



Jan Ellen Bowden Soth

April 9, 1964 - June 27, 2010

ASPERS, PA-Jan Ellen Bowden Soth, 46, of Aspers, Pennsylvania, formerly of Snow Hill, died Sunday, June 27, 2010 at her home in Pennsylvania.

She was born April 9, 1964 in Salisbury, a daughter of the late James L. Bowden and Delores Dutterer Bowden.

She attended Snow Hill High School and graduated with the Class of 1982. She was a member of the National Honor Society, and a star basketball player, who with her teammates went to the Maryland State Girls Basketball finals four years in a row, winning the State Championship three times.

She was a member of Bates Memorial United Methodist Church in Snow Hill and had recently been attending Wenksville United Methodist Church in Wenksville, PA.

She was a local business owner, with her parents and husband, who owned the Downtown Video Store in Snow Hill and the Pines Video Store in Ocean Pines. She was also the co-owner of the Judge's Bench restaurant in Snow Hill with her parents.

She graduated from the University of Maryland, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and was an honor student there, and also received her Masters

degree in education from Western. Maryland College. She was employed as a teacher with the Carroll County Board of Education, where she taught Human Ecology classes at Liberty High School until 2000, at which time she became assistant principal at the newly opened Century High School. She had been employed at Century for 13 years until her health caused her to retire in 2008. She was a devoted and loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She loved her home and was content to be at home with family and their five dogs.

She is survived by her husband, John Austin Soth; her son, Michael D. Burke and his fiancé', Anna Mackley of Bel Air, MD; her daughter, Jennifer Fallabel of Dillsburg, PA; and her grandson, Josh Fallabel of Dillsburg, P; her brother, James L. Bowden, II and sister –in-law, Karen Bowden of Princess Anne; her brother, Jeff Bowden, and her sister-in-law, Tina Bowden of Ocean City, MD; her nephews, James L. Bowden, III, Stephen Bowden, Zachary Bowden and Jacob Bowden; her Aunt Myrtle Pusey of Snow Hill; her uncle Tom Bowden of Salisbury; and additional aunts and uncles and many cousins.

A celebration of Jan's life will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Bates Memorial United Methodist Church in Snow Hill. The Reverend Charles Strickler will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Century High School PTA, 355 Ronsdale Road, Sykesville, MD 21784.

Arrangements are being handled by Short Funeral Home of Delmar, Delaware.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 7. 6:00 PM (ET)

Bates Memorial United Methodist Church
116 N. Washington Street
Snow Hill, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Jan Ellen Bowden Soth*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *I wanted to express my sympathy to everyone in Ms. Soth's family on their tragic loss. I know she touched a lot of lives, and I know she will be greatly missed. My prayers of sympathy go out to her family. I especially want to express my condolences to her son, who I know will miss her terribly. I pray that the memories of the good times and caring loved ones around you will help ease your pain.##imported-begin##Debbie Paulsgrove##imported-end##*

July 22, 2010 at 12:41 AM



“ *I am sadden to hear of the passing of my classmate. God has a place for her. We played basketball together from 1979 - 1982. I can remember those long legs running up and down that floor. Jan was a very loving person as well as her parents. They always opened their doors to any and all of us. I wish that I had kept in contact like we all say we will do after graduation. She will be truly missed##imported-begin##Joanne Armstead##imported-end##*

July 07, 2010 at 08:16 PM



“ *Jan went to school with our youngest daughter, Barbara Wooten Hitch & had been in our home many times. We are so sorry for your loss. God Bless all the family.*

Love & Prayers

Sid & Lib Wooten###imported-begin##Sid & Lib Wooten###imported-end##

July 07, 2010 at 03:50 PM



“ *It was with great sadness that I learned of Jan's passing. Her life was much too short. Jan was a bright spot of light at Century High and we have missed her. Hers was a life well lived and she will be remembered for her kindness and dedication.*

Jan and I shared the same birthday and she never forgot to wish me well with an e-mail, card, or gift. Her cards were beautiful! She was very thoughtful and did many nice things for the cafeteria staff at Century High. I will always treasure the tea towels she embroidered and the jewelry she made for us.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, her beloved family, as you grieve. Please know that many hearts share your sorrow.

