graham Life of Service Award from IARCA in 2021; she was very proud of that accomplishment.

In 1992 Jane and Michael relocated to Lebanon, Indiana where they made home for more than 30 years. Jane and Michael enjoyed traveling throughout the years. Multiple trips to Hawaii, cruises in the Caribbean, and the most enjoyable trip of all to Scotland to attend the wedding of the daughter of dear friends. Jane and Michael became members of a resort group in Mexico between Cancun and Playa del Carmen in 2010. They would make two to three trips a year to the resorts where they befriended many of the guests and especially the resort's staff who became like family to them.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Allen Dobbins, Jane's sister, Susan Jean McConocha of Cleveland, Ohio, and multiple cousins in the Boston area that she and her husband were happy to spend time with together. Michael is survived by his sister Antoinette (Toni) Dobbins of Columbus, Ohio.

A memorial service celebrating both Jane and Michael is planned for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service.

The family requests no flowers or gifts. If so inclined, donations in Jane's name can be made to

<https://grouphomesforchildren.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cousin P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane M. Dobbins.*

Cousin P. - November 08, 2025 at 09:02 AM

“Cousin Jane always lived too far away - our young lives crossing only when our families managed to pack up and visit, which was once or twice a year at best. New York, New Hampshire and Ohio seemed like worlds away.

For a couple of weeks every summer the Oulette's would visit with us at Blackmore Pond in Wareham MA. I have such vivid memories of them arriving in their camper trailer, playing horseshoes and bocce, catching toads, swimming, rowing and sailing on the water. Jane and Susan were the sisters the Predella's never had, and whenever we were together time passed too quickly.

Like me, Jane loved music and we would talk about the many artists we enjoyed. We traded letters by mail in our early teens and dreamed of a generation of peace. She was so grounded and easy to hang with, I tried to be more like her. I looked up to her as I would an older sister.

Memories of her wedding to Mike always bring a smile to my face. The arduous 14-hour car ride that me and family shared was eventually worth every mile. They were so very happy and we were happy for them.

Physical distance and our busy adult lives kept us from being closer than we would prefer, but I know she loved her family of cousins and cherished our times together. I'll never forget her signature sarcastic laugh and that wry smile. She had a way of making the truth apparent through laughter.

To Mike, I now wish I had said thank you, for his boundless dedication to Jane (especially through all the hardships) and the love he brought her. God bless you both.

With Love,

Cousin Pete

Cousin Pete - November 08, 2025 at 08:58 AM

TJ

“ Toni, Ann and Jeff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane M. Dobbins.

Toni, Ann and Jeff - November 06, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jane M. Dobbins.



November 06, 2025 at 11:33 AM

SB

“ Susan and Bob planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane M. Dobbins.

Susan and Bob - November 05, 2025 at 05:12 PM

SB

“ Susan and Bob purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jane M. Dobbins.



Susan and Bob - November 05, 2025 at 05:12 PM

SU

“ Susan. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jane M. Dobbins.



Susan. - November 02, 2025 at 06:03 PM

NW

“ I always looked forward to the regulatory visits I made to homes Jane oversaw. We had such good conversations. We learned we lived just down the street from one another!

NW - April 30, 2025 at 09:22 AM

KK

“ One of the many good times with Jane and Mike in Mexico



Kerry Kerlin - April 18, 2025 at 07:41 PM

DT

“ Jane was the best boss I've ever had! Working under her at Group Homes for Children was an honor! My prayers go out to the man of her dreams Michael! Peace be with you 🙏 RIH Jane you will be missed.

Dana Turner - April 17, 2025 at 11:55 PM

LW

“ Lori and Kelly Webb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane M. Dobbins.

Lori and Kelly Webb - April 17, 2025 at 11:49 PM

LW

“ Lori and Kelly Webb purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jane M. Dobbins.



Lori and Kelly Webb - April 17, 2025 at 11:49 PM

GH

“ Jane was a good neighbor. Due to the similarity of addresses, each of us received deliveries intended for the other person. Her shoes wouldn't fit me and she had no use for the headlights I ordered. We laughed. God bless the family and give them peace.

Gordon J Husk - April 16, 2025 at 09:39 AM

MD

Thank you Gordon. 1009 vs. 1109 - it's all the same, right?

Michael Dobbins - April 17, 2025 at 02:45 PM

CJ

Jane was one of those people that you meet and you know, almost immediately, that she enjoyed each day. We were one of her "vacation friends," and seeing her was definitely one of the best parts of those trips. We only wish there could have been more shared memories between the four of us. Rest in greatness, Jane. We will truly miss you. Craig and Norm

Craig Jones - April 18, 2025 at 10:36 AM