

A True FCS Leader's Life Comes to A Close — Remembering Jeanne Priester

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NEAFCS has learned of the April 13, 2010 passing of Jeanne M. Priester. Jeanne was a Life Member of our Association and the recipient of our [Friend of NEAFCS](#) recognition in 2008. Her work in Alabama and at the federal level created the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program which continues today to provide employment for FCS educators and impacts limited income families. Representing the USDA, Jeanne was the Chair of the NAEHE / NEAFCS Advisory Council for many years.

Jeanne was a leader with passion, personality, perseverance, and the bottom line is that she told it like it was. As I worked with Jeanne on gathering information about her for the 2008 Friend award, I can tell you that she still had that very same personality. Jeanne was a grand lady with a zest for life, she had an extended family that loved her, and she will be missed by all.

The impact of her life's work will continue through the institutions she established. Memorial contributions may be made to the [Jeanne M. Priester Fellowship for Doctoral Studies in Human Sciences](#) (College of Human Science, Auburn University); the [East Alabama Medical Center Foundation of Opelika, AL](#); or the charity of your choice.