With deepest sympathy,

Cheryl Roelle

Cafeteria Manager

Century High School###imported-begin##Cheryl Roelle###imported-end##

July 06, 2010 at 09:06 PM



“ John: Please know that your family has been in my thoughts since I was told about Jan's Passing. The memories I have of our circle of friends at the Judge's Bench make me smile and Laugh Out Loud whenever they cross my mind. I unfortunately cannot attend the services at Bates Church. Please know that I truly regret not being able to be there and show my respects to such a special friend. Jan helped make me who I am today, and I thank the both of you for that. Take Care###imported-begin##AI "Big Al" Dryden###imported-end##

July 06, 2010 at 07:37 PM



“ John & Michael
We are so sorry for your loss. Jan helped me through a crisis with my former (late) husband when I was waitressing at "The Bench". The 3 of you took Allison to your home in Carroll Cnty so I could handle Keith's medical crisis. It was such a relief and comfort to know that my daughter was being cared for in my absence. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family during this time of loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Sharon Payne###imported-end##

July 06, 2010 at 03:47 PM



“ To the Soth family: I am very sorry to hear about Jan. She welcomed me with open arms to Century. It is something that I will never forget. I hope that the fond memories of your time with Jan help you through this most difficult time.###imported-begin##Wendy Ross###imported-end##

July 06, 2010 at 11:29 AM



“ I was so deeply saddened when I learned of Jan's passing. I remember her from when I was a long-term English teacher at Liberty High school. She was so nice and made me feel welcomed at the school. I will never forget her!##imported-begin##Patricia Baumgardner##imported-end##

July 05, 2010 at 11:42 AM



“ Thank you so much Mrs. Soth for the wonderful care and joy you bestow upon your students. My son Andy Forster, Century Class of 2009, will always remember the assistance provided by Mrs. Soth. Our deepest sympathy to the Soth Family as her early departure is our great loss.##imported-begin##Marcie Forster##imported-end##

July 04, 2010 at 04:54 PM



“ Mrs. Soth was a wonderful women who made an impact in my life and many others. She is the reason I gained the love for cooking. She helped many of us stay in school and graduate with her support and mentorship. She will be missed greatly. I miss her noodles w/ garlic recipe she taught us over 10 years ago too make.##imported-begin##Ashley "Katzen" Gallagher##imported-end##

July 03, 2010 at 07:21 PM



“ I am saddened to hear the news of Jan's passing. She was someone that I felt like I had known forever from the first day I met her. She just had a caring, friendly way about her. I know from my time working at Century that she touched many lives. She always had an open door for any student, parent, or staff member who needed help. I am wishing her family peace in knowing what a positive impact she had in so many lives. We are all blessed to have had the chance to know her.##imported-begin##Cindy (Anderson) Wallach##imported-end##

July 03, 2010 at 12:55 PM



“ John, Michael and Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this. I have so many fond memories of Jan at Century. She was a very special woman. She always made you feel important and would spare a few minutes to lend an ear no matter what her day was like. She would bring a smile to anyone's face with the stories she had to tell about her family or her students. She was very caring and thoughtful towards others, she made these wonderful gifts for her coworkers at Century....from jewelry...handmade cards....to her delicious egg casseroles. I will miss her wonderful smile and her sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Cindy Lewis##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 06:44 PM



“ Although I only had the pleasure of working with Jan for about a year, I know that my life was blessed by knowing her for even a day. My thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the future.##imported-begin##Robin Szymanski##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 06:39 PM



“ To John and Mike and the entire family which surrounds Jan: I became Jan's co-worker in 1999 at Liberty High School. She helped me transition from BCPS to CCPS system with her insights, experience, and humor. Jan supported those around her and she truly believed in a student's potential. For students that some may have forgotten about, Jan did not. It was through her efforts and love that many "made it" and have gone on to be productive citizens. She talked endlessly about Mike and with a SUCH a glimmer of love her eye. The two of you together is the memory that comes to my mind...an honest connection of parent and child. I send you smiles and hugs during this pivotal time in your life.##imported-begin##Stacy DeSalvo##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 10:55 AM



“ The Lord welcomed a wonderful woman into heaven on June 27th. May God comfort you during this time. The Reeser family has you all in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Ron and Denise Reeser##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your families loss. Mrs. Soth was an excellent teacher and mentor to me as I progressed through High School and she will never be forgotten. Our prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Chris Hines##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 09:57 AM



