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Welcome & Opening Remarks

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More interesting information about Jan...

- ◆ ***Janice Marian Berenstain was born on July 26, 1923 and died on February 24, 2012.***
- ◆ ***While a student at Radnor High School, Jan was co-captain of the varsity field hockey team in her senior year and co-art editor of the senior yearbook, in which she did "Alice in Wonderland" pen and ink drawings. She also used her artistic talent to make posters for school dances, sporting events, plays and concerts.***
- ◆ ***Jan met Stan on their first day of art school at the Philadelphia Museum School of Industrial Art in 1941. During WWII, Stan served as a military medical illustrator while Jan was a draft artist for the Army Corps of Engineers in addition to working in an aircraft factory. Jan fashioned a pair of wedding rings from spare aluminum collected at the latter job, and the two married on April 17, 1946.***
- ◆ ***The first Berenstain Bear book was published in 1962 and was called The Big Honey Hunt. It was published by Dr. Seuss' own imprint, Beginner Books. More than 260 million copies have been sold since then!***
- ◆ ***The Berenstain Bears were nearly Berenstain Penguins according to The New York Times. But in the end, the authors decided that bears "were more like humans" because "they stand on two legs, their mothers are very good mothers, and so on."***
- ◆ ***Carrying on the Berenstain tradition, Jan and Stan's two sons are also writers and illustrators of books for children.***