



Dr. Lorita D. Jenab

April 15, 1930 - June 12, 2022

Dr Lorita Duffield Jenab, 92, of Morgantown, West Virginia expired on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at Fitzwater Assisted living Facility in Fairmont. She was the daughter of the late H.V. (Jack) and Faith Duffield of Duck, WV.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, David Jenab of Morgantown; and her brother, Emery Duffield of Wilsie.

She is survived by her husband, Parviz Jenab of Morgantown; her sisters, Arlene Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, Dianne Nottingham of Duck, WV, and Karen Dawson of Hedgesville, WV; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a native of Clay County, West Virginia and earned the BSN degree from Alderson Broaddus, MSN degree from Case Western Reserve University and a EdD degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York.

Dr. Jenab chaired the Nursing Department at Alderson Broaddus for four years and was appointed Dean of the School of Nursing at West Virginia University in 1968. She served in the dean's role for twenty-four years. As a senior nursing student in her undergraduate program, she learned there were only three nurses in West Virginia holding a master's degree. She made a promise to herself that as soon as she could afford to do it, she would get a master's degree. One year later she enrolled in the master's program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. At this early stage of her career, she recognized her responsibility to do more for the good of nursing and the people of West Virginia. Over the course of her time as Dean, the number of graduates in the baccalaureate nursing program increased five-fold. In 1975, she started the Master of Science of Nursing program and extended the program to distant sites through the Satellite Network. In addition, she organized leaders of the state's nursing schools and created the Association of Deans and Directors of Nursing Education. This organization coordinates education efforts throughout the state.

Dr. Jenab's work will forever shape the landscape of nursing in West Virginia.

A memorial service will be held at the Duffield Cemetery in Duck on the much-loved farm of her childhood.

Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home in Fairmont is honored to assist the family with making the arrangements.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.carpenterandford.com.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Dr. Jenab was Dean of Nursing when I attended 1972 thru 1975. It was because of her that I was able to graduate from nursing school. I had a professor that had not passed me in my Pediatrics rotation my Junior year. I was forced to repeat it with her again in second semester. She had not passed me the first time in the clinical setting & the second time in the didactic setting! So, I had to repeat it with a Senior class Pediatric professor in summer school & she passed me! However, the Junior Pediatric professor would not change the "F" on my transcript! I had to go before the Board & Dean Jenab to be able to get the grade changed & move on to my Senior year! Dean Jenab saw the inconsistency in the Junior professor's grading & reasoning! I thank her today for believing in me! The Junior professor had told me that I would never amount to anything! Well, I have since retired from 45 years of nursing at UHC in Bridgeport! I was a staff nurse, ICU nurse, Cardiovascular Cath Lab/Xray nurse, Float Pool Nurse, & finally my last 20 years was as a Value Analysis Nurse!! So, I did amount to something!! Thank you to Dean Jenab in believing in me & supporting me to promote me!

Thank you Dean Jenab for all that you did for Nursing!! Because of you so many were able to become great nurses! Your legacy will live on! Rest In Peace!!! My deepest sympathy to her family!

Patricia Ann Laurie Colanero RN BSN MBA - Class of 1975

Patricia Colanero - June 21 at 04:40 PM

L

“ I met Dr. Jenab in 1980 as a “RN to BSN” student at WVU. She was a fair, approachable, kind Dean. I ran into her many times over the years in Morgantown. She was always gracious and happy to stop and talk with a former student about shared time at WVU. I can't imagine she remembered me specifically from the Class of '82, but she could make you feel as though she did. She was a special person...Rest in Peace...your legacy to nursing in WV lives on.....

Linda Terrico Reed -WVSON '82 - June 19 at 08:36 AM



“ Thank you Dr. Jenab, you made great strides for nursing in WV and beyond.

Dr. Aggie Llewellyn, BSN class of 1982

Aggie Llewellyn - June 19 at 08:33 AM

DS

“ Lorita was very active in the First Baptist Church of Morgantown, and we all admired her for her great knowledge and eloquence. She was in the Fellowship Class and made significant contributions to our discussions of the Bible. She opened her home to the Barber-Runner Circle and provided wonderful hospitality to us. My deepest sympathy to Parviz and the extended family. She was an exemplary Christian.

Dorothy Skidmore

Dorothy Skidmore - June 16 at 08:57 PM

CR

“ A West Virginia treasure. Come from humble roots, a farmer daughter who did great things in the field of nursing. We don't know how many people she has mentored to become successful nurse's & great people. Rest In Peace.

