

Jenaveve Arnoldus

January 31, 1953 ~ November 28, 2022

Jenaveve (née Jean) Arnoldus, 69, died of a heart attack November 28, 2022 at home in Salt Lake City. Her beloved roommate, Cate Wallace, was with her and cared for her through her sudden passing.

Jenaveve was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming, Jan 31, 1953 to Franklin Lee and LaPreel Redford Sorensen Arnoldus. She grew up in Ogden, Utah and Palo Alto, California.

Jenaveve discovered a love for drama in her youth that she nurtured through much of her life. A talent scout who attended her year-end high school play attempted to recruit her to pursue acting but she decided against it. She participated in many community and church plays, including playing the role of Baroness in a community production of The Sound of Music, the role of Lucy Mack Smith in the Oakland Temple Pageant, and directing several church productions including road shows and an adaptation of Mary Poppins. She also loved to sing in her church choir.

Jenaveve married John Taylor on August 21, 1973 and together they had three children, one of whom passed away in infancy. Jenaveve worked hard to create a loving home for her children. She could be counted on for support of last-minute projects and long conversations dealing with the emotions of the day. She plied her family with healthy food, with a generous dose of tofu and a dependable reliance on whole wheat everything. Jenaveve brought an artistic flair to everything she did. She took community courses in drawing and sculpture. A lifelike bust of Einstein she made for her sculpture class held an honored place on the family piano for many years.

Jenaveve continued her education while raising her children, then went on to graduate from J. Reuben Clark Law School. Frequent all-nighters and long work days helped her keep up with her young classmates and showcase the wholehearted devotion she gave to anything she worked on. She worked as a lawyer and then as a mediator, a role she valued highly. She was the executive director of Utah Dispute Resolution, a nonprofit organization offering mediation services and training, from 2016 to her passing. During her time there she took pride in the work she did to revamp training programs and move all of their services to a digital platform so they could continue their cause despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jenaveve served in many teaching and leadership capacities including Seminary and Gospel Doctrine teacher, Young Women and Relief Society teacher, Young Women and Relief Society counselor and president, and ordinance worker in the Salt Lake Temple. She made an impact on many lives and is remembered for her warmth and her kindness, her smile and her generosity, and her discernment.

Jenaveve loved animals and had a variety of pets over the years. Her cat, Zacharias, was her beloved companion the final year of her life. He was a main feature of the pictures and stories he shared with her children and grandchildren.

Jenaveve is survived by her daughters Amy Taylor (Steven) Sullivan of Oxford, Ohio and Jessica Taylor (Andrew) Nord of Merrimack, New Hampshire; her grandchildren Anna, Eliza, and Ian Sullivan of Oxford, Ohio and Allison, David, Samuel, and Caleb Nord of Merrimack, New Hampshire; her siblings Diana Voss of American Fork, Utah, Clint (Lesley) Arnoldus of Holladay, Utah, and Joan Kuba of Boise, Idaho; and her beloved cat, Zacharias. She is also survived by former husband John Taylor of Mesa, Arizona. Jenaveve is preceded in death by her son, David Ryan Taylor; her parents, Lee and LaPreel Arnoldus; and her brother-in-law, Neil Voss. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on December 10, 2022 at the stake center located at 135 A Street in Salt Lake City, Utah. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to causes Jenaveve strongly supported: Dahlia’s Hope and Operation Underground Railroad.