



Jane I. Sama

November 5, 1936 - November 10, 2019

Jane Isherwood Sama, 83, of Bonita Springs, FL, formerly of Groton, MA. Passed away on Sunday, November 10th, 2019. She was born on November 5, 1936, in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. A daughter to John and Ruth Isherwood. Sister to Carol A. Walden, of London, Ontario.

Born in Hawaii into a military family, Jane lived in many places including Hawaii, Massachusetts, Vermont, Japan and Texas. All along the way, Jane bonded deeply with her sister, Carol, who survives her.

After graduating from high school in San Antonio, she attended Tufts University and majored in Psychology. After Tufts, Jane worked as a secretary at MIT, where she met the love of her life, Mickey.

They married in 1962 and shortly thereafter moved from Boston to Groton, MA, where they had six children and cultivated many life-long friendships. She was a devoted member of the Sacred Heart parish in Groton.

She enjoyed annual trips to the shores of Lake Champlain in Vermont, beginning when she was a child, and two weeks every summer on Cape Cod with the extended Sama family, eating home-made clam chowder and cioppino with clams harvested from the bay. For more than 40 years, Jane led the kitchen crew for the family's vendemmia (grape harvest) celebration each fall, ensuring that the volunteers who came to pick the grapes and make the

wine were well fed. Nobody was a stranger in her home; all felt welcomed.

Jane was a proud member of the Tufts University Class of 1958, and especially bonded with the women of Richardson House.

Jane and Mickey resettled to Bonita Springs, FL, where she grew fond of the Hickory Bay West community (and they grew fond of her). She enjoyed reading, knitting, crossword puzzles, and a good Manhattan.

Survivors include her beloved husband of 58 years, Dominick A. Sama; children, John L. Sama, Catherine M. Sama, Susan R. Sama, James I. Sama and Frank P. Sama. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon A. Sama.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 12:00 Noon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108. There will also be a visitation starting at 11:30 AM. The complete obituary may be viewed and on-line condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, which Jane volunteered for, would be appreciated. <https://loavesfishespantry.org/donate/faq-donate>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Avenue North
Naples, FL 34108

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(239) 566-8740

Tribute Wall



“ *Jane I. Sama*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Penny Donoghue*



Penny Donoghue - November 18, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *Mary Fadden (UML) & Chago Teeter purchased the Cheryl's Classic Gift Bundle for the family of Jane I. Sama.*



Mary Fadden (UML) & Chago Teeter - November 15, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *Mary Fadden lit a candle in memory of Jane I. Sama*



Mary Fadden - November 15, 2019 at 01:53 PM

CH

“ A beautiful light went out this week. But with love she will live on. My sympathy, love and hugs to Mr Sama especially!
I was thinking of you all today as you sent her to her final resting with prayers.
Lots of love,
Christine Doreen and Larry Masterson

Christine - November 13, 2019 at 05:07 PM

DO

“ My condolences to the family. I will always remember your mom from the time the Emergency Medicine L/L group stayed at your house one weekend. Your mom set up a line of cans to divide the guys from the girls. 😊
We had a great time on that trip.



Deborah Okoniewski - November 13, 2019 at 03:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jane I. Sama.



November 13, 2019 at 10:38 AM

PG

“ Dear Sama Family and Sister Carol,
My deepest condolences and prayers to each of you. There is no finer lady, no warmer a heart than that of Jane Sama. She had 6 beautiful children, but still had room in her heart to treat the friends of her children like family. To me, Jane was the example of what a strong, confident, and quiet woman should/could be: the kindness, honesty, love for her women friends (like my mom, Nancy Etani, her sister Carol); a great wife; loving and devoted to her husband; perfect mom to her children and grandchildren; devoted to her faith, and generous to her community... We grieve her loss because our love for this wonderful lady was so deep, the light she added to our lives was so bright and warm. I couldn't feel more grateful and blessed that this woman touch my life.



I will love you always and cherished my memories, your kindness, and loving acceptance. Angles are in Heaven, so now you have found your way home... <3

Sincerely,
Pam (Picone) Grier

Pamela Grier - November 12, 2019 at 11:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jane I. Sama.



November 12, 2019 at 07:21 PM

AM

“ Anne And Kevin Mullin lit a candle in memory of Jane I. Sama



Anne and Kevin Mullin - November 12, 2019 at 06:48 PM

MW

“ March 1977, my first visit to 28 Chestnut Hill Road after a 10 hour journey in the snow along Highway 90 from London, Ontario driven by Jane's sister Carol and John Walden. The Chevy didn't make the final hill and so we walked up to the house to a most wonderful welcome. Overwhelmed, I came to know that this was standard for Jane and Mickey. Always incredibly kind, warm and hospitable. We were soon sat at the sunken table sharing food and wine and getting to know each other. Happily that continues; it was wonderful hosting Frank, Mary, Lily and Willa last year here in Sheffield. I will miss Jane very much. Love to all the family; Mark, Sarah, George, Fred, Frankee and Arthur.

Mark Woodward - November 12, 2019 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ Mickey, John, Cathy, Susan, Jimmy, and Frankie,
I'm so sorry for this indescribably grave loss.
Jane was such a special person to so many people.
I miss her terribly.
May God rest her very precious soul.
With love and in Christ,
Michele Creighton Satterlund

Michele C. Satterlund - November 12, 2019 at 12:39 PM

DB

“ Dear Micky, John, Cathy, Sue, Jim, Frank and John,

You were blessed enormously to have Jane your lives for so long! She was a wonderful friend , a great listener and always so warm and welcoming. Her sense of humor , warm wit, wisdom and welcoming nature along with her sincere desire to help others made her unique. Her beautiful spirit will live on in all of us who knew and loved her. She made the world a better place!

Special love to all of you especially Micky, Tom and Deenie

Deenie Bell - November 12, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jane I. Sama.



November 12, 2019 at 12:27 PM

CH

“ To the Sama family:

Sending warm thoughts and memories of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and fun person.

Chadwick

Chadwick - November 12, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jane I. Sama.*



November 12, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ *Hello Sama Family - we are keeping you all in our prayers during this difficult time. We feel extremely blessed that we were able to meet "Mamu" and spend time with her through the years. She was a beautiful person inside and out. We loved being around her and the positive energy she shared. She will be missed...
Love and prayers from Dennis, Melinda, Ken & Madison Miller*

Melinda Miller - November 12, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jane I. Sama.*



November 12, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Susan Spataro - November 12, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - November 11, 2019 at 03:40 PM