



## Jane Utiger

June 9, 1955 - January 5, 2012

Jane Lyon Utiger, 57, of Lyons Street, Fort Collins, passed away suddenly on January 5th. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri, daughter of Sally and Dr. Robert Utiger. She attended Ithaca College and graduated from Colorado State University. She was a registered nurse, graduating in 2004 from the nursing program at Front Range Community College and later took over 60 hours of courses from the American Red Cross Centennial Chapter. Jane worked in various divisions of the Red Cross, most notably in Disaster Health Services and Family Services providing emergency assistance. The Red Cross sent her to help victims of such disasters as the Katrina Hurricane and the California Wildfires. Jane was a dedicated athlete, becoming an All American swimming candidate in high school and an accomplished bicyclist in her adult life, completing the Ride the Rockies Race several times. She is survived by a son Seth Lyon Utiger Kienzle, a sister Nancy Murphy of Hampstead, New Hampshire, a brother David Utiger of Peru, Vermont, her mother Sally Utiger of Weston, Massachusetts, and her former husband Robert L. Kienzle of Haines, Alaska and Ft. Collins. Service arrangements are pending at Goes Funeral Care. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Red Cross, Centennial Chapter.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jane Utiger*

---

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *As a fellow Red Cross Volunteer you lived the Red Cross principles. To prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. You showed your caring and kindness when you responded to Hurricane Katrina and the California Wildfires. You touched many lives and we are thankful that you touched ours.*

---

**Betty Kaan** - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I first met Jane in 2005 in Biloxi, Mississippi at the Red Cross disaster response to hurricane 'Katrina'. We worked together only briefly then, but I got to know her back in Ft Collins doing further Red Cross volunteer work. She inspired me to commit to help my community and nation with her strength, independence, desire to get things done and her wonderful sense of humor. I taught Red Cross classes in recent years and often quoted her from a debriefing we did after a major disaster. She said she learned that she 'could do anything' after she found innovative ways to help folks effected by a large disaster that had forced them to live in a shelter for months. I will miss her, and I am inspired to be sure the lessons she taught me stay with me.*

---

**Mark Parsons** - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ As a fellow Red Cross nurse, I remember well hearing of your efforts after Hurricane Katrina, especially. Your smiling ways comforted many there and in California after those wildfires. Your dedication to helping others will be remembered.

---

**Connie Hoffer** - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I first met Jane at an Oakwood School event when our sons were in kindergarten or first grade together. I remember meeting Jane and thinking "she's one heck of an interesting woman. I should get to know her better". We never got to be close friends though I always enjoyed running into her at school, in the neighborhood, at Farmer's markets, at Red Cross trainings. She was a talented story teller and always fascinated me with tales of her adventures.  
Seth, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. We're still right around the corner. Jane

---

**Jane Higgins** - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Jane's passing. I knew Jane as a fellow parent with children at Oakwood and through our children's soccer activities. I recall how dedicated she was to her son Seth. She was a multi-faceted woman and will be missed. My thoughts go out to Seth during this difficult time.

---

**Donna Benson** - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I met Jane many years ago during Red Cross training. As nurses, we had a connection. She was so dependable when it came time to "go forth and volunteer". I know that she provided much needed support to people in their darkest time. I will miss Jane in our lives, but will remember her commitment.

---

**Carol Brom** - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM