

## **Jan Ruth Hall Holmdohl**

Jan Hall Holmdohl, of Yorba Linda, Calif., passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at her residence. Jan grew up in McCutchanville and attended McCutchanville United Methodist Church. She graduated from Harrison High School (1966), where she was remembered as the girl with the smile and a kind word. Last summer she was back in Evansville for her 40th high school reunion. Classmates reported that she looked as if she'd just stepped out of their yearbook!

After graduating from Purdue University she moved to Atlanta and taught fifth grade. One year later she married her college sweetheart, Michael Holmdohl, who was in the Air Force, and began a series of moves in the USA and Great Britain.

After the family with two little ones settled in Yorba Linda, Jan taught in several schools the last being Valencia High School, where she taught health and career choices for nine years. She received her master's degree in 1992 from USIU.

A memorial service and celebration of life was held Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at St. Martin's in Yorba Linda. Tributes made about Jan expressed the true impact she had on the life of her students, her fellow teachers and staff and on her friends. The school's principal, her department head and a number of teachers spoke of Jan's compassion for her students. She co-headed the Renaissance Program designed to give special motivation to students whether academically challenged or gifted. Because of this leadership the school was selected for special recognition in the state. In the tributes Jan was described as a well-groomed classy lady. She was very prompt and so willing to volunteer when there was a need. She could be counted on to bring the cake (chocolate) to celebrate a fellow teacher's or staff member's birthday.

One teacher said that she never heard Jan criticize another person rather she made uplifting comments. Truly she lived by word and example of her Christian beliefs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Holmdohl.

She is survived by her son, Bradford Ryan; daughter, Amy Michelle, both of Yorba Linda, Calif.; parents, James D. Hall and Ruth T. Hall, of McCutchanville, Ind.; sister, Virginia Hall Hodowal, of Carmel, Ind.; brothers, J. Duncan Hall, of Cedar Park, Texas and John Tim Hall, of Evansville; grandson, Michael Chase Holmdohl-Neale; in-laws, Geri and Bob Holmdohl; dear friend, Vio Grigore; special friend, Bruce Clark, plus many nephews and nieces, Laura Miller (Paul), Abigail, Pauley and John Miller, of Carmel, Ind., Melissa Hodowal, of Carmel, Ind., Jamey H. Morse (Rob) Dylan and Brigham Morse, of Evansville, Shane Hall (Tosha), Carley Hall, of Lampasas, Texas, Isaac Hall (Natasha), McKinly and Hailey Hall, of Round Rock, Texas, Kristi Hall, Derrick Hall, of Cedar Park, Texas and Hannah Sigler and Grace Sigler, of Evansville.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Renaissance Program Scholarship in her name at Valencia High School, 500 N. Bedford Ave., Placentia, CA 92870.

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