



Jean N. Schwartz

December 24, 1926 - December 30, 2017

Jean N. Schwartz, after celebrating her 91st birthday on Christmas Eve, then Christmas with all of her family, left this world a few days later, joining her late husband, Dr. Norman Schwartz, on December 30, 2017, which would have been his 93rd birthday.

Born December 24, 1926, in Ellenville, NY, the oldest daughter of Stella (Johnson) and Lee Robinson, she graduated as Student Council President, Most Popular, and Best Dancer from Ellenville High School in 1944, also volunteering as a WW II plane spotter and working as a telephone operator. Upon graduation, she joined the US Cadet Nurse Corps and earned her Registered Nursing degree at Hartwick (NY) College. She worked in hospitals, and later in life as a school nurse in Jericho, NY, then Assistant Director of the United Presbyterian Residence, a large nursing home in Woodbury, NY.

Jean met Norm after he began his teaching career in 1948 at Ellenville HS. Theirs was a strong, beautiful, loving relationship. She supported his career, which saw many promotions requiring family moves to and from Long Island and the Catskill Mountains, living in Ellenville, Westbury, Hurley, Long Beach, Syosset, and Rock Hill, NY. She raised a close, devoted family at every stop, always collecting close friends she maintained throughout her life. Her home, always open to friends and those in need, was a welcoming, warm gathering place where she presided with love and frequent guidance to all.

After Norm's first retirement, they built their beautiful home on Lake Louise Marie in the Catskill Mountain town of Rock Hill, NY, where they hosted an

endless stream of visiting family and friends, as in their winter home at Wyndemere in Naples, FL.

Following Norm's passing, Jean moved to Brookdale Hawthorn Lakes in Vernon Hills, Illinois, near daughter Lorraine and family, where she actively enjoyed her last seven years.

Her husband of 57 years, Dr. Norman Schwartz, preceded her in death in 2009. She is survived by her sister Nancy Jennings (Ed), sons Richard (Jenny) and Lee (Christine Oster) Schwartz, daughter Lorraine (Greg) Pritchard, grandchildren Jonathan and David Schwartz and Eric (Kristine), Curt (Georgia) and Sara Pritchