

In Memory of Walene Monson James

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Walene James was 86 years old when she passed away in the morning at home in Spirit Lake, Idaho with her daughter Ingri and husband Paul by her side. Although her body died, her Spirit lives on in her vision for a vaccine-free World that is beginning to manifest as the awakening of the masses progresses with ever increasing numbers of parents saying “no” to the vaccine religion. At the time of her death, Walene was one of the oldest-living, continuous members of the National Health Federation. In fact, she became the 75th member of the National Health Federation, the only health-freedom advocacy organization for consumers in the country at the time, as she led the effort to prevent water fluoridation in Santa Monica, California. Above all, Walene was an activist who promoted home birthing and spoke out against fluoridation, forced vaccinations, and circumcision.

A retired English teacher, Walene also had a passion for music and the arts. She won a music scholarship to attend the University of Utah where she ended up graduating with a bachelor's degree in English. She continued her education at UCLA, where she received her teaching credentials. She was a high-school English teacher in the Los Angeles city schools for several years and earned a reputation there for inspiring her students through exposure to poetry and great English literature.

In 1973, she moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where she authored three books: *Handbook for Educating in the New Age* (1977); *Immunization: The Reality Behind the Myth* (1988, 1995); and *The Vaccine Religion: Mass Mind and the Struggle for Human Freedom* (2011). The first two went into second printings. Walene was particularly known for her brilliant and innovative writing. For example, when writing about medical malfeasance, she used the term “stupefactions” with the first stupefaction being “the medicine I take won't work unless you take it, too.” When the family moved to Virginia Beach, she became a sought-after speaker at the Association for Research and Enlightenment. Every week she lectured on one of seven subjects and also facilitated a popular meditation class.

Later, her oldest daughter, Tanya, was charged with child neglect for not vaccinating her son, so Walene went to work creating several punchy anti-vaccine exhibits, using her own research into the fallacy of the vaccine paradigm, which exhibits were presented to the judge. The entire experience led to her writing *Immunization: The Reality Behind the Myth* and starting a citizen movement against compulsory vaccinations.

An avid reader, she enjoyed sitting next to her husband Paul, the two of them often reading the same book together. They shared keen intellectual minds and relished deep philosophical discussions. Paul and Walene edited their projects together often at the kitchen table. Her sage advice, wit, and humor will be sorely missed by her family and friends. Walene is survived by her husband Paul; two daughters, Tanya Osterson and Ingri Cassel; two brothers,

Richard Monson and Normon Monson; two grandchildren, Isaac Turner and Christie Cassel; and a great granddaughter, Kendra Black.