



Helen Elizabeth Jankus

April 4, 1928 - January 22, 2021

Helen "Lynn" Hoffman Gordon Jankus, age 92, our loving mother, grandmother, great - grandmother, aunt, and friend peacefully made her way to heaven on January 22, 2021, surrounded by family.

Lynn was born on April 4, 1928 in Syracuse, NY to the late Edwin B. Hoffman and Laura A. Seiler Hoffman. She was a 1945 graduate of P.S. DuPont High School and 1946 graduate of Goldey-Beacom College. She was employed for many years as the Legal Secretary for W. Laird Stabler, including during his term as the Delaware State Attorney. Lynn also worked as an Administrative Assistant for many years at Wilmington General Hospital.

A resident of Wilmington, DE, Lynn also maintained a home in Lewes, DE, where she retired in 2010. Lynn was proud to be a member of the Colonel David Hall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and was the Chapter Chaplain 2011-13. She was a very patriotic and a lifelong member of the Delaware Republican Woman's Club, for which she held many offices including President. Lynn ran on Delaware's Republican ticket for Prothonotary in 1978 and Treasurer in 1980's. She was a member of the Brandywine Business & Professional Women Club (BPW), where she held various offices, including Treasurer, Vice President and President, representing the state at the BPW National Conferences. Lynn was a member of the Longneck Cheer Center and a founding member of the Angola by The Bay Sea Gal's Women's Social Group, which was started in 1976 by Lynn, who became its first president. She was an environmentalist and a member of the Delaware Inland Bays Committee, which was instrumental in establishing Delaware's Wetlands, including Bombay Hook Refuge. Lynn was a member of the Kalmar Nickle Foundation, Delaware's Tall Ship, and spent many hours volunteering and helping to raise funds to build and support this worthy cause.

Lynn was a 1986 graduate of the University of the South, School of the Theology Extension for Ministry, which included a visit to the St. Georges Chapel at the Queens Castle in London, England, Churches in France, The Louvre, a guided tour of the Holy

Land and Rome, including a Papal visit and blessing. She was a member of St. George's Chapel for over 50 years, where during the mid-60's and throughout the 70's she was a member of the choir and taught Sunday School and Summer Bible School.

Lynn was a classical pianist and as a teenager in Syracuse competed in figure ice skating competitions. She enjoyed listening to classical music, going to church, going for rides on her boat, swimming at the beach, and eating crabs. Lynn especially enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, and friends. She was always ready for a trip to the ice cream shop and would pick up family members, or friends, to enjoy an ice cream with her. Lynn swam every day during the summer and as many times as she could during the winter. She was living proof that swimming was the fountain of youth and was the Delaware Senior Olympics Gold Medalist for the Women's (85-89yrs) 200 Yard Breast Stroke in 2014 and 2017.

Lynn was blessed with a large family and, as the matriarch, she planned many family dinners, trips, pool parties and gatherings. She never missed the many family birthday parties, graduations, ball games, performances, weddings, showers, christenings, etc. She would also visit and bless those not feeling well.

Lynn was preceded in death by her husband, John C. Jankus; her daughter, Deborah Gordon Moore; her sister, Sheryl Woods; and her brother, Edwin Hoffman. She is survived by her children: John Gordon (Marge), Patricia McMichael (Charles), Cheri Gordon - Patterson, Gerilyn Gaskill (Howard), Joseph Gordon (Cheryle), and Theresa Davis (James); 14 grandchildren and their spouses; 26 great-grandchildren; 2 nieces: Cathy Balaguer and Carol Hoffman; and 2 nephews: Eddie Hoffman and Adon Hoffman and their families.

Lynn, as a spiritual person, had a deep abiding faith in God, and although she has left this world, we take great comfort in knowing she is in heaven with God, her daughter Deby, is surrounded by those who went before her and those who welcomed her with open arms.

Services will be private.

Please sign the online guest book located on the tribute page.

View beloved family photos at the link below:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/QePz4mwVx4a37CKY6>

Events

JAN **Flower Delivery** **05:00PM**

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

Comments



“ Sincere condolences to Lynn Jankus' family, as she was truly a beautiful soul that we in DE were very fortunate to have known. She was the essence of grace and intellect.

Sandra Ware - February 01 at 10:04 AM



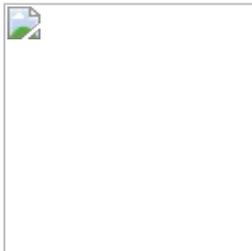
“ I am so sorry to hear of her passing and very sorry for your loss. I was just speaking of her on Sunday. She was a friend of my mom's through ABTB and they traveled to Europe together many years ago. I lived in her home in Wilmington with her when I was a young single 20-something and needed a place near my job. She used to take me to Kalmar Nickle fundraisers with her. She was a strong and unique lady. She will be missed.

Rest In Peace Lynn

Dawn Paradise Rosche - January 26 at 11:30 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Stacy Smith - January 25 at 11:30 AM



“ To scroll through many more photos of Lynn visit <https://photos.app.goo.gl/QePz4mwVx4a37CKY6>

Stacy Smith - January 25 at 11:42 AM



“ Sending my heartfelt sympathy to all of Lynn's family. She was a devoted and loyal friend to my late husband Laird Stabler for many years. They shared love of family, the law and the Republican Party. Ever the lady, she will be missed. sincerely, Peg Stabler

margarettakstabler - January 24 at 10:56 AM



“ Thank you! Your husband was always so kind to all of us (Lynn's children). We all have fond memories of him. I know Mom thought he was a great lawyer, a great person to work for and always put family first.

Patricia McMichael - January 24 at 04:09 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Patricia McMichael - January 23 at 06:16 PM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Helen Elizabeth Jankus.



January 23 at 05:02 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to Lynn's (Mom Mom) entire family. We have enjoyed the many times we were able to talk and get to know Lynn at the fun family gatherings we were lucky enough to attend. Lynn was always so welcoming and gracious to our family. I admired her spirit, her knowledge and her love of life that she extended to all. She will be missed but the fond memories we hold in our hearts will live on forever. Sincerely, Meg Costello and family

Meg Costello - January 23 at 04:42 PM



“ Lynn was indeed an amazing lady. A true inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know her. I am truly sorry for your loss. Faith will get all who loved and will miss her through these difficult times. May she rest in peace. Dottie Blakely...DAR SISTER.

Dottie Blakely - January 23 at 05:36 PM



“ Had the pleasure of knowing your Mom through ABTB. She was a lovely lady and after watching her 90th BD video she was a very accomplished lady. Beautiful tribute to a full life. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for strength as you go through life without her here on earth. God bless.

Debbie

Debbie Peterman - January 23 at 07:29 PM



“ My sincere condolences to all of Lynn's family!
You will be in my thoughts and prayers!

Patricia Shum - January 24 at 04:28 PM



“ My condolences to Lynn's family. I enjoyed many conversations with Lynn. Many took place while she and I worked as docents at house tours. She was so proud of her career, children and grandchildren. Lynn was a strong and amazing lady who will be missed and remembered.

Kathy Lindemer DAR

Kathy Lindemer - January 25 at 10:11 AM



“ It was my pleasure to know Lynn and enjoy her company. My heartfelt condolences to the family.

Dotti Wiker DAR

Dorothy Wiker - January 25 at 09:26 PM



“ I knew Lynn through the DAR and so enjoyed her patriotic spirit and historical knowledge. We had some very nice conversations about her travels, the things she has seen in her time here on earth. My sympathy goes out to her family and friends as I know she will be greatly missed.

Ginger Trader - January 28 at 11:16 AM