

Janis Timberlake Obituary



Janis K. Timberlake, 71, passed away peacefully on Jun 24, 2026. Most recently a resident of Alexandria, Virginia, and Corolla, North Carolina, she spent forty years working in international public health.

Born on January 20, 1955, in Schenectady, New York, Janis was the daughter of Dale Timberlake and Virginia (Terry) Timberlake. She joined the Peace Corps in 1978 after graduating from Alfred College, living in a rural village in Senegal for three years.

This experience sparked her lifelong passion for public health and international development, and brought her family around the world. Janis completed a PhD in health policy and planning at Virginia Tech, and spent most of her career working for USAID. She lived and worked in Senegal, Burundi, Guyana, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. Her career culminated in Washington, DC, with senior leadership roles in the USAID Bureau for Global Health and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). She retired from government in 2018 and founded an executive coaching practice that supported organizations and individuals. Her lasting impact on global health is reflected in the wide range of programs she helped shape, in the countless lives saved especially through her leadership in expanding HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, and in the many colleagues who grew under her mentorship and carry her example forward.

Janis is remembered as an incredible friend, mentor, coach, and champion. Her passion was always people, and she built community everywhere she visited. Janis led a life full of adventure and love: from keeping in touch with colleagues around the world, to her friends in Cameron Station and Corolla, NC, and extensive travels with Mike, her children and grandchildren. Janis was the beloved partner of Michael Foose and a proud mother to her

children and their spouses: Allison & Bijit Kundu, Benjamin & Charlotte Whitney, and Dominique & Brittany Badji. She was a devoted Mima to her six grandchildren, whom she adored.

Service Information

A celebration of life will be held July 19th in Alexandria, VA. Details to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Janis's memory to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation: <https://join.pedaids.org/s/1928/2594>.

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