



## **Tribute to Jane Stubbs Bailey**

### **1934-2008**

Jane was born in Norfolk, VA June 13, 1934, to Irving P. Stubbs and Lillian Howell Stubbs. She graduated valedictorian of her Granby High School class in Norfolk, VA and received a bachelor's degree in 1956 from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She earned a Master's degree in history from Emory University in Atlanta.

She taught briefly in Norfolk and Richmond, VA schools and served as a historical writer for Virginia Cavalcade magazine. Jane and John Bailey met at the University of Virginia and were married on April 9, 1960 at the Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church in Norfolk. Until November, 1976, the Baileys lived in Beloit, WI, where Dr. Bailey was on the faculty of Beloit College. They had two children there, Leslie and Brian.

Jane earned another Master's degree in secondary counseling at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 1972. She served as a guidance counselor in Beloit schools from then until 1976 when they moved to Columbia, MD. Jane served as a guidance counselor in Montgomery County schools until her retirement in 1990.

After her retirement, Jane did genealogical research and published information on her Stubbs and related families. Jane loved to travel. She and John visited or lived in Europe and vacationed frequently in the Caribbean.

In addition to her passion for genealogy and her deep love for her family, Jane held a passion for the ocean and the beach. Just before her death, her husband, John, and I promised Jane that we would gather our two families at a beach to celebrate her passions. John took the lead on this and stimulated our families to act on this promise. In June of the year that Jane would have been 75 In her honor, we gathered at Duck, N.C. 27 of our family gathered for most of that week. It was the kind of family fun that Jane would have relished. Jane's husband, John, brought some of Jane's cremains and on one evening, we all had a hand in scattering some of those on the Duck beach.

Jane's daughter, Leslie, downloaded the comments that hundreds of people made on CaringBridge during Jane's illness. She brought that journal and I read all of them. 12,703 visits were made to that site created by Jane's son. I wrote down a few that I would like to share with you.

Jane's long-time friend, Sarah Hall, wrote, "You are a light shining in a world where most choose to look the other way." Kevin Duffus noted that his book was, "Dedicated to John Oden, Jane Bailey and Allen Norris and researchers like them who have the courage to peer into the darkness of the past with open minds." Robert Stubbs of Carthage, MO wrote: "You are the glue that binds all of our many Stubbs cousins together."

We felt Jane's spirit among us at Duck as we celebrated her life and her light at her 75th. Birthday. Her memory and her many caring contributions linger among even more of us. She was special!

Irving R. Stubbs, Jane's brother