



Janet Gael Rohde

June 15, 1946 - September 25, 2024

Janet Rohde, age 78, of Newcastle passed away peacefully on September 25, 2024. Janet Gael Brooks was born on June 15, 1946 in Vinita, Oklahoma, the oldest of three children born to Johnnie Warren Brooks and Mabel Bernice (Gray) Brooks. She was raised in Putnam City until around the 5th grade, when the Brooks family moved to Wichita, Kansas. They resided there until her senior year of high school, when they decided to move back to the Oklahoma City area. Janet graduated from Southeast High School with the Spartan Class of 1964. Shortly after, she was accepted into Oklahoma Baptist University to continue her education. In 1968, Janet graduated from OBU with a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in biology and chemistry. She had applied and been accepted into medical school, but after spending two summers on missions in Guyana she felt the Lord was calling her in a different direction. Being the faithful servant she was, Janet decided to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. It was at seminary, that she caught the eye of a young man named, Paul Herman Rohde. They met at the annual "Howdy Party", and the rest, as they say, is history. Janet and Paul were married on August 15, 1969 at Western Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, and together they have shared 55 wonderful years of marriage and memories together. The couple built a life of ministry together, and served in many churches and areas including Northeast Arkansas, Lawton, and Stonewall. Janet and Paul then followed God's calling on their heart, and joined the mission field in Guyana, South America. They

lived there for nearly 30 years. Side by side, they preached the gospel and shared the love of Jesus with hundreds of people. One of her biggest accomplishments in life was becoming a mother to her three beautiful children- John Paul, Kyle Herman, and Sarah Elizabeth. They shared countless memories that will forever be cherished. In her free time, Janet enjoyed listening to music and cooking. It was always said, she knew just how to feed people's body, mind, and spirits. She was a people person, through and through; she never met a stranger! Janet was joyful, compassionate, hard-working, and selfless in nature. Janet was also a woman of great faith, and her love for Jesus was evident in everything she did. It has been said that, "To know Janet was to know Jesus", because she continually glorified His name and exemplified His character. Janet was faithful hearted in every sense of the word. She truly was a one-of-a-kind woman who will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved her!

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Johnnie and Mabel Brooks and her younger sister, Sharon Kaye Aday.

Janet is survived by: her loving husband, Paul Rohde of the home; sons, John Paul Rohde and wife Morgan of Hendersonville, Tennessee and Kyle Herman Rohde and wife Joray of Orlando, Florida; daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Christie and husband Vaughn of Richardson, Texas; 6 grandchildren, Paul, Erin, Joanna, Gannon, Ethan, and Liam; brother, David Brooks and wife Letitia of Washington; their Guyana family, and a host of other family and friends.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Friday October 4, 2024 at Newcastle First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that you consider donating to the International Mission Board.

<https://www.imb.org/generosity/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Newcastle
1650 N Main Street
Newcastle, OK 73065

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Jennifer White lit a candle in memory of Janet Rohde



Jennifer White - October 27, 2024 at 10:21 AM

RA

“ Sis. Janet was an outstanding and dedicated woman of God. These things amongst others I can vividly remember of Sis. Janet (1) once Sis. Janet was available, she attended and participated in our Annual Women's Camp during the month of April. (2) every year both Pastor Paul and Sis. Janet faithfully attended and willingly worked with our youths and young adults at the Summer Camps. (3). At our Annual Women's Rally in October, Sis. Janet always made herself available to play the keyboard. In fact, she was our Guest Speaker at the last Women's Rally in October 2023, when she paid her last visit to Guyana.

She will surely be missed and gladly remembered for her sterling contributions to the work and ministries of God in Guyana.

Our sincere condolences to Pastor Paul, John, Kyle, Sarah and their families, and other loved ones.

Continue to Sleep In Peace faithful servant. Your work on earth is ended but our continues. May we be found faithful also.

Yours

Roxanne Abrams

(On behalf of the Guyana Baptist WMU)

Roxanne Abrams - October 05, 2024 at 09:13 AM

BH

“ Janet was a wonderful Christian lady who everyone who knew her, loved and respected her. She was a friend who loved Jesus and you could see Him in her life! Every time I saw her, she told me she and Paul were praying for me and my family. I will miss her here, but see her again in Heaven with Jesus! Love to Family!

