



Catherine "Jeanne" Brownlee

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Catherine Jean (Fletcher) Brownlee, 74, passed quietly at home near Rehoboth Beach, DE on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. Her husband Don and daughters Julie and Dina were at her side.

“Jeanne” was born May 29, 1943 in Ripley, WV to the late Othal J. and Doris A. Fletcher. She was a 1961 graduate of Ravenswood High School, and received an Associate In Arts degree from Glenville State College in 1963. Jeanne and Don were married in Ravenswood’s United Methodist Church June 20, 1965.

Throughout her husband’s 20-year U.S. Air Force career, Jeanne was a devoted wife, mother, and active participant in military wives’ activities at assignments in North Dakota, Colorado, California, Maryland and The Pentagon. More importantly, during Don’s two separate year-long remote tours away from the family, Jeanne embraced her full parenting role for their two daughters in his absence.

Jeanne also found time to pursue a 28-year career as a secretary in the Charles County, MD school system, where she retired in 2008 as the long-standing assistant to the principal at Malcolm Elementary School. She won numerous accolades for her contributions, including recognition for completing the comprehensive requirements for which Malcolm Elementary was awarded Blue Ribbon School status. She was chosen Outstanding Support Person of the Year by the Charles County Board of Education, and received numerous exemplary service and performance awards during her career. She was also President of “American Salute,” a nationally competitive youth percussion and majorette organization in Waldorf, MD, and was recognized by the Nation’s Capital Girl Scout Council for her support to Brownie Troop #1072.

Jeanne is survived by her husband of 52 years Don; daughters Julie (Jerry Bramer); Dina (Steven Thorne); brother Jim Fletcher and family; and granddaughter Kiensen Thorne.



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A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Hwy., Lewes, DE 19958 where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM. Inurnment will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Catherine Brownlee to the Tunnell Cancer Center, 18947 John J. Williams Hwy., Suite 101, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign Jeanne's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 10 AM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.



Events

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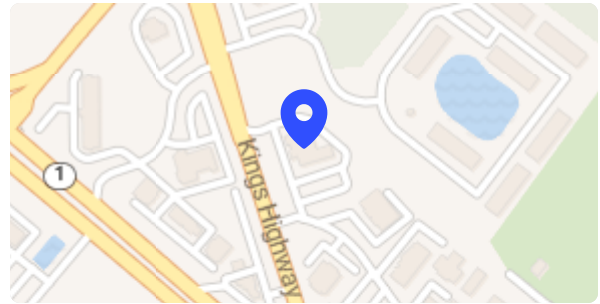
Visitation

 **Saturday**, August 5, 2017

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



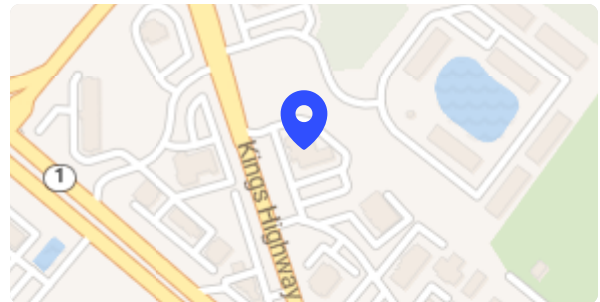
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Cemetery Details

 Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.



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RB

Ron & Berni lit a candle in honor of Catherine "Jeanne".

August 5 at 3:28 AM



RE

Ron, Berni & Emily lit a candle in honor of Catherine "Jeanne".

August 5 at 3:26 AM



AS

Al & Ronnie Smith lit a candle in honor of Catherine "Jeanne".

August 3 at 11:43 AM



NH

Nicole Hawkins lit a candle in honor of Catherine "Jeanne".

Jeanne was the first smiling face I encountered when I walked into Malcolm for my first interview in education. She truly was an angel and I will always remember her smiling face! Sending love and prayers to your family.

July 24 at 5:32 AM



SM

Sybil Mitchell posted:

Sending my condolences to all of Jeanne's family. I was a teacher at Malcolm for many years with her and I remember Jeanne as such a kind person who always had a smile on her face. I know she will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Sybil Mitchell

July 21 at 9:47 AM



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KK

Kim King posted:

Jeanne had to be the most angelic person I know. She was always extremely precessional and so friendly. I am so saddened to hear of her passing. Jeanne made me a most beautiful sunflower wreath for our home in Wetherburn. She was always thinking of others. God gained a beautiful angel.
Kim and Tony King

July 20 at 4:49 PM

LB

Linda Bieber posted:

Dear Don, Julie and Dina, I am so sorry to hear about Jeanne and your loss. We had so many great times with all of you both at your home in Pinefield and your beautiful home on the water. Jeanne was a wonderful Secretary at Malcolm. We missed her smile and chats about the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you now. She was a wonderful lady and an inspiration to a lot of us. Fondly,
Linda Bieber and family

July 20 at 3:49 PM

BM

Bob Mummey posted:

Dear Don & Family, We were so sorry to hear about Jeanne. Our old neighborhood in Waldorf was a wonderful place, full of friends. Please find comfort in the sympathy of friends and family. Bonnie & Bob Mummey

