

**"Jani" Elaine Cook Paulsen**  
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Janyce "Jani" Elaine Cook died, May 22, peacefully in her sleep. Visitation was held May 26, at Colonial Funeral Home, Pocatello, Idaho. Services were held May 27, at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Pocatello, Idaho.

Janyce "Jani" Elaine Cook Paulsen was born in Oskaloosa, Nov. 23, 1947 to Leon "Doc" Cook and Mary Ruppel Cook, the younger of two children.

Jani attended high school in Montezuma where she met Kim Paulsen. The couple married after high school. They lived across the nation (after college and the Navy) moving to California, Iowa, Chicago, and then landing in Idaho.

Jani started her job as a manager for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. After settling in Pocatello, she became an office manager at Idaho State University where she worked in the Theatre, Mass Communications and Speech Department for over 20 years. She enjoyed her time at ISU, but she soon left that job to start her career with her husband Kim.

She also volunteered for the Battered Women Crisis Line at the YWCA in Pocatello. She was never afraid to step in and fight on the front lines with the police to protect women from abusive relationships. Jani also has always loved animals, caring for many dogs, horses, bunnies, birds, and chipmunks throughout her life.

Jani's love of horses soon led her into the world of horse racing. She was known around the race track for two things; her reputation for respect and success with her husband in the horses that they raced, and her infectious smile, passionate laugh, and her confidence in wearing bright sparkling clothing.

Jani has been referred to many times as a "lucky" person because of her winnings on the track, slots, and cards. However, we do not think that luck is why she won. Janyce Paulsen was a winner because she was not afraid to bet. This is a lesson we can all learn from her. We must seize the day, take advantage of our opportunities, and above all else, never be afraid to say yes to a dance, because it just might be the beginning of your story.

Janyce is survived by Kim Paulsen (husband); Shawn (Chris) Paulsen (son); Stephanie Paulsen (daughter); four grandchildren, Hayden, Kade, Alex, and Madison Paulsen; and many family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made in Janyce Paulsen's name to: (local) Family Services Alliance of Southeast Idaho - Crisis Center, 355 S. Arthur Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho 83204 OR White Bird Appaloosa Horse Rescue <http://www.whitebirdapps.com/help-the-cause>.