



## Jane Douglas Case-Smith

July 30, 2014

Jane Case-Smith, EdD,OTR/L,FAOTA, 60, of Powell, passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at home. She was a Professor and Director of the Occupational Therapy Division of the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University. During her tenure the MOT program had been ranked as one of the best in the nation. Jane received the Ohio State University Distinguished Service Award, and was elected to the American Occupational Therapy Association's Roster of Fellows and the American Occupational Therapy Foundation's Academy of Research. She was an internationally respected author, lecturer and researcher in the area of pediatric OT. She was much loved by her students, colleagues, friends and family. Survived by husband Greg Smith; father Rev. Walter Case; beloved sons David and Stephen; stepsons Dr. Matthew Smith, Christopher(Greta) Smith; precious grandson Declan Smith; brothers Walter "Scott" (Melissa) Case, John(Jill) Case and Andrew(Rachel) Case; brother-in-law's Michael(Nora) Smith and Mark(Linda) Smith; sister-in-law Rev. Moria Ahearne (Forrest); nieces Jenny, Abby , Alison , Hannah , Carolyn, Sarah, Kelly (Andrew); nephews Michael Jr. (Meghan), Ryan, Andrew and Michael; great nieces Aine, Kathleen, Susanna and special family friends Rev. Robert and Edith Rasmussen. Visitation will from 1:00-3:00 & 5:00-7:00 PM on SATURDAY August 2, 2014 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St.(Powell Rd./St.Rt. 750/1/4 mile east of Sawmill Pkwy.), Powell, OH 43065 (614-792-1471) Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM SUNDAY at LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH, 7080 Olentangy River Rd., Delaware, OH 43015. A reception will follow at the church. Family and friends are encouraged to make gifts in Jane's memory to: The Dr. Jane Case-Smith Fund (Fund #314918) at The Ohio State University at [www.osu.edu/giving](http://www.osu.edu/giving) or at Medical Center Development, 660 Ackerman Rd. 6th Floor, Columbus, OH 43218.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jane Douglas Case-Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to family, friends, and colleagues--- Jane had such a wide realm of influence and impact--she saw how to take an idea or concept to the next level so that more children and their families could benefit through the greater expertise of their occupational therapists and others. She had so much capacity--and amazing passion--for communicating information to others in many different ways on behalf of children with challenges. We shared an commitment as of the mid 80's to studying hand function in young children, knowing that much of the way that children learn about and impact their world is through using their hands---we enjoyed many rich discussions, Jane's insights and research in this area and so many more will continue to influence future research and practice and be greatly valued by so many. She will be deeply missed.*

**Charlotte Exner, PhD, OT/L, FAOTA** - August 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathies go out to Jane's family and to her friends and associates at OSU. She was instrumental in my receiving my master's degree at Ohio State 20 years ago. She was my advisor while I was working on my master's degree and thesis. She was a great mentor and resource as I worked to achieve my degree. I have enjoyed seeing and talking to her at various OT events over the years and will very much miss her. Again, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Judy Cable,MS, OTR/L** - August 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *She was a lady of few but important words, yet her leadership in the profession was mighty!  
She touched so many with her pen and publications! Those she mentored gleaned knowledge and understanding from her wisdom!  
She leaves a legacy to our beloved OT profession...her light shines on brightly!*

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**Krista M. Fylak, MA, OTR/L, OTA** - August 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *To Jane's family and OSI colleagues  
I was blessed to know Jane when she was a new faculty member at VCU. We worked together in VOTA to obtain licensure for OTs in Virginia. She was a shining star, so bright and full of energy! I always enjoyed seeing Jane at AOTA Conferences throughout the years. I will cherish memories of our last dinner together in San Diego. She was such a proponent of OTs move to the doctoral level. I'll remember her always for her passion for our profession! Bless you all in your time of loss.*

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**Dianne Simons, PhD, OTR/L** - August 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I am so sorry to hear this sad news. Dr. Case-Smith was the first of my mentors to show me what leadership and scholarship is really about. She will be remembered as an amazing scholar and teacher.*

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**Michelle Kaye Silverman** - August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Dear Case-Smith family,  
It is with great sadness that I learned of Jane's death. It was a pleasure interacting with Jane and the entire Case-Smith family. I'm hopeful that despite the sadness we will all be able to celebrate Jane's personal accomplishments, professional accomplishments, love and life.

Sincerely,  
Evan Wuthrick

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**Evan Wuthrick** - August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ While I knew Jane for only a short time, she provided the same degree of support and kindness to me that my faculty have attributed to her for all the years I've been at VCU. My condolences to her family and her close colleagues at OSU. The field of occupational therapy has lost one of its greatest scholars and friends.

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**Al Copolillo** - August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Smith Family,

Jane was a very special person to me and to the OT profession. She will be immensely missed by so many. In spite of her fame in the profession of OT, Jane was humble and gentle and gave willingly of herself to mentor and support students and colleagues. Jane served as an inspiration to me and to many of my colleagues. Jane always spoke so lovingly of her family and kindly took an interest in my family, she was a remarkable person. Her legacy is in the profession and hearts of her friends and colleagues. I wish you peace and healing at this time.

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**Sandra Rogers** - August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane Douglas Case-Smith*

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August 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Smith Family,

*Our sincerest condolences on your loss. Jane was a great influence to me and pretty much any occupational therapist who has worked with children.*

*Words do not and cannot possibly capture the depth of what Jane has meant to the profession of Occupational Therapy, and more specifically to the influence that she had on the training, mentoring and sharing of wisdom to those OT's who, like us, work with children. We were so fortunate to have her speak at our 2013 Annual Pediatric Conference as a keynote speaker. She also served as a valuable resource for us when we were developing our constraint induced movement therapy program.*

*Her legacy will live on in the expressions of our patients and families faces as we continue to embody her teachings and influence within the context of our treatment programs.*

*“If I have seen further than others, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants”. We as practitioners of the art and discipline of occupational therapy are able to do what we do on a daily basis, because we metaphorically stand on the shoulder of such a giant each and every day we practice our craft.*

*Thank you Jane....*

*Joe*

*Joe Basante OTR/L, CHT  
A. I. duPont Hospital for Children  
Wilmington, Delaware*

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**Joe Basante OTR/L CHT - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

MO

“ I send sympathy and prayers to Jane's family and friends. Jane will forever be remembered as a role model and leader among all occupational therapists, particularly those of us who practice in pediatrics. I am honored to have had the privilege of being her student during her final years at VCU. She was way to young to leave this world, but leaves a legacy of professional dedication that has moved occupational therapy continually forward. She will be missed by many!

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**Michelle Cullen, MS, OTR** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Sending condolences to the family for your loss. The profession of Occupational Therapy has lost a great therapist and leader.

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**Jennifer Radloff, OTR/L** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your lost, all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Tom & Bonnie Ferry

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**Tom & Bonnie Ferry** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ To Jane's family: Thank you for sharing your Jane with the OT community. Her work taught us to be better therapists. Through her, the lives of countless children all across this country have been touched for the better. I am grateful to have been one of the countless touched by her dedication to her work.

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**Paula Michaud** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ My deepest sympathies to the whole family! Jane was one of my advisors for the master's project at VCU, just as she was leaving to move to OH. Eventually I also moved to OH. She and I had the same "loose joints" and enjoyed demonstrating to the students in pediatrics courses what it was like to move and work with infants with special needs. Jane was a wonderful therapist, teacher, mom and friend. She and I loved our pediatric work, and I shall miss her mentorship and friendship greatly. Our world is definitely one special light dimmer today!

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**Lynne Umbarger** - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM