

Janet Whitney Patton

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As our scribe Barbara McMahon Forest reported in the Winter 2000 Quarterly: "After MHC, Jan received her MA and Ph.D. in Asian Studies from UC-Berkeley. She was retired from East Kentucky University, where she had served as professor and graduate program coordinator of the master's of public administration program. She was a mentor to many students and was recognized as Kentucky's authority on local government mergers and consolidation of services. She was the author of various publications, an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Juvenile Justice. Her hobbies included sports, sailing, travel and gardening. "

Janet was featured in "Profiles of Presbyterians," a part of the History of the First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, Kentucky. Sarah Henry, church historian, interviewed Janet on August 8, 2000, and at the conclusion of her profile, she so perfectly captured her essence:

"With all of her service to others, Jan sees her faith as very much focused on the here and now and on trying to improve life here on earth in the community and promoting the community more so than most people. Her faith has been related to doing things. Truly she has lived her faith by doing many things which resulted in improving life for countless others. We salute and thank you, Jan Patton."