



## Joan Cheney Mann

December 22, 2010

Joan Ellen Cheney Mann died December 20th after a long battle with cancer at the Sentara Nursing Home, Portsmouth, Va.

She is survived by her son, Edward Warren Mann; her parents Elmer & Gweneth Cheney; her siblings Carol Preston Robert, Barbara Cheney, John Cheney, James Cheney and wife, Lorraine; her former husband Peter Mann; her nieces Nicole Preston, Amy Preston & Danielle Cheney.

Joan was a tenured Associate Professor of Information Management Systems at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA. She received her BA at SUNY Geneseo, MA at the University of Buffalo in Library Science and later a Master's in Business Administration there. She received her PhD at the University of Georgia. Her dissertation on "Runaway Projects" was so special she was asked to do workshops at Information Technology Conferences around the world e.g. Maui, Hawaii; Cardiff, Wales and Juneau, Alaska. She loved teaching and kept in touch with many students around the world e.g. Tunisia & Thailand. She enjoyed spending some time each summer at Sandbridge, VA with her family.

She loved animals & adopted three dogs & a couple of cats over the years. She loved music and enjoyed playing the piano and attending Symphony concerts. She had a gentle personality and always saw the best in everyone

she knew.

There will be a memorial service January 29th at 11:00 am at Unitarian Church of Norfolk, 739 Yarmouth Street. Memorials can be sent to the American Institute for Cancer Research, 1759 R Street, NW, Washington DC 20090-1493 or to CaringBridge, 1715 Yankee Doodle Rd, Suite 301, Eagan, MN 55121-1616.

# Tribute Wall



“ *She was such a kind and beautiful mind person. What she had done for me was not only for my study or degree, but also for my future career as a university lecturer in Thailand. I remember that she was one of the most humble persons I ever know in my life. She always taught me the significance of 'sharing' and 'loving' without any condition. I promise I will try to use the knowledge that I obtained from her for my career as a lecturer and researcher in Information Systems/ IT area.*

*I will always miss you, Dr. Mann, who is the best of the best teacher and I will always remember you!!##imported-begin##Nipon Parinyavuttichai##imported-end##*

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“ *We have been neighbors and friends of the Cheneys for many years and our children played together in the backyards. We are extremely sorry to hear about Joan and will include her in our family prayers. As we all know, God takes us all at the end and He gives us peace and love. Joan is at rest now and will feel only the love of God. Bless her and her family.##imported-begin##The Scott Family##imported-end##*

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“ As a young girl Joan & I were very close friends. When I moved to Clover Street at age 7, she was one of the best parts of the many years I lived there. Two houses away we "played" a lot. She always had a special soul and connection for nature. I have a very fond memory of us laying on the hill side in the gully of my parents back yard. We were mesmerized and fascinated by a bumblebee that had landed on her hand and was just walking around her fingers. I can picture that time as if it were just yesterday. I am glad she was there in that chapter of my life. To read of all her accomplishments is not surprising. She was destined for great things in this world. From the sounds of it she managed to do just that. I believe God takes you when he needs you. My prayers go out to family and for her beloved pets.##imported-begin##Betsy Scott Maida##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts are with the family. Having first met Joan as a colleague in the ODU Libraries back in the 1980s, I know what an intelligent and caring person she was. She will be greatly missed--but always remembered.##imported-begin##Cynthia Wright Swaine##imported-end##

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