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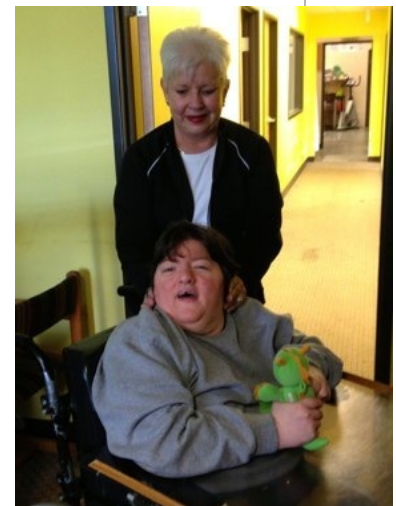


Jo Jean Goodrich – a life of dedication, zest and poise

By Darleen Armstrong

Jo Jean was a wonderful woman and a committed director of Daytime Enrichment Activities & Recreation. She passed away Easter Sunday morning, April 20, 2014. A celebration of life was hosted at the DEAR facility on May 17th. Her daughters, Julie and Jill, welcomed many guests from Jo Jean's family, friends and industry associates. Reconnections were made and memories were shared of Jo Jean's vibrant life. Guests also became better acquainted with the day program that she enthusiastically supported.

Tulsa, Oklahoma was the birthplace of Jo Jean on March 24, 1943. She worked for many years as a stewardess for TWA, achieving the prestigious One Million Flight Miles award. In 1966 she married Jere Goodrich in San Francisco. The couple traveled all over the world for business and pleasure. Jo Jean had many interests, kept up with girlfriends from TWA and was active in Stewardess Ameritas, the Parrett Mountain Ladies Club and the Columbia River Yacht Club. She was known for her generous hosting of many classy open houses and get-togethers at their home in Sherwood, Oregon.



Early birth trauma in 1974 resulted in profound developmental delays for her daughter Jill. Jo Jean's energy and focus shifted as she devoted herself to caring for her daughter. She became a strong advocate for individuals with disabilities. When Jill reached preschool age, Jo Jean worked tirelessly to help Sherwood schools set up their own special education program. Jill benefited from school programs until age 21 when Jo Jean sought another quality day program for her. Jill participated in several programs, but often seemed bored and unsettled.



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Jo Jean Goodrich continued

Jill started attending DEAR in 2009 and blossomed with the personal attention and varied encouragement to communicate, move and smile more often. Jo Jean became an ardent advocate for DEAR. Besides serving on the board and writing many of the thank you notes for personal contributions, Jo Jean often volunteered at the program. Whenever Dave needed extra help, he could count on her to fill in.

Volunteering gave her fulfillment and purpose. It provided time to spend with her daughter Jill, but she also enjoyed the other customers. Julie said, "A lot of people don't realize what wonderful and unique individuals these customers are." Jo Jean would tell Julie stories of interesting and fun interactions and responses she saw at DEAR as well as at Jill's foster home.



Carrying on her mother's legacy and passion, Julie intends to advocate for the DEAR program. Julie said, "There's no other program that's able to so successfully serve the complex needs of these individuals. The stimulation and enrichment offered in the sensory room, the active games and the music program are so vital. DEAR also provides daytime respite needed by families and caregivers. Mom understood this need from her own experience."

Jo Jean was jovial and brightened the lives of those privileged to know her.

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