



Janet G Bannan

October 2, 1931 - December 10, 2021

Jan Bannan was born on October 2, 1931 in West Salem, IL to Walter and Gladys (Smith) Giese. Jan graduated from University of Illinois with a BS in 1952 and then from the University of Delaware with a PhD in Biochemistry in 1973. Jan was married to William Gumprecht in Champaign, Illinois and together they had four children. William passed on before Janet. She was also married to Tom Bannan who passed on before her as well.

After working as a research biochemist in Boston, MA, Jan became a freelance writer and photographer so she could be in the outdoors learning more about natural history and science. She specialized in outdoor photography and travel writing that focused on exploring wild places. She wrote and illustrated many magazine and newspaper articles and is the author of Sand Dunes, Oregon State Parks, Utah State Parks and The West Less Traveled.

Jan volunteered at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Oregon where she lived for many years. Jan loved to travel in her RV with her cat, Goldberry, and had a special fondness for the Pacific Ocean, the Southwestern United States and all of nature. She once traveled to Kenya to photograph its wildlife.

Jan is survived by a daughter, Linda Gattuso, sons Mark Gumprecht

(Christine Rheaume) and Dr. Blake Gumprecht, and a sister, Bonnie Mount as well as 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Jan is preceded in death by her daughter Diane Gumprecht, granddaughter Melanie Bredemeier, grandson Nicholas Gattuso and brother Don Giese.

At Jan's request, no funeral or memorial service is planned. Jan requested that any donations in her memory be made to a conservation group or books be donated to a library.

The family would like to thank the staff at Oceanview Senior Living in Newport, OR and at Lakeview Senior Living and their Memory Care staff in Lincoln City, OR for their care of Jan in her final years.

Tribute Wall



“ *Janet G Bannan*

Janet - December 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM