



# Jane Elizabeth VanderVeen

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100 Years Well lived

Jane, shown above on her 98th birthday, proudly turned 100 years old on September 26, 2021 which was celebrated with family at her residence in Lewes, DE. She passed away on December 3 with her daughters by her side.

Jane remained strong in spirit and body even as she began declining six months ago. Her fighting, positive spirit both defined her and served her well.

Jane was born in Manistee, Michigan to the late Robert and Virginia Wellman. We loved hearing her stories of growing up on Lake Michigan with her siblings. Jane met her late husband, Russell VanderVeen, while both were attending Michigan State University. Again, more stories we treasure of their romantic courtship. Dad's long career with General Foods/Kraft Foods involved relocations that Jane viewed as an adventure.

Mom never met a house she couldn't decorate beautifully. She had an innate talent for interior design. Our doors were always open to our friends who loved her style, cooking and nurturing and often thought of her as a second mom. Our homes were a gathering place. It's hard to remember time growing up with just siblings as we welcomed grandparents and extended family to live with us if needed.

Jane was an avid sports fan with college football, men's golf and tennis top of her list. She rooted for Michigan State University and University of Michigan - in that order - and loved the Big 10. Later in life, tiring of being a weekend golf widow, she tested her own ability on the course. It became a passion. Much of their time in Dover was spent at Maple Dale Country Club. She was a



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voracious reader, a good bridge player, loved difficult crossword puzzles right up to her passing, and tried never to miss Jeopardy.

For all who knew and loved her, Jane will be missed for her optimism, her inner strength when faced with life challenges, her fierce devotion to family, that quick wit and her attention to detail with her homes and self. She made a statement and had an impact on others. Jane was a woman of quiet faith who without fail watched daily mass and rosary on TV. As she aged, Jane pondered what God wanted her to do with her life. Our answer was to serve as our inspiration and hope.

In addition to her parents, Jane was predeceased by her husband, Russell VanderVeen (1995), sons Patrick 2018 (Laurie) and David VanderVeen (2004); son-in-laws, Warren Price (2014) and Thomas Eichler (2020) and sisters, Mary Ann Brower and Barbara Turek, brother Robert Wellman.

Survivors include Daughters Linda Price of Wellington, Florida and Lewes, and Katrina Eichler of Lewes, sister Priscilla Rulison of Manistee, Michigan. Daughter-in-law, Laurie VanderVeen of Havertown, PA. Grandchildren Todd Fisher (Nikky) of Lewes, Dr Harper Price of Phoenix Az, Sasha Price of Wellington Fl., Gavin Furlong (Dawnyel) of Lewes, Logan Ashley Furlong (Steve) of Lewes, Martin McIsaac (Emily) of Milford, Elizabeth VanderVeen Benson (Jon) of Frederick, Md., and Russell VanderVeen of Baltimore, Md.

Services and burial will be private at a later date.

Special appreciation to all the staff members at Delaware Hospice for guiding us compassionately during Jane's last month.

Memorial donations may be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, Delaware 19963. Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes, Lewes, Delaware.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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BC

**Beverly Cannon** posted:

My sincere condolences to Linda, Trina, and family. Always an eloquent, classy, and funny lady. She could always tell a story or share her experiences with such visual effects and humor you were right there. Such a wonderful person who will be missed by so many. Love to all. Beverly Cannon and Summer Stinson

January 26 at 3:57 PM

DM

**Dave Mayer** posted:

I was a friend of her son David back in the 80's. Jane always made me feel welcome. She was a kind and gracious lady. My sympathy to all of the family.

January 13 at 11:57 AM

NC

**Nancy Crapo** posted:

Jane was a second mother to me when i was growing up she was a kind and generous person. She was wise and generous with her time and her home. She had a fun and full life her light will be missed by all who knew her.

January 11 at 12:45 PM

JE

**June Edwards** posted:

Always a meticulous lady. She knew what she wanted & how she wanted it done. Loved sewing for her & we always made time to chat. A beautiful lady inside & out. Love you Jane, now rest in peace

January 11 at 6:56 AM



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**Linda Topping** posted:

You mention Jane VanderVeen and I think of a gracious, lively woman whom everyone loved. I couldn't admire anyone more. Rest in peace, dear lady.

January 11 at 5:51 AM



**Anonymous** January 11 at 7:22 PM

The most fashionable, funny, witty, kind person to her last days! We will miss you so much Grandma Jane. I always admired my grandmother for knowing more about college and pro sports than most male fanatics and loved that she played golf before that was even a cool thing for women! Her house and later, 3rd floor apartment, were decorated for season and done expertly and with so much taste. I know it runs in the family with mom and Trina who are master home decorators! Lastly, I will miss her stories of grown up on Lake Michigan and raising her children, over an evening cocktail in Lewes. Cheers to you, Grandma Jane xoxoxo



**Debbie Brackett** January 11 at 2:00 PM

I am so sorry for your loss Linda and Trina! Jane was such a sweet soul!!



# Memories only last if you share them

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