



Janice Moore Fuller

November 23, 1951 - February 25, 2025

Janice Moore Fuller was a vibrant soul with a passion for music and travel, a fierce champion for human rights, and a dedicated mother and grandmother. She was born in Greensboro, NC on November 23, 1951, and left this world on February 25, 2025 in Asheville, NC, surrounded by the love of her two children. Janice lived a life rich in passion, creativity, and unwavering dedication to her family and the literary arts.

Dr. Fuller was a distinguished scholar and poet, celebrated for her contributions to twentieth-century American literature. Her journey began with a BA in English and music from Duke University, where she was a proud recipient of the Angier B. Duke scholarship. She later achieved her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1989. Throughout her career, Dr. Fuller held the esteemed position of Writer-in-Residence and Professor of English at Catawba College, where she influenced generations of students since 1981.

A prolific poet, Dr. Fuller published several celebrated poetry collections, including "Archeology Is a Destructive Science," "Sex Education," "Séance," and "On the Bevel." Her work appeared in numerous respected literary journals, earning her prestigious accolades such as the Poetry Council of North Carolina's Oscar Arnold Young Award and the Owen-Walters Prize for Poetry. Dr. Fuller was also a talented playwright, with her plays and her libretto

performed throughout the United States and in France.

Dr. Fuller's dedication to the literary arts extended beyond her writing. She was a respected educator, receiving numerous teaching awards, including the Swink Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching and was a four-time winner of the Teacher of the Year Award. Her professional activities included serving on the board of the North Carolina Writers' Network and the Poetry Council of North Carolina. Dr. Fuller was also a sought-after speaker, workshop leader, and a regular teacher in Wales, Ireland, Spain, Scotland, Estonia, and received a visiting professorship at Harlaxton College in England. Janice also attended and taught at the Wildacres Writer's Workshop in Little Switzerland, NC, which was the highlight of her summers. Her legacy as a writer, educator, and mentor will continue to inspire future generations.

As Janice often said, her biggest accomplishments were her twin children, Megan Fuller Matthews of Wake Forest, NC (Nate) and Dr. Addison Fuller of Asheville, NC. She was also the proud grandmother to Emory and Ellis Matthews, who were the lights of her life, filling her days with laughter and love. Janice was preceded in death by her parents, Doris Wilson Moore and Floyd Cleveland Moore of Salisbury, NC. Janice's legacy lives on in her family and the countless students and readers she inspired.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 PM on Saturday, March 1 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, Catawba College. The funeral service will follow at 2 PM at the chapel and will be officiated by Rev. Kendra Joyner-Miller. Burial will follow at Chestnut Hill Cemetery. The family would like to invite everyone to a reception at 4 PM, following the service, at the Center for the Environment at Catawba College.

In lieu of flowers, Janice's heartfelt wish was for donations to be made to The Trevor Project and the Save the Children Foundation, reflecting her lifelong

commitment to making the world a better place for future generations.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Fuller family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Omwake Dearborn Chapel
2300 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Omwake Dearborn Chapel
2300 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Reception

MAR 1. 4:00 PM.

Center for the Environemnt at Catawba College
Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall

DR

“*Dr Fuller was an inspiration to me during my time at Catawba College. She is an example of a person finding their vocation and letting their light shine through others. The impacts she had on countless people will reverberate for a very long time! I wish her peaceful rest and the utmost support and comfort for her family and friends.*

Derek Rodgers - March 03, 2025 at 08:31 AM

AJ

“*Dr Fuller was my English and creative writing teacher at Catawba from 1998-2002. She was exactly what I needed at that time in my life -- caring, supportive, and someone to look up to. I remember meeting up with her again in London when she was here for a reading -- probably sometime between 2007 and 2010, I can't recall exactly when. What I do recall is the look on her face when she saw me in the audience and the pure joy when we caught up after the reading -- it was as if no time had passed. She was that special kind of teacher who made you feel that, even if years had passed and she had seen hundreds more students through their studies in that time, you were still an important part of her life. I have been teaching myself for over 20 years and many of my own teaching practices have been influenced by hers. "Mentor" doesn't seem to do justice to the presence she was in my life. Thinking of her family and of all of the students who will never have the opportunity to learn from her.*

Angela Johnson - March 02, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ I met Janice so many many years ago at Wildacres Writers Workshop. I have too many wonderful memories to even begin to write them here, but they are all in my heart every day. Her smile, her exuberance, her love of writing and her fellow writers was unparalleled. She loved so deeply and was loved so deeply on return. She was funny and fiesty and willing to do things outside her comfort zone because they were worth it. To lose her is devastating. I pray for all her family and friends.

Amy Burle - March 01, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ I dearly loved Janice. She was an established Wildacres teacher (and legend) by the time I taught my first class at the Writers Conference in 2008. We were staying together, with a few other faculty women, in the Guest House, where a spark of friendship was lit, a bond formed. We taught there together at least 10 times and traveled together on a book tour. She stayed with me in Greensboro, and I visited her beautiful Salisbury loft. I attended her brilliant stage adaptation of *As I Lay Dying* and the Salisbury production of her searing original play *Dix*. To say that she was a remarkable person, writer, or teacher is true--and legions of former students, writers, and readers can testify to that--but understating the breadth of her humanity. Janice was one of the most humble, generous, and caring people I've known. She was a singular presence among the small circle of my most treasured friends. I am grieving her loss and send my love and sympathy and support to her family, her son Addison, daughter Megan, son-in-law, and beloved grandchildren in their grief.. The light in the world is dimmer for her loss. --Lee Zacharias

Lee Zacharias - February 28, 2025 at 09:24 PM

RG

“ Rachel G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Moore Fuller.

Rachel G. - February 28, 2025 at 02:37 PM

BL

“ Knowing Janice was one of the great joys of my time in Salisbury. The friendship that she extended to my parents will always be remembered fondly. The book that she created from the emails between her cat (Gabriel) and my parents' cat (Rosemary) is something I will forever treasure.

Brien Lewis, Lexington, KY

Brien Lewis - February 28, 2025 at 02:09 PM

KG

“ Janice and I were students in the doctoral program at UNC Greensboro at the same time. She was brilliant! Her play based on William Faulkner's novel *As I Lay Dying* is a masterpiece, as well. My condolences to her family.

Katherine Grimes - February 27, 2025 at 07:56 PM

KC

“ Janice was dear friend for many years and will be sorely missed. I am currently abroad and cannot attend her memorial service, but Janice, her family and friends, will all be in my thoughts.

Kurt Corriher - February 27, 2025 at 07:24 AM

JB

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Janice Fuller’s passing. As a student, I was fortunate to experience her wisdom, kindness, and passion for teaching firsthand while attending Catawba college from 1981-85. Her impact on my life—and on so many others—was profound, and her lessons extended far beyond the classroom. She was also my acting mentor and friend and I had a chance to room with Janice and the twins one summer until I landed a teaching job in Salisbury.

Please know that my thoughts are with the entire family during this difficult time. May you all find comfort in the knowing that Janice inspired and shaped the lives of so many, leaving a lasting legacy. I wish you all comfort and strength in the days ahead and I pray peace and blessings on the family.

*Sincerely,
Jervetta (Netta Campbell) Beverly*

Jervetta Bruce - February 27, 2025 at 02:18 AM

DI

“ Dr. Fuller has been a part of my life as long as I can remember. Plentiful play dates, hugs and more filled my childhood and created core memories I’ve shared with my own children. God bless this loving family.

Dr. Chrystal Ingram - February 26, 2025 at 06:27 PM

JP

“ Dr. Fuller was my english professor at Catabwa and one of the first people to champion my writing- she saw gifts in me that I didn't recognize myself and I never took for granted what a special woman she was- so caring, a sense of humor and an unparalleled passion for people and art. If she hadn't been my teacher I know that she would have been my friend. What a blessing to have known her and been educated by her. Can't imagine what a loss this is for her family but I know her legacy will live on through all the work and love she put out into the world for so long. Rest easy, Janice!

Jasika N Pruitt - February 26, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Janice Moore Fuller.



February 26, 2025 at 03:33 PM



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