

## **Obituary for Janet Elizabeth Patrick**



**Janet Elizabeth Patrick went to be with JESUS on December 21, 2018 in the ICU of Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX, following metastatic ovarian cancer with multiple subsequent complications found after Christmas, 2006. She had chemotherapy and multiple surgeries from 2007--2008, and the surgeon did not expect her to live more than 2 months. In 2008, she had presented at North Central Baptist Hospital since she left our home in the ambulance in cardiac arrest, and septic shock. She was shocked multiple times with CPR and survived. She was admitted and the GI surgeon thought he could help with some GI surgery to remove the large intestine which was necrotic. She was then transferred in critical condition to BAMC for further care.**

**I phoned the head surgeon at BAMC, a personal friend, since he had done previous surgery on Jan with the removal of a 10 cm diameter, pheochromocytoma back in the 1990's at the Tripler Army Medical Center(TAMC) in Hawaii. He accepted her for transfer and she was transferred via Medical Evacuation to BAMC in critical condition and near death. She was admitted to BAMC with about 12 more abdominal surgeries.**

**She had a prolonged recovery over about 3 months and then some rehabilitation hospitals so she could learn to walk again.**

**With much prayer and care of Jan following a long illness of cancer she lived until December of 2018 when GOD & JESUS called her home. In December 2018 she had further complications with the cancer and again went into septic shock, DIC and rapidly deteriorated and was put on a ventilator for breathing and oxygenation and multiple antibiotics. She became unresponsive and went into cardiac arrest at about 3:30 PM on 21 Dec. 2018. She had full code resuscitation, but she could not be revived.**

**She was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon on 14 July, 1944 to Ida and Paul Covington. Her father, Paul was a timber faller and the family moved to Ashland, Oregon. Janet became a Christian at age 10 and was filled with joy from the knowledge that she was saved. She became active in her church there in Ashland, Oregon and became close friends to the Pastor Ed Harmon and his wife and 4 daughters. Janet loved the Harmons and spent much time with them- like a 5th daughter almost.**

**Janet has one older brother Wayne Covington. Both Wayne and Janet were highly intelligent often winning contests at school for academic achievements. Wayne went to Cal Tech and became an electrical engineer.**

**Jan worked her way through college and even became the secretary to the President of Southern Oregon College while still a student at the college. She then worked as his secretary for a while, saving up money to become a medical technologist (MTASCP) at Southern Oregon Health Sciences Center in Portland, Oregon. Her goal was to return to Ashland, Oregon to work at the hospital in Medford, Oregon. That way she could help care for her mother who had Parkinson's disease and was at home. She worked at the hospital laboratory and part of her duties was to draw blood from patients to do the lab tests on them. It was there while I (Madison Patrick) was visiting a friend from the National Guard who had developed lung cancer. While there, visiting Gary, that Jan came in to draw some blood samples. I recognized her from college and she recognized me. I introduced her to Gary.**

**I had known Jan from some of the college Christian activities that we both had attended while students there at Southern Oregon College. She asked me to come down to the lab to see where she worked.**

**She then started visiting Gary in the evenings in the hospital to cheer him from his suffering from the cancer. Gary started telling me about Jan and encouraged me to get to know her better since she was so kind to him. Gary died later in the hospital and Jan and I were there together with him since they could not find his parents for a short while while he was dying. Gary had become a Christian and we really loved him. His death sort of bonded Jan and I. Then after much prayer and the guidance from the LORD JESUS, He told me to marry her and were married on 30 August, 1969 in Ashland.**

**I was accepted into the University of Oregon Medical School and started medical school in the fall term of 1970. Jan worked in the lab there at the hospital.**

**Jan & I met Dr. L. Thomas Rayner at our church there in Portland. He was a missionary doctor and director of the Southeast Asian Missions with work in India and other countries in southeast asia. He was invited to speak at our adult Sunday School class about his missionary work. He had been a widower when his wife had died from confluent smallpox in India some years earlier. Both Jan & I wanted to start helping him in the mission he had started and we did starting in 1972 when I**

was a medical student. As we helped him and got to know him better, he told us that the LORD was leading him to start a 501(c)3, non-profit Christian organization based in the United States. Jan helped him type up the necessary paperwork and Dr. Rayner asked me to be the Vice- President and Jan his secretary. That was the beginning of the greatest part of our lives and work for the LORD JESUS in now reaching millions for JESUS in this international mission outreach for CHRIST JESUS. When Dr. Rayner died in 1984, Dr. Patrick became the President of Southeast Asian Missions (SEAM) and Jan was the executive secretary for me and did the majority of the correspondence with our sponsors and guidance for the orphanages and help for the churches. She even visited churches and spoke about SEAM. We had requested for the military to move us to Hawaii where Dr. Rayner was. The army moved us to Hawaii on Oahu and Schofield Barracks as my duty Station as a pediatrician and later an ER physician. We spent the majority of my military career in Hawaii. As such, Jan was able to help Dr. Rayner as his executive secretary, doing most of his secretarial work until his death in 1984 from a heart attack in Kathmandu, Nepal where I had to go to bury him there. Since Dr. Rayner's death, Jan helped me even more with the running of the mission, the orphanages, churches and medical work. Without Jan, I could not have done this work because my military duties were so great and sometimes I was away like when I was in Kuwait during Desert Storm. In addition, I had 4 radio programs to continue Dr. Rayner's radio ministries. Together, we have continued to see the mission grow to TV ministries in India reaching millions.

Jan even taught school where our children went to school on the Big Island of Hawaii. This was where her medical problems started with a pheochromocytoma that gave only a 2% chance of survival. It was removed at TAMC military hospital on Oahu, HI. Her ovarian cancer started about 2006 at Christmas. In 2007 was the first surgery and she was not expected to live 2 months. In 2008 she had cardiac arrest, septic shock, and much more with multiple abdominal surgeries to remove more of the metastatic cancer and reattach the intestines. There was too much cancer to remove it all. She had stage 4 metastatic cancer and was given 2 months to live. The LORD gave her 12 more years.

Jan started to improve and had several years of improvement with numerous relapses until just a few weeks ago. I was home for the past year taking care of her at her bedside. She developed difficulty walking and had fallen. I had to take her to the Emergency Room at BAMC and while there it was clear that she needed admission for possible infection, and septic shock. It was confirmed with an elevated WBC count and positive blood cultures requiring powerful IV antibiotics. She developed complications and required intubation and a respirator. After the intubation, she deteriorated over the next few days. She had to have special medications- pressors to keep her BP up but even the pressors were only partially effective. She developed full cardiac arrest on 21 Dec. 2018 at about 3 p.m. and was in full code with CPR but unable to resuscitate her.

**Janet is survived by her husband, Madison Patrick MD, brother Wayne Covington; son, Michael Patrick; son, Stephen Patrick and daughter-in-law, Kursten Patrick; and grandchildren, Matthew, John (Jack), and Hailey Patrick;**

**daughter, Karen Ornelas, son-in-law, Nicolas Ornelas, and grandchildren Joshua, Julia and Angelina Ornelas, and great granddaughter-Kinsley Meza-Ornelas.**

**She is preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Ida Covington.**

**We look forward to seeing Jan in heaven with JESUS and great joy with other relatives already there.**

