

Jane Kathleen Landaw, 63, of Burwell, Nebraska died June 6, 2013 at Shakopee, Minnesota.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery in Atkinson, Nebraska. Pastor Don Myer and Pastor Jeffrey Wohlfert will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Landaw Japanese Ministry. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Jane Kathleen Landaw, who was born on November 13, 1949 in Burwell, Nebraska, grew up on her family's ranch near Chambers, NE; moving to Swan Lake when she was in High School. Jane talked fondly of her elementary school years when she and her sister Judy rode horses to their one room school house in the area. Jane enjoyed helping her parents on the ranch, competing in rodeos, and helping at the Gospel Tent.

Growing up, Jane was known as Janie by her family, but in college she was known as Jane. This was just the beginning of Jane being known by many names. Through her years, she was known as Babes, by her husband, Harry; Mom, by her two daughters, Jill and Heidi; Aunt Jane, by her siblings' children, as well as all of the missionary kids in Japan; Jane Sensei, by the Christians in Japan; and Grammie, by her two grandchildren, Zoe and Eli. Regardless of what she was called day to day, what everyone saw through Jane was a gracious servant and a special child of God.

At the age of eight, Jane accepted Jesus as her personal Savior, at her mother's knee. Soon after that Jane felt God's call on her life to serve as a missionary to Japan. Jane attended and graduated from Crown College in Minnesota. During college Jane met Harry Landaw who had also felt God's call on his life for missionary service. Jane and Harry were united in marriage at Cedar Creek Church on June 11, 1971. Before going to Japan as missionaries, Jane assisted Harry as he served as Associate Pastor at Rosehill Alliance Church in St. Paul, MN and Senior Pastor at Owen Alliance Church in Wisconsin. On August 28, 1979, Jane & Harry, along with Jill and Heidi, arrived in Japan to begin 34 years of service as missionaries with The Christian & Missionary Alliance. Jane and Harry served in 6 church plants in the greater Tokyo area, and served as Team Leaders for the Japan Field for 8 years.

In those church planting ministries, Jane led women's Bible studies; mentored many women, including pastors' wives and young mothers; taught many English conversation classes; and, made countless meals for visitors to Japan from all over the world. Jane was also a faithful woman of prayer, praying for many people each day in her devotional time. She also devoted many hours each week in writing update letters to our prayer supporters and words of encouragement to new believers.

In Jane and Harry's final year in Japan, they followed God's calling yet again to be involved in a 7th church plant in the tsunami devastated region of Japan. They pioneered a new Alliance effort to assist in relief and outreach ministries to the needy people of that region. The result of their effort was the establishment of Ishinomaki New Life Center in the heart of the devastated area. Jane was heavily involved in those relief and outreach ministries. She baked many homemade goodies and along with many volunteers from the Tokyo area, distributed those special goodies to hundreds of people living in temporary housing units. Many people were touched by her smile

and would invite her into their very small temporary living quarters to enjoy green tea and have one-on-one conversations. Jane used these opportunities to share the love of God to these people who were struggling with putting their lives back together after the devastation of the tsunami.

During their early months in Ishinomaki, Jane's health began to decline causing her to seek special treatment at a Japanese hospital. After undergoing colon surgery in Japan, Jane was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. Jane and Harry returned to the United States on April 24, 2012, to begin aggressive chemotherapy treatments at Mayo Clinic. Jane graciously fought the battle against cancer for just over a year, never letting the cancer define her. Her motto was "I'm not dying from cancer. I'm living with cancer." Jane was able to spend many hours with her family and friends in Minnesota and Nebraska continuing to bless them in countless ways even as her health suffered.

When Jane was asked about her primary goals for her hospice care, she let the medical staff know that she wanted to have relief from her pain and that she wanted to finish strong. Jane did just that. She praised her Creator and blessed those who cared for her, visited her, and called her from all over the world. Jane's life work of being a strong servant of God carried her through to her last day. She accomplished her goal of finishing strong. Although Jane is no longer with us here on earth, she left a legacy that will continue to live on through those of us on both sides of the ocean that were blessed to know her.

The verse that Jane and Harry have had on their Prayer Card for the past 34 years is from Isaiah 9:2. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned." (NIV). It was Jane's joy to share the light of the gospel with people who had never heard that gospel before.

Jane is survived by her husband, Harry of Burwell, NE; two children: Jill Landaw, of Shakopee, MN, and Heidi and Rolando Tanguma of Belle Plaine, MN; two grandchildren: Zoe and Eli Tanguma of Belle Plaine, MN; three siblings: older sister, Judy Garwood of O'Neill, NE; younger sister, Gala Myer (and, husband, Don) of Malcolm, NE; and, younger brother, Ross Garwood (and wife, Linda) of Amelia, NE.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Arlene Garwood.