



## Jane B. Sutter

May 2, 1928 - May 8, 2013

Surrounded by family, longtime Moses Lake resident Jane Bernice (Richards) Sutter passed away in Spokane on May 8 after a short illness.

Last June, Jane and her husband Don Sutter, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a renewal of vows witnessed by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jane was born in Boise, ID on May 2, 1928 to Edith and Kenneth Richards. She was raised by her grandmother, Eva Williams, who she called “mama.”

Jane married Norval Keith Graham in Boise and moved to Moses Lake in 1950 where Keith worked for the Terteling Company as a construction worker on the Columbia Basin Project. The couple had five children. Keith was killed in an auto accident while on his way to work on Wanapum Dam.

Jane met and married Don Sutter in 1962. From the beginning, Don generously gave his love and support to Jane and her children. The addition of another daughter was welcomed and cemented the new family.

Jane’s life revolved around her family. She was the leader of the Willing Workers 4-H Club and served as a leader on the county level. She later became the assistant manager for the Grant County Fair. She loved being

called “the fair lady,” and was a fixture in the fair office for 25 years. She and Don also worked on the Spring Festival Committee for several years.

After her children were raised, Jane discovered a passion for genealogy. Finding a Revolutionary War ancestor, she was told she was eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

She soon decided to start a DAR chapter in Moses Lake and spent many evenings sitting in the Moses Lake Library (with coffee and cookies) waiting for others to answer her ad in the Herald. Within a few months she had found the six required members and Karneetsa Chapter (named after Chief Moses’ mother) was organized in 1986. Twenty-seven years later, Karneetsa is still going strong with over 40 members from across the Columbia Basin. Through the years, Jane’s tireless support of the chapter she organized never faltered.

In 1991 Jane’s enthusiasm and commitment to DAR was rewarded with the Washington State DAR (WSSDAR) Award for Outstanding Chapter Regent. She served as state chairman for several patriotic committees and won many state and national awards. She also served as a state officer and as WSSDAR State Regent 1996-1998. During her term, Jane and her five daughters “The Dream Team” hosted two memorable state conferences in Spokane and Tri-Cities.

Jane and Don traveled to each of the 35 chapters in Washington State during her term as state regent and Jane proudly represented Washington State at the NSDAR Continental Congress in Washington D.C. for seven years.

Jane enjoyed learning about history and sharing with others through programs she gave across the state as a member of the DAR Speaker’s Staff. She eventually discovered eleven Revolutionary War ancestors and one Mayflower Line and enjoyed sharing their stories with her children and grandchildren.

Jane was a member of the NSDAR, The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, The National Huguenot Society, The National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812, The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, the Daughters of Union Veterans and The National Society Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Jane was generous and thoughtful. She loved organization, parliamentary procedures and protocol. She was up on the latest technology and amazed everyone with her computer-generated projects and newsletters – especially our annual family camping letter. Her last Karneetsa newsletter went out just last week.

Whether in sequins and white gloves at a DAR banquet or in jeans and a patriotic t-shirt at the family campout, Jane was a lady and an inspiration to our family. Her homemade birthday cards were enjoyed by kids of all ages and each of us treasures the family quilts and calendars she made. She will be remembered for her strength and determination and especially for the legacy of our special family that she and Dad created through respect, patience and love.

Jane is survived by her husband, Don, at the home; son: Mike & Linda Graham, Spokane; daughters: Mary Jane (Graham) & Larry Honegger, Rathdrum, ID; Debby (Graham) & Greg Evans, Ridgefield, WA; Norma (Sutter) & Chuck Yost, Colville, WA; Becky (Sutter) & Bob Massart, Moses Lake; and Donna (Sutter) & Cary DeMille, Bountiful, UT; 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Marnie Beth Yost.

Services for Jane Sutter will be on Monday, May 13th at 10 a.m. at Kayser's

Chapel of Memories in Moses Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Karneetsa Chapter NSDAR for a Jane Sutter Memorial Veteran's Project, c/o Karen Hand, 8491 Road 10 NW, Ephrata, WA 98823. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear family, I knew Jane through DAR, 1812 and A & H. She was always so positive and a pleasure to be around. She will be missed by all. My deepest sympathies to all of you.  
Linda###imported-begin##Linda Rae Lind##imported-end##

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May 20, 2013 at 10:19 AM



“ Becky, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family.##imported-begin##Angela Rataczyk##imported-end##

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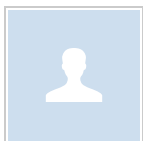
May 14, 2013 at 01:30 PM



“ Working with Jane in WSSDAR was a pure pleasure. The level of respect and affection I held for her will be with me always. My sincerest sympathy goes out to her family.  
Shirley Johnson, Cascade Chapter##imported-begin##Shirley Johnson##imported-end##

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May 14, 2013 at 12:45 PM



“ Debby, so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I am sorry that I was not able to attend her service, but you and your family are in my prayers. Your Mom was an amazing woman and I know that she will be missed by all that knew her....I think of you often...Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Whitney##imported-end##

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May 13, 2013 at 01:21 PM



“ Don ~ So very sorry to hear that your wife Jane has passed away. Didn't know her very well, but found her to be very down-to-earth and friendly. Please accept my sincere condolences. Blessings going out to you and your family.

