Dr. Janett Trubatch, who served as the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, Research and Outreach at the University of Rhode Island from 2000-2005, passed away October 26, 2010. Janett spent her last days at her home in Chicago less than a month after a diagnosis of metastatic colon cancer. She leaves behind her four children: David Trubatch, Beth Trubatch Schlicting, Anna Trubatch and Joel Trubatch.

Janett was an early pioneer and pace-setter, studying Physics at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute at age 16 as the first women in their 105 years. During her tenure at the University of Rhode Island, she was a remarkable and dynamic leader who increased research funding from $47 million to over $60 million. She also initiated and served as the Principal Investigator to a National Science Foundation grant to hire, retain, and advance women in the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines; resulting in 10 major hires and numerous programs such as Family Leave and Dual Career Guidelines to improve recruitment and retention of all faculty.

Janett subsequently served as the Graduate Dean and Vice Provost for Research at Roosevelt University in Chicago from 2005 until 2010 where she was revered for her efforts in improving the Graduate Office, the Research Enterprise, and research funding, particularly among individuals in the sciences and those from underrepresented groups.

Janett has left both the University of Rhode Island and Roosevelt University better places. She will be remembered for her sharp intelligence and adroit problem solving abilities; and for her legacy as an effective administrator, a convincing advocate for research, and her priority and sensitivity to multiculturalism and diversity.

We will miss her tremendously and offer this Celebration of her life as a memory of her shining and vibrant spirit that is still here among us in all of the people, policies and places that were so indelibly touched by her extraordinary life and work.

A Celebration of the Life of Janett Trubatch
Former Vice Provost of Research, Graduate Studies and Outreach, University of Rhode Island
2000-2005
Friday, December 10, 2010, 4-5pm
Cards and condolences may be sent to:
The Trubatch Family
910 S. Michigan Avenue Apt 1402
Chicago, IL 60605

The family asks that no flowers be sent.
Instead, possible donations can be sent in
Janett Trubatch’s name for:

A Career Development Award
In Janett Trubatch’s Name Is
Established By The Society for Neuroscience

Donations in support of the award may be sent to:
Bryan Boeskin Society for Neuroscience
1121 14th St., NW, Suite 1010
Washington, DC 20005

Please make checks payable to Society for Neuroscience.
Please write Janett’s name in the memo line of the check
or add a note that the gift is in honor of Janett Trubatch.

Celebration and Reception
University of Rhode Island
University Club, Upper College Rd
Kingston, RI 02881

Speakers:
Lisa Harlow
Winnie Brownell
Robert Carothers
Kathleen Gorman
Jayne Richmond
Barb Silver
Nasser Zawia
Melvin Wade
Elwood Roberts
David Trubatch

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