

Dr. Jane Alden-Goldman

Dr. Jane Alden-Goldman, 62, former Paint Media Studies Coordinator Dept. of English, Millersville University, died at her home in Millersville, on Saturday, September 20, 2008, after a courageous and lengthy battle with cancer.

Scots-born Alden-Goldman, whose father came from Florida, arrived in the United States in 1979 with the man she would later marry, TSGT Robert B. Goldman (U.S. Air Force, Retired), who preceded her in death in April, 2008. As soul mates and spouses, the couple enjoyed a wonderful 32 years of companionship, friendship, love and marriage.

During these 32 years, Bob and Jane as they were known by all who knew them, were history enthusiasts, visiting every battlefield of the Civil War and later, in 2007, finally concluded the sights of the Revolutionary War-as an extension of a cruise vacation.

Alden-Goldman received her degree, BA from the University of Maryland, European Division, MA in English, from University of Texas at San Antonio, and PhD in British and American Literature from Texas Christian University in 1986 (Fort Worth, TX). Jane believed these years were among the happiest of her life outside the family situation. She also held the British National Council for the Training of Journalist Certification-a qualification she believed contributed to her success in building the program at Millersville, where she incorporated Journalistic Ethics and Crime and Court Reporting Courses-both of which proved practical beyond the classroom activities.

During her lengthy journalism career in the United Kingdom, Alden-Goldman became the first woman to cover the High Court in Glasgow, beginning with the notorious Tartan Army Trial in the 1970's. She began her career in Carlisle, Cumberland with the Cumberland News, moved to the Reading Evening Post, worked in the Kilmarnock as Editor, the Scottish Daily News in Glasgow and finally, editing in Corby, England, where she met TSGT Goldman.

On numerous occasions, the Goldman's escorted MU Students on out of state journalistic and literary activities with a measure of history included in the outings. These activities included writing at the homes of George Washington and The Jefferson's as well as at Edgar Allen Poe's Richmond Home. There were many journalistic conventions (SPJ) and visits to political debates, not to mention trips locally to courts in Lancaster and the Camp Hill Correctional Facility.

With the help of her husband and her mother, Becky Alden (now deceased); Alden-Goldman created Millersville University's tribute to the Scottish poet Robert Burns. There events included the traditional Scottish dinner with theatrical presentations by the students. On a smaller scale, later in spring, Medieval Night Celebrations were held to coincide with the Chaucerian "Canterbury Tales".

Alden-Goldman was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints whom she first met in Scotland in the 1960's.

The couple also enjoyed landscaping at their home in Millersville, catering Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations for faculty and students and their devotion to these days.

Jane leaves behind a brother, George Alden, in England, family in Scotland, a cousin, John Platt in Manchester, England, many friends in the UK, in her church and her colleagues at MU.

Funeral Services will be held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA, (717)-872-2266 on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 2 PM with Bishop L. Kenley officiating. Jane will be laid to rest beside her husband, and her mother, (the Three Musketeers, as they called themselves) in the Millersville Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Schied's between 1 and 2 PM on Wednesday. For on-line condolences, directions or other information, you are welcome to visit our website at: www.scheidfuneralhome.com