Much love,  
Dixie##imported-begin##Dixie Joy Natemas##imported-end##

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May 13, 2013 at 02:43 AM



“ Our prayers are with you during you hour of sadness in the loss of your beloved wife. Sincerely, the members of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century. Ellen Jayne Wheeler, Chaplain General.##imported-begin##Dr. Ellen Jayne Wheeler##imported-end##

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May 12, 2013 at 11:14 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of a great woman, wife, Mother, Grandma and Great Grandma. The memories will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Rick & Judy Gard##imported-end##

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May 12, 2013 at 10:12 PM



“ Aunt Jane will be missed by many people. I grew up with Jane and her kids. She is an inspiration to her kids, grandkids, and great grand kids and the entire family.##imported-begin##Jon Campbell##imported-end##

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May 12, 2013 at 03:47 PM



“ To the family of Jane with my sympathy and prayers at this time of loss. Only knew Jane the past couple of years through DAR. I found her to be thoughtful and gracious with wisdom and keen knowledge about DAR##imported-begin##Carolyn Pearce##imported-end##

May 11, 2013 at 11:45 PM



“ To all the Sutter Family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Jane was such a joy to work with both in 4-H and at the fair office. I have fond memories of her and all of you.  
Alice Parker##imported-begin##Alice Parker##imported-end##

May 11, 2013 at 08:55 PM



“ Jane, you will be missed. All of us in DAR loved you. I will miss your mentoring in DAR. Go with God.  
Trudy##imported-begin##Trudy Doolittle##imported-end##

May 11, 2013 at 03:53 PM



“ Mary Richardson Walker Chapter sends condolences to her entire family. The loss of Jane affects all who knew and admired her. I missed her at the recent State Conference. She was a beautiful, elegant lady and my memories of her will always remain special.##imported-begin##Margaret Strueby##imported-end##

May 11, 2013 at 10:09 AM



“ We would like to offer our best wishes to the family and our deepest sorrow for their loss. I have nothing but fond memories of "Aunt Jane".

*Aj Shearer & Family  
Savannah, GA.##imported-begin##Aj Shearer##imported-end##*

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May 11, 2013 at 09:44 AM



“ My love and prayers are with Jane's beloved family and friends. She was inspiring, kind, generous, and a blessing to all who knew and met her. She will always remain in my heart and memories as a superb DAR friend and mentor.##imported-begin##Julie Pittmann, WSSDAR 2nd Vice Regent##imported-end##

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May 11, 2013 at 01:49 AM



“ Dear Don and Family,  
I don't get many calls from Debbie and I knew this one wasn't a friendly call. We were so sadden to hear about Jane's passing. We were looking forward to visiting you two and talking about family ties. One never knows what the future holds for us from day to day. Our continued love, support and prayers go out to you and the family. We are sorry we can't be there for her funeral services, but know we will be there in spirit. The world has lost a very special lady, wife, Mother, grandmother as well as the "greats" too. An extra BIG hug to you Don. We love you so much.  
Kay & David Singletary##imported-begin##David & Kay Singletary##imported-end##

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May 10, 2013 at 01:02 PM



“ My deepest sympathies are with your family at this time. Please accept my deepest condolences. I admired Jane's strength of character, elegance and quick wit. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Nancy Rooney##imported-end##

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May 10, 2013 at 12:58 AM



“ It is impossible to express the sadness we feel with Jane's passing. She was an incredible woman, which reflects in each of her children. When your heart is empty, filling it with happy memories can help you find your smile.

Love to Don and the entire family.

Jim and Gloria##imported-begin##Gloria Crawford##imported-end##

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May 09, 2013 at 11:35 PM



“ The members of the Esther Reed Chapter, NSDAR extend their deepest sympathies to the family of Jane B. Sutter. She will be sorely missed.

Dr. Janet R. Norby,

Chaplain

Esther Reed Chapter, NSDAR

Spokane, WA##imported-begin##Dr. Janet R. Norby##imported-end##

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May 09, 2013 at 09:30 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of you! Jane was so special & I am so honored to have known her - surely a loss for your family - I will remember her smile most of all - God Bless Theresa LPN / MLC###imported-begin##Theresa McGhuey###imported-end##

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May 09, 2013 at 09:20 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Jane's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.###imported-begin##Barb Simpson Kerr###imported-end##

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May 09, 2013 at 06:02 PM



“ You will be missed. You are the one through Mary Jane who helped me to be the Parliamentarian for DAR.

*Always had a good time at Conferences. You were really missed this last week.*

*Fondly Irene###imported-begin##Irene R Berg###imported-end##*

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May 09, 2013 at 04:58 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all the family. May Jane rest in peace. God Bless!!!!###imported-begin##Raquel Gonzales###imported-end##

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May 09, 2013 at 03:43 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Jane Sutter's passing. She was such a true spirit of the DAR, USD 1812, Colonial Dames 17th Century and DUVCW, 1861-1865. She will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Judith A. Kennelly Emry##imported-end##*

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May 09, 2013 at 03:18 PM