“ Mike and John: It is hard to believe the news of Jan passing. She was such a caring person and knew the importance of relationships; whether that was with her family, friends, students or parents. I know that her humor will be missed the most; she always knew how to make others laugh and forget their troubles.##imported-begin##Drew Cockley##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 09:54 AM



“ To Jan's family-My son Ian was in Michael's graduating class. In addition, I reported to Jan as a substitute teacher at Century. She was a great mentor and really had a way with the students. I was honored to know her and work with her. I can only imagine how much she will be missed by all.##imported-begin##Hope Jacobs##imported-end##

July 02, 2010 at 09:11 AM



“ Mrs. Soth was my second Mom. If I was having a hard day at school I could just go to her office and just talk to her and she just instantly made me feel better. I honestly would have never made it though high school if it wasn't for her. She kept me in line. Always had a smile on her face no matter what the circumstances were. I am so grateful to have met such an amazing person that has impacted my life so wonderfully. I know she will be watching over me and that she is in a better place now. I will be praying every night before I go to bed that she gets everything she deserves and more. She will always be loved and missed by everyone!##imported-begin##Sara Heir##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 10:59 PM



“ Jan and I had many conversations about raising our sons and I miss those conversations. Hold onto the memories you have of your mother and wife as those can never be taken away!!!##imported-begin##Nancy Heasley##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ I remember so well Jan's cheerful and encouraging spirit with both faculty and students at Century High. I took over her classes at Century when she was promoted to VP. Not having been in the classroom for more than 30 years, Jan gave me a moral boost with her wisdom and foresight. She was a proud mom and grandmother. We were a kindred spirit wearing our Christmas sweaters and our love of the beach. My heartfelt sympathy is sent to all of you. Embrace your memories as I know she left so much love in your heart.##imported-begin##Pat Kennedy##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 08:36 PM



“ John & Mike:
I know as sad as this time is you must take comfort in knowing Jan was the real deal. I enjoyed her honesty and her empathy, her laugh and (at times) her glare, her insight and her strength. I have missed our lengthy 'conferences' in her office and I am saddened to know her wit is no longer in this world. Please know my thoughts, prayers, and earnest hope for your comfort go with these wirts.##imported-begin##Thom McHugh##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 06:59 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of Jan, but I will always remember how she continuously went out of her way to help those students in need. Her greatest strength was developing lasting relationships with all of her students and colleagues! She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##George Wunder##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 03:52 PM



“ John and Michael.....my thoughts are prayers are with both of you and all of your family at this time. Hold onto your wonderful memories as they can NEVER be taken away. God bless all of you. Michael.....your were your mother's pride and joy always!!!! Please take care and know I am here if you need anything at all.....##imported-begin##Pam Hines##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 03:28 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Jan. She was a true blessing. She always had a smile and a kind word for me. She never talked about being sick. Even though I knew she was. Always positive. If it wasn't for her my son would not have graduated. When he did, she ran up to me and hugged me so excited. She said I knew he could do it. I remember it like yesterday. Century is not the same without her. I will pray for you as you morn her loss. god bess,grayce##imported-begin##grayce (matt,trevor,nick sellers mom)##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 03:23 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Jan. She was a good friend. No matter how bad she was feeling she always had time to be there for others. She will be in my heart and memories.##imported-begin##Jo Anne Norton##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 12:55 PM



“ My heart is saddened at the loss of my friend. Jan welcomed me to Century High School as the "new AP on the block." She took me under her wings and made my transition there easy. Jan, I will miss your laugh and your smile. I will treasure our office talks and cafeteria lunches with the students. Rest in peace and remember you will always be in my heart.##imported-begin##Judith Jones##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 12:54 PM



“ I will never forget my first day at Century High School. In my mailbox, from Jan, was a beautiful card with well wishes for a fantastic year! She really started off my year with a smile!##imported-begin##Amy Cohn##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 12:17 PM



“ *John & Michael & Family,*

I am so sad to hear the passing of Jan (mom). May beautiful thoughts of your wife (mother) be comforting at this difficult time.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

With Sympathy,

Debby Prince##imported-begin##Debby Prince##imported-end##

July 01, 2010 at 11:36 AM