July 20 at 9:16 AM

SB

Sandra Brehon posted:

Don, I am so sorry for your loss. Jeanne was a wonderful person and very special to me. We had 13 great years together at Malcolm. Her energy and numerous contributions made the school the success that it was. I am privileged to have known her. May you find comfort in the coming days as you reflect on the years you two spent together. You truly had a Jewel in Jeanne!! Sandra Brehon & Family

July 20 at 7:55 AM

JB

Jennifer Burroughs posted:

Don, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace in the coming days as our celebrate her life with family and friends. -Jen & Ashley Burroughs

July 18 at 9:07 AM



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Robin Bellamy posted:

"Uncle Don" and family-so sorry for your loss. Jeanne was wonderful. A true lady. Dad called me with the news. I so wish we had kept in touch. Much love, Robin (Pyatt) Bellamy

July 17 at 6:32 PM



Teresa posted:

My dear sweet friend, we go back a long way, all the way to Cotuit Circle. Even though we haven't always lived on the same street, we've had a lasting friendship. I remember the days on the circle and you and Don making Jack and me part of the Brownlee family. We enjoyed holidays, pool parties, trips to DC in the van for the fireworks . When we followed you to Swan Point, we enjoyed the same comraderie, this time cook outs on the river, your potato salad, riding in your boat , summer kick off, Christmas dinner and crab quiche. The trip to Ireland. You helped me plan Jack's funeral and then the move to FL. Oh, Lordy, the times we had. There's an ache in my heart with your loss. So I say the Irish blessing for you and think of the last lines. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hands.Love to Don, Julie and Jerry, Dina. Steve and KiersenTeresa

July 17 at 3:48 AM



Suzi Bloomfield posted:

Don, Julie and Dina and family,You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jeanne was a true lady in every sense of the word and feel privileged to have known you both. We will miss her.Suzi McMurray Bloomfield

July 15 at 4:03 PM



Jan Fisher posted:

When I moved to Bay Front alone ahead of Ian, Jeanne came over with a welcoming container of soup and made sure I'd tear myself away from unpacking boxes to meet up with the knitting club. She came with me, even though she wasn't a knitter herself, so I'd have at least one familiar face there. Jeanne was thoughtful in so many ways.So happy to have met her and shared good times, sad that it was all too brief.Love to Don, Julie, Dina & the rest of the family. Thank you for sharing Jeanne with us.Jan Fisher

July 14 at 2:26 PM



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RS

Regina M Shuck posted:

I am so very sorry for the family's loss. Although I never met her, her strength and courage throughout this battle are so very evident. I pray for comfort and strength for those she loved and who loved her. It is obvious she was a caring, courageous, compassionate and a deeply strong woman. She left this world a better place for her having been in it. Her husband, children and grandchild are richer for having had her for the years they did, albeit too brief. Hers was a life well lived. She gave everything she had to those she loved. God Bless this warrior angel on her journey home. God Bless all those who guided, held, comforted and cared for her on this journey, and eased her into the arms of the angels. I wish you all peace. Gina Shuck

July 14 at 9:15 AM

GS

Gina Snellings Suite sent a virtual gift in honor of Catherine "Jeanne".

Sending much love and prayers to you Julie, Dina and Mr. Brownlee. I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I'll always remember her and how sweet and caring she was. May you find comfort in knowing she is no longer in pain. Much love,Gina

July 13 at 4:23 PM



JB

Jerry Bramer lit a candle in honor of Catherine "Jeanne".

July 13 at 1:33 PM



JB

Jerry Bramer posted:

I feel so fortunate to have known Jeanne. Such a gentle loving caring lady who graciously welcomed me into her family and shared her beautiful first-born daughter with me, the true love of my life. Losing her now hits me hard after just losing my own mother a few short weeks ago. But memories of her will live on in my heart forever. Thank you "Mom" for all you have done for me and for your beautiful baby girl. I will love her forever!Jerry

July 13 at 1:33 PM

MF

Marge Flanigan July 16 at 3:52 AM

God shine his love on you at this time of need. Jeanne, will be forever loved and missed, she touched so many lives. Prayers for her loving family.



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CS

Christina Somerville lit a candle in honor of Catherine "Jeanne".

Lighting a candle in memory of Catherine "Jeanie" (Fletcher) Brownlee with love from Barbara A. Somerville and family

July 13 at 1:26 PM



JB

Jerry Bramer lit a candle in honor of Catherine "Jeanne".

July 13 at 1:18 PM



FB

Fr. Chris Baumann posted:

Don,I remember our time when the "Shufflers " were hosted at your beautiful home. Jeanne would share in our craziness and then every once in awhile she would just stare at us with a look of a little disgust and amazement. Such a great supporter of you with so much love for you and family. As a Shuffler I am so proud to have known her. Rest In Peace dear Jeanne 🙏

July 13 at 10:40 AM

EM

Emily posted:

Jeanne,Some of my fondest memories are of our "poop" family. Thank you for always welcoming me as one of the adults (even when I was a kid), and forever being the most gracious host. You'll be missed.Love,Emily

July 13 at 9:27 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Catherine "Jeanne" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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