



## Jane Ann Hess

February 10, 2006

A memorial service for Jane Anne Hess of Jefferson City, Missouri, will be held Friday, February 17, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home in Jefferson City. The former Missouri State Courts Administrator died February 10, 2006, in Jefferson City, where she made her home. The daughter of Edward H. Hess and Mary Susan (Box) Hess, Jane was born January 21, 1933, in Stockton, Missouri.

Jane was raised in Greenfield, Missouri, where she graduated from high school. She received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Southwest Missouri State University in 1955; a Master's Degree in Theatre from the University of Kansas in 1967; a Juris Doctorate and a Master's Degree in Judicial Administration from the University of Denver, Colorado, in 1973.

Jane was the Recreation Director for the City of Springfield from 1956-1962. Upon graduating from SMS, she taught high school speech and drama at Central high School in Springfield, then for the Burlington, Iowa, Community School District and later became head of the Speech and Theatre Department at Southeastern Iowa Area College. Following her graduation from law school, Jane worked as an Assistant Trial Court administrator in Bergen County, New Jersey, until 1974, when she began as director of court services for the Office of State Courts Administrator in Missouri. She was appointed State Courts

Administrator by the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1981 and held that position until she retired in 1994.

Jane had been a member of the Conference of State Court Administrators, the National Association for Court Management, the American Judges Association, the International Judges Association, the American Bar Association, and the Methodist Church.

Jane lived life to the fullest and made many friends. Her love of sports, competitive nature and athletic abilities were evident in the activities she enjoyed, which included playing tennis, bowling on leagues for many years, and enjoying her bridge games. She was a huge fan of her nephews' basketball teams and attended many of their games through the years. She will be a dearly missed aunt by the nieces and nephews she loved. Other interests included reading and traveling, as well as looking after her beloved pets.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Sue Kottman, and a brother, Dr. Robert E. Hess. Surviving her are cousins, David Yeakley, Denver, CO; Kay Kuchel, Paw Paw, IL; Karen Hendrick, El Paso, TX; and nieces and nephews; Susanne Moon, Versailles, MO; Roberta Hess, Independence, MO; Nancy Haupt, LaCygne, KS; Johanna Houts, Windsor, MO; Jennifer Johnson, Stanberry, MO; Sara Kottman, Springfield, MO; Kathy Cartwright, St. Joseph, MO; Hal Kottman, Lantana, FL; and Jeff Kottman, Tallahassee, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity or the Jefferson City Samaritan Center. To send sympathy e-mails for the family visit [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles, MO.