



Marilyn Jeffrey Strauss

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Marilyn Jeffrey Strauss, age 92, of Lewes, DE passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 14, 2024. She was born on October 25, 1931 in Plainfield, NJ, daughter of the late Gilbert and Elizabeth (Tuers) Jeffrey.

Marilyn was predeceased by her husband George whom she met on a blind date set up by her roommate while working in New York City at Conde Nast Publishing for House Beautiful Magazine. They had been married for 64 years. She graduated from Alfred University in 1953, and later earned her master's in library science at Rutgers University.

Marilyn lived most of her life in NJ, and proudly called herself a "Jersey Girl." She was an elementary school librarian in the Piscataway School District, then at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary library, part of Rutgers University. She was an avid opera lover, reader, hiker, and world traveler. Marilyn and George traveled to the Swiss alps during the summer for many years. They also travelled all over the world enjoying cultures and cuisines. Marilyn and George were active members of the Rutgers University Outing Club, and the Unitarian Universalist Society in East Brunswick, NJ.

As a longtime member of The Travelers Club, Marilyn explored many subjects and world views. She was also a member of the Women's League of Rutgers University and the League of Women Voters. Perhaps influenced by the Women's movement she was the creator of the Strauss house rule that on Thanksgiving the men make the desserts! And there were prizes.

Marilyn was witty; she loved puns, limericks, and games. Her presence will be deeply and genuinely missed by all who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

She is survived by her children: Paul Strauss (Rachel), and Barbara Sanders (Larry); her sister Barbara Neevel (Jim); her 4 grandchildren; her nine great grandchildren; one niece and three nephews.



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Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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HH

Harold Marmon & Robert Hill posted:

Robert and I send our condolences to the Strauss family; very sorry to hear of your loss. Harold Marmon

January 31 at 2:09 AM

PW

Patricia Gaudet Wheeler posted:

Paul and Barbara I am so sorry to hear this. She was truly loved on Runyon Avenue. Spent so many summers with ya'll. She accepted all the Gaudet's as family. She will be missed by all. ❤️❤️

January 22 at 10:11 AM

MB

Mike Bacsick posted:

Paulf, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was a great and beautiful Lady! RIP 🙏🙏🙏

January 22 at 8:28 AM

BW

Betsy Stier Whitehead posted:

Celebrating your parents 25th wedding anniversary. Time at the pool. With you and Barbara. She now can travel freely with George. God bless.

January 22 at 6:56 AM

EW

Ed W posted:

So sorry for your loss Paul, I lost my mom a few ago she was also 92. They are missed but always in our thoughts and memories 🙏

January 22 at 6:27 AM



Steve Johnson posted:

So sorry for your loss Paul. Our condolences go out to you and your family.

January 22 at 1:18 AM



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RP

Richard Phelan lit a candle in honor of Marilyn.

January 21 at 7:06 AM



PS

Phyllis Shaw lit a candle in honor of Marilyn.

January 21 at 7:01 AM



MC

Mary Carr lit a candle in honor of Marilyn.

Marilyn was a woman ahead of her time. We enjoyed spending time with her on several holidays with Paul and Rachel.

January 20 at 6:58 AM



DB

Daphne Speck Bartynski lit a candle in honor of Marilyn.

January 18 at 1:22 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marilyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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