Carol Triplett Ramsey - June 16 at 10:56 AM

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“ My thoughts are with Dean Jenab's family during this sad time. It was because of her work on SATNET, that I was able to obtain my RN to BSN in Charleston in 1984. That was the same technology that I then used as a professor at WVU, coming soon after Dr. Jena be had retired. I got to know her over the years at several SON and other WV Nursing functions. She was the epitome of grace, firmness, good sense of humor, and also passion for caring for others, including her son. RIP Dean Jenab. Dr. Sandra Cotton

Sandra “Sam “Cotton - June 15 at 02:08 PM

VN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Marion County Senior Citizens.

Vicki Nichols - June 14 at 10:37 AM

MS

“ Dr. Jenab came to the WVU School of Nursing in 1968 when I was in my Sophomore year. She provided wonderful instruction and guidance to my classmates of the Class of 1970 and extended her warmth to the students by inviting them to her home to have dinner with her husband and her. Our class made her an "honorary member of the Class of 1970" in 2010 as we gathered for our 40 reunion (and the School of Nursing's 50th anniversary). Interestingly, we gathered for our 50+2 reunion this weekend and had our departing brunch on the day she passed. She will always have a warm place in my heart.

Margery Boyd Samsel - June 13 at 04:02 PM

CR

I am a member of WVU School of Nursing's class of 1970. I have fond memories of Dean Jenab; she was an amazing woman, and a wonderful role model for all of her students. My sincerest sympathy to her family and friends.

Cheryl Toombs Richter - June 14 at 10:46 PM

SL

Lorita Jenab was a faithful Baptist lady at First Baptist in Morgantown; the dean who hired me to teach Community Nursing at WVU SON; mentored me in many ways and was an accomplished alumni of AB College where she, Parvis Jenab and my (former) husband, Isaac Aurelio taught for many years. She accomplished much during her life time. Well done, Dr. Jebab! Rest well in the arms of the Almighty.

Shauna Lively - June 15 at 08:06 AM

JB

Dr Duffield and her family were our neighbors in West Virginia. Her sister and I were friends, and as the older sister she was the role model. When their Mother died suddenly, Lolita arrived from College, and was the rock of support. My father did not want me to be a nurse, Dr Duffield spoke with him, and I was "allowed to go with Lolita." There are so many people who have received her help and support in traveling thru the education to be a nurse. She can be assured of a seat at the right hand of God for her earthly works, and no one deserves it more. Our warmest thoughts to her husband during this lonely time.

joyce Buzick - June 17 at 11:05 PM

MC

I started at Alderson Broaddus in September 1957 and met "Ms. Duffield" who was beginning her first year in charge of the nursing program following the retirement of the original chair of the department. Her knowledge, clinical skills and approach with students created an environment that stimulated a commitment to sound nursing practice in me and many others. I remember her struggles to get nursing recognized and accepted as an independent practice with an independent knowledge base and skills. Her example and standards formed the basis of my 50-year successful nursing career and continued work in retirement to use that knowledge in a volunteer career in the non-profit world, again another example she set. I will always be grateful that she trusted me by hiring me as an instructor right after graduation. I tried very hard over the next 50 years to honor that trust. Remember well the day she passed her oral exam for her doctorate. We all celebrated for her on that day as I celebrate and thank her now for touching so many lives and hearts. God bless. Melanie Phillips Cox

Melanie P Cox - June 21 at 01:05 PM

PJ

I was in the 1957 class with Melanie Phillips Cox(roommates) when Miss Duffield was beginning at AB. She was a fantastic person and nurse. Because of her many you ladies became tremendous nurses. Thank you. Pattye Ashley Jackson

Pattye Jackson - June 23 at 05:43 PM

PB

Dr. Jenab was Dean of the SON when I started my faculty position in the Charleston division of the SON in 1981. I found her to be supportive to faculty at a distance campus in the days before we had the technology to facilitate interaction and collaboration between campuses. She was a caring person, always professional, and a visionary for nursing in this state. She supported and encouraged making distance learning available to nurses throughout the state, first with the RN to BSN program and then with the MSN program. Her vision helped many nurses in southern WV and elsewhere advance their nursing education who would not have been able to do so had the program not been closer to their homes. I am grateful to have known her and to have worked with her as a SON faculty. May her family and all who loved her find peace and comfort in good memories of her life and contributions to nursing and health care in WV. Peggy Burkhardt

Peggy Burkhardt - June 24 at 05:56 PM