Betty Hood - October 04, 2024 at 11:08 AM

BH

“ Janet was a wonderful Christian lady here on earth and a wonderful Christian lady with our Lord. She was a great friend to me and always told me she and Paul were praying for me and my family. I always felt her kindness and saw Jesus in her life. She will be missed here, but see her again soon! Love to the family

Betty Hood - October 04, 2024 at 09:50 AM

JB

“ Thinking of you & praying for you Sarah & your Father! We are so happy to have met your angelic Mother! Love, Jennifer Sulbaran & Janice Blackwell



Janice Blackwell - September 28, 2024 at 02:03 PM

PJ

Sister Janet was gentle, kind and a faithful servant of Jesus. I met Sister Janet when she and Bro. Paul came Guyana to serve at Grace Baptist Church. With their leadership and support this church, improved in numerous ways. The singing got better, thanks to Sis. Janet's musical talents. I recall the many evenings she led the choir practice in preparation for the Christmas Service.

Her generosity and the way she dedicated her time in listening, teaching and encouraging others are cherished memories. My condolences to Bro. Paul and the entire family during this difficult time. We continue to keep you in our prayers. May God's comfort and peace strengthen you.

Petal Punalall Jetoo, Guyana

Petal Punalall Jetoo - October 01, 2024 at 05:48 PM

ML

My family met Sister Janet Rhode 38 years ago in Georgetown Guyana. She was such a very delightful, helpful and jovial daughter of Zion. And most importantly, she was a faithful and great woman of God. I pray that our great comforter will grant her husband, brother Paul, and the entire members of the family, the grace to bear the great loss.

*Sister Janeth , please continue to rest in perfect peace.
Dr. & Mrs. Larinde
Atlanta, Georgia*

Michael Larinde - October 04, 2024 at 05:38 PM

ME

“ Janet was a great encouragement to me both as a teenager and young missionary. I met Janet and Paul at Falls Creek as a teenager, and Janet was instrumental in helping me understand my call to do mission work. Later, after returning from being a Journeyman, I spent time with Janet and Paul at Fall Creek again. Later, my wife and I got to know Janet and Paul even more in the Southern Caribbean as they served in Guyana, and we served in Barbados. She was a dear woman and a true servant of God who served His people wonderfully in the Southern Caribbean. We will miss her.

Monte Erwin - September 28, 2024 at 08:08 AM

LH

“ I met Janet through my daughter Randie. She was the most kind and loving person I have ever known. She cared about everyone she met and showed the love of God to everyone she met. She was God's faithful servant! Love you Janet. Thank you for always being there for my daughter Randie. Love you, Linda Howard.

Linda Howard - September 27, 2024 at 10:21 PM

TB

“ It was my pleasure to be a caregiver for Janet. I'm blessed to have met the wonderful family and friends that surrounded her in her life. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of her transitioning. My thoughts and prayers will continue for all her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Terri Burlison - September 27, 2024 at 09:47 PM

AJ

“ *Sis Janet was a great ambassador of Christianity. Her testimonies of Christ touched the hearts of people from all walks of life. The Joy and Love of Christ was always radiating from her. My family and I will miss her deeply. Our condolences to Pastor Paul, her children and their families. We continue to keep you in our prayers.*

*Alvin and Priya
From Guyana*

Alvin Jairaj - September 27, 2024 at 06:46 PM

ML

We thank God for the life of sister Janet Rhode and we pray that her legacies will be sustained. She has fought a good fight and kept the faith.

We thank God for the privilege to get to know sister Janet more closely when we (my wife, Iyabo, and I) assisted the Rhodes in some of their tasks at the Campbeville Baptist Church, Georgetown Guyana from 1987- 1990. Her tenacity at the task of evangelism and her great sense of humor while doing some of her tasks greatly endeared her to us. In spite of the fact that we parted ways in 1990, we still have a very good memory of the family - first as neighbors in East Coast Demerara and secondly as co-laborers in God's vineyard at Campbeville church. We pray that the Almighty God will console brother Paul, John, Kyle and Sarai.

Sister Janet! May your soul continue to rest in the perfect peace.

Michael Larinde - October 07, 2024 at 06:56 PM

ML

Dr. Michael & Mrs. Iyabo Larinde

Michael Larinde - October 07, 2024 at 06:58 PM