



F. Jane Semmens

December 26, 2015

Tomball — Florence Jane (Henshaw) Semmens, a long-time resident of the Houston area, died Saturday the 26th of December at Tomball Nursing Center.

Born on February 4, 1921 in Buffalo, NY. The only child of Vicki and Elmer Henshaw, Jane attended Cornell University and Ithaca College where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in English in 1942.

An avid sports fan, Jane witnessed the impossible - The Raiders winning Super Bowl XI in 1977. Jane also loved baseball and attended the World Series in St. Louis in 1967 to watch the Cardinals defeat the Boston Red Sox (37 years later the Red Sox would defeat the Cardinals in the World Series). Jane's favorite player was Willie Mays but Jane always rooted for her home town teams, The Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Braves, Oakland Raiders, Oakland A's, Houston Astros, Oilers and Texans. The last 15 years she was an avid NASCAR fan.

Jane loved to play social bridge and enjoyed being a member of several groups. She had an active mind, doing crosswords, and word games. She was a big fan of Days of Our Lives, which she started watching when her children were in high school in the 1960s and was still following daily when her grandchildren graduated college in 2000.

Jane was well traveled. She even dined with the Shah of Iran in 1978 before he was overthrown.

Jane was a staunch supporter of reproductive rights and sex education. She

lectured all over the country and the world on the subject alongside her ex-husband, Dr. James Pike Semmens (deceased). She also edited books and served as president and officer of several naval officer wives clubs. Jane was a certified sex therapist and worked for the Department of OB/GYN at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

She is survived by her sons James Alan Semmens, Gregory George Semmens and wife Rose, and daughter Christine Anne Semmens Gillette and husband Lee; 13 loving grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sons John Patrick Semmens in 2006 and Michael Paul Semmens in 2013.

Memorial services for Jane Semmens will be held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Addison Funeral Home, 18630 Kuykendahl Rd, Spring, TX 77379. A family gathering will be held following the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Northwest Assistance Ministries, 15555 Kuykendahl, Houston, TX 77090. <https://15496.thankyou4caring.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *F. Jane Semmens*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *I have fond memories of Aunt Jane and will be at her Memorial Service in Spirit. She spent many years as a good Navy wife to my Uncle Jim. While raising five children and moving from coast to coast, Aunt Jane was able to use her education and skills admir*

Nancy - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nancy Koberstein lit a candle in memory of F. Jane Semmens*



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“ *Lee And Christine Gillette lit a candle in memory of F. Jane Semmens*



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“ Sorry in all the emotion of writing a tribute to mom I incorrectly listed Katie as a niece, Katie is moms granddaughter.

I also inadvertently left out my son Tom who visited mom from Louisiana when he wasn't working in the Gulf of Mexico and was in town

Greg and Rosa Semmens - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ What can I say that could possibly sum up all that my mother meant to me. She was the family historian making photo albums and scrapbooks dating back to the late 1890's.

She was there for me through thick and thin. She encouraged me when my troubles see

Greg and Rosa Semmens - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. She sounds like a woman I would have loved to have known. My heart is with you.

Wendy - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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