

# Janet A. Fredericks (1945 - 2005)



Janet A. Fredericks, long-time state director of the Alaska Small Business Development Center, was born November 11, 1945, in Junction City, Kansas. A child of military parents, she lived all over the United States and abroad before moving with her parents to Anchorage and finishing college at Alaska Methodist University. A resident of Alaska since 1963, she lived in Bethel, Kodiak and Anchorage.

Mrs. Fredericks worked as a school teacher, social worker and city manager in Bethel. In Anchorage, she worked with the Calista Corp., was the executive director of the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, and was CEO for The Kuskokwim Corporation for ten years. In the last fifteen years, she was the state director of the Alaska Small Business Development Center, where her coworkers believe her leadership will be an enduring gift.

She received numerous awards including the 2004 Northwestern Region's Soroptimist International Advancing the Status of Women Award and the 2005 Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Gold Pan Award for distinguished community service by an individual.

Her family wrote: "Jan was especially proud of working within her position and through abundant community outreach to recognize and support women and Anchorage organizations to reach their full potential."

"Jan had a rich, rewarding professional life but her greatest achievement was as wife, mother, and friend. Without pretense, Jan left her fingerprints on all those around her. She saw and cultivated the best in her friends, her community and most of all her family. Jan's laughter will continue to ring in our ears, we will always feel the hugs she gave without discrimination and we will live by her policy to tell everyone we cherished exactly how we feel. Even in her death there is no end to the width, the depth, and the breadth of her love."

Mrs. Fredericks, died at home in Anchorage, Alaska, on November 25, 2005, in the loving company of her family after a five-month battle with cancer.

Mrs. Fredericks had two sons, Christopher and Father Michael (Vernon) Fredericks, and three daughters, Mary Binnig, Michael Fredericks and Renee Fredericks, with her husband, Glenn "Tiny" W. Fredericks.