



Jane Scott was born in Loudoun County, Va. on March 16, 1938, where she grew up on a dairy farm. She and her younger sister, Rachel, were responsible for chores to help out on the farm, and both sisters were active in their 4-H club at the club, county, state and national level. They met their husbands at State 4-H Short Course in Blacksburg. While Rachel focused on showing Holsteins, Jane followed the home economics path, which led to her love of sewing.

In 1956, Jane represented Virginia as Simplicity's Dress Review winner, and joined girls from each state at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. The event celebrated each girl's achievement in personal growth and sewing skill. Jane reflected on those memories so fondly and still has a program from the event in pristine condition.

Jane headed off to Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga. She was greatly interested in psychology and declared her major in that discipline. At the same time, she recognized that teaching was her passion, and so she loaded her course schedule with math classes to become a math teacher. After graduating, she taught high school math at Handley High in Winchester, Va.

In 1962, Jane married her 4-H sweetheart, David, and continued to teach math at Luray High School. David's business brought them to Culpeper, where they went on to rear three children—Ed, Susan and Rachel Ann. They were active in the Culpeper Baptist Church and the community. During these years Jane was a homemaker, taught Red Cross swimming lessons, was a 4-H leader and served on the Culpeper County Library Board. Jane

started serving as a floor volunteer at Culpeper Hospital. She continues to volunteer as a member of the Culpeper Hospital Auxiliary, assisting the floor nurses for over 40 years. Jane was no stranger to The Culpeper as her mother, Isabel Norman, served as trustee to Virginia Baptist Homes in the early 1970s. Jane moved to The Culpeper in 2016 after David's passing. She became active within the community, joining bible study, trips, and still volunteering at the hospital.

When the pandemic hit in March 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a recommendation for all individuals to wear cloth face coverings. Jane's immediate concern was for her daughter, Rachel Ann, who lives at the Mary Louise Kelly Home—a community for adults with developmental disabilities provided through Hope Tree Family Services. Upon hearing there was a need for masks at the home, Jane took up her needle and thread and enlisted the help of some friends. In one weekend, 91 masks were complete and delivered. Word got out at The Culpeper about Jane's sewing masks, and from there, she was asked for masks. The Culpeper team, a member of Culpeper Board of Supervisors and others in the community provided fabric and supplies. Jane shared her talent by providing masks to the Culpeper Senior Center, The Culpeper team—before N-95 requirement—residents and team members of friends and family businesses. At the encouragement of her son, Jane sat down one day to tally up how many masks had been made. An astonishing 750 masks have been distributed.

As this year's Influencer, Jane is recognized at The Culpeper as a great supporter of the mission, and gives freely her gifts of time, talent and treasure. When asked where Jane draws her influence from, there was no hesitation in her response—faith, family and friends.