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Janet Elaine Humble Roundtree, 70, woman of God, daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, of Decatur, IL arrived in heaven on July 22, 2019 (3:43 a.m.) at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL.

A visitation will be held on Friday, August 2 from 5-7 p.m. with a funeral service on Saturday, August 3 at 11 a.m. (Final viewing at 10 a.m.) Both services to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur. Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Janet was born January 2, 1949, in Mound City, IL, the daughter and sixth child of Mildred (Brown) and Frederick Humble. Janet was proudly raised from a baby by Birdie and Mel Madison as their only child in Olmstead, IL. Janet married Joe Roundtree in Metropolis, IL on August 18, 1968. They were divorced on August 25, 1988, but remained friends and spectacular co-parents and co-grandparents throughout all of the years.

Janet graduated from Mounds Meridian High School in 1967. She enrolled in Southeast College in Harrisburg, IL in 1967. After completing a year of education there, she moved to Decatur with her then husband, Joe Roundtree, in 1968. For 12 years, not believing she could have any children, Janet shared all of her love with each of her nieces and nephews. Holding a special place in her heart were Nishelle and Quinton Morrissey; they lived with and were raised by Janet and Joe for several years. On August 15, 1980, Janet gave birth to her only child, a daughter, Julia Elaine Roundtree Livingston. As a non-traditional student, Janet went back to school to complete her Associate's Degree from Richland Community College and her Bachelor's Degree from Illinois State University. Janet advocated for education and wanted to be a great role model.

Janet was a Decatur resident for 51 years. As she allowed God to lead every day of her life, Janet was a member of Community Church of God, Prairie Avenue Christian



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Church, Grace United Methodist Church and at the time of her death, St. Paul's Lutheran Church. As a devout Christian and an ever-praying woman, Janet's church community and relationships meant so much to her. There was not a day that Janet did not speak with someone about their faith in God.

In her over 48 years of working, Janet was known for her hard work, dependability, kind customer service, and her promptness that mean arriving at least an hour ahead of time. Beginning in 1969, Janet worked for Kemper Insurance as an underwriter. In 1972, she began working for Mallinckrodt/Carter-Wallace Laboratories/Meda Pharmaceuticals where she learned and executed many positions for 44 years. As a single mom, Janet worked many other side jobs alongside of her full-time position at Meda for 44 years in order to take care of herself and her daughter including Watkins Bible & Bookstore, housecleaning, Berean Bookstore, and TJ Maxx.

Although Janet worked so much, she still found time for volunteering: Sunday School teacher, VBS coordinator and volunteer, board secretary of Neihlsler Credit Union, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, local political volunteer, and so much more.

Janet's favorite things included her family; anyone needing her prayers; and cheering for her favorite sports teams—any team her daughter or grandchildren were on or that her son-in-law coached, the Chicago Cubs, the Chicago Bears, and the Fighting Illini.

Janet is preceded in death by her aunt and uncle who raised her, Birdie and Mel Madison; her mother and father, Mildred and Frederick Humble; and her older brother, James Humble. Janet is survived by her only child, Julia Elaine Roundtree Livingston (Stanford II) and her three grandchildren who she loved so dearly, Joella (12), Stanford III (6), and Silas (5); her sisters, Phyllis Murden, Carol (Ted Carroll) Belle, Marion Robinson, and Dorothy (James) Madison; her brothers, Lewis (Sallie) Humble, Michael (Brenda) Humble, and Darryl (Sallie) Humble; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Janet's name may be made to Macon County CASA.



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DS

Donna Stephenson posted:

Dear Julia and family, I met your mom many years ago at Bibles'n Books at Watkins, first, as a customer, later, as a fellow worker. She worked tirelessly at her main job, then come to the bookstore to work, and sometimes work at TJ Max. Her life was built around you, Julia, and after you were married, around your family. She was so proud of you and your accomplishments in life! She was proud of her grandchildren, as well! Your mom was an inspiration to all she came in contact with, especially me. She spoke about the Lord in almost every conversation we had. She was a lovely woman with a beautiful, warm smile. I will never forget the sound of her laugh! She could always lift my spirit and I always left her presence with a smile! These are just a few thoughts about my good friend, Janet. It saddens my heart to think I will never see her again on this earth, but makes me joyful to know I will see her again rejoicing in heaven with our Savior!

August 1 at 6:10 PM

LH

Louisa Hunter posted:

Julia & family. My dad worked with your mom at Carter-Wallace for several years. She always had a kind heart, and such a gentle way about her. May your memories turn from tears to smiles. God bless.

July 31 at 1:58 PM

JS

Judy Scheiter posted:

So sorry for your loss, I worked with Janet briefly at Meda. Janet was a one of a kind woman, she often spoke of her grandchildren and her faith, so silly sometimes but always had something to say. She will be remembered fondly. R.I.P.

July 29 at 3:21 PM

RT

Ryheem Tyus posted:

To the family of Janet Roundtree, I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your loved one. I will miss seeing her at the basketball games. I just want you to know that you are all in my prayers.

July 28 at 7:34 PM



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VH

Vivian Ladd-Hatcher posted:

My sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Janet Humble-Roundtree. May God give you strength in your time of need.

July 28 at 12:41 PM

GD

Gwen Davis posted:

Julia and Family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom...such a sweet lady. Chloe and I ran into her at Walmart and had such a nice visit. Keeping you, Stan, your dad, and the kids in my thoughts and prayers.

July 28 at 10:42 AM

MC

M. Shaivon Coley posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time!!!

July 27 at 6:37 PM

LT

Larry & Cheryl Tate posted:

Julia, Stan and family. May the pleasant memories of a lifetime of love and service ease the pain of your Mom's passing.

July 27 at 2:24 PM

SM

Sarah Spence (Mooney) posted:

Julia, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. She was such an uplifting, loving woman. I was blessed to have worked alongside her for 6 1/2 years at TJ Maxx. She spoke of you every single one of those days, she was so proud of you and your family. I adored your mother and I will greatly miss her! God Bless

July 27 at 5:33 AM

RB

Robert Burries posted:

Julia, You and your family are in my prayers. May God continue to strengthen you and your family during this difficult time.

July 26 at 7:42 PM



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JF

Joan Farris posted:

Rest in eternal peace

July 26 at 5:53 PM

JL

Julieann Livingston posted:

Dear Julia and family I don't have words to express my sorrow at the passing of your precious mother. I am so glad the two of you were able to share such a special relationship, and, by extension, many were the recipient of her loving kindness. May you and the family be graced with strength at this time.

July 26 at 12:52 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Janet by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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