

# Janet Putnam

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## Janet Putnam Obituary

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, cousin and friend, Janet Putnam, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on November 22, 2024 after battling cancer. Her presence was truly a gift and her death leaves a large void in our lives.

Janet was born March 3, 1951, in Eugene, to James and Borghild Putnam. Due to her father's work as an ODOT engineer, Janet lived in numerous Oregon cities, with the family eventually settling in Bend. Janet graduated from Bend High School in 1969, then enrolled at Pacific Lutheran University where she graduated in 1973. Janet then earned her Master's degree in social work from Portland State University. After working with various organizations as a social worker, Janet went to work at Portland State. There she became the Director of Student Affairs for the Graduate School of Social Work. While working at PSU, Janet became close friends with many of her colleagues who valued her high standards, professionalism, integrity, and sensitivity. Meeting through mutual friends, Janet met her husband, Mike Klain. They were married in Portland on August 15, 1982, but soon left for London, England where Mike had a teaching job. Upon their return a year later, Janet and Mike settled in Milwaukie where they raised their two daughters, Emily and Ellen. They were married for 42 years. Throughout her life, Janet loved to travel, visiting many international destinations and nearly every state. Janet loved to camp, work in her garden, make delicious meals, knitting with her friends, and volunteering at the Ledding Library. But most of all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her two grandsons.

In 1996, Janet received a donated kidney from her close friend, Susan Teppola. This incredible gift gave Janet an additional 28 years of life with those she loved. Janet will be missed by all those who knew her. Her graciousness, sense of humor, wonderful wit, warm and giving personality, and love for her family and friends will always be treasured. Janet is survived by husband, Mike Klain; daughters, Emily and Ellen Klain; son-in-law, Jon Marshall (Ellen); and grandsons, Maxwell and Asa Marshall. May her memory never be forgotten.

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