



JAN SMALL-BETH

Janas Lynn “Jan” Small-Beth of Brentwood, Tennessee, passed away Wednesday, January 6 at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville after a battle with cancer. She was 69. Born January 6, 1952 in Paducah, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late James Leslie “Jimmie” Small and Julia “Judy” Small.

Jan was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and was an avid Vol fan. She had very diverse work experiences, including being an assistant buyer for a large department store, a flight attendant, and a sales representative and Regional Vice-President with two educational publishing companies. She was also a member of the Williamson Co. TN Association of Realtors as an Affiliate Broker/Realtor with Parks Realty of Middle Tennessee for several years. Additionally, she was a member of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

Jan was a longtime owner/exhibitor in the sport of showing American Saddlebreds. Some of her noted champions included CH Vuarnet, CH The Proof Is In The Heir, CH I’m Still Dreamin’, Triumphal, and Prince Of Prowlin.

A longtime Walking Horse exhibitor, Jan started in the American Saddlebred world with

lifelong friend James Nichols, later having horses with Chuck Herbert, Chris and Stephanie Brannan, and then Mark Turner.

“I met Jan when we went to school together in Benton, [KY], said James Nichols. “Her mom was my home room teacher. “They were really successful in the Walking Horse business and always wanted a Saddlebred. When I worked in Paducah, they came out and her dad said, ‘This is the place to do it.’

“We bought a four-year-old and that didn’t work out so then we bought CH Vuarnet and that was a great entry horse for her. Next, she bought CH The Proof Is In The Heir. When I moved to New Orleans they moved with me. They then bought I’m Still Dreamin’ as a two-year-old sight unseen.

“She had a huge love for the American Saddlebred, the horse and the atmosphere. She was very contagious with her enthusiasm. We had a lot of great times together.”

“Before she was a customer she came around a lot because we had bought CH The Proof Is In The Heir from her,” said Stephanie Brannan. “She would could come to visit ‘Hercules.’ She stayed a

part of his life and even went out and rode him at the Rudders when he was retired.

“She was coming here a lot anyway so she sent us I’m Still Dreamin’. Jan was so busy, the first time I got to show the mare in the qualifier and she showed her in the championship. They were really good together.

“She was a fabulous lady with a great love for her horses.”

“Jan was a great ball of fun to be around,” added Mark Turner. “When you met her, 10 minutes later you felt like you had known her forever.”

She was survived by her husband Albert H. “Al” Beth and several cousins.

1 CH I’m Still Dreamin’ and Jan won at Ky Spring Premier, Asheville, and Rock Creek in 2015 before selling her to Barbara Goodman-Manilow who won the amateur world’s champion of champions title that August.

2 Jan’s last show horse was Prince Of Prowlin who was in training with Mark Turner.

3 Jan had great success with CH The Proof Is In The Heir (Hercules) before selling him to the David Rudder family for daughter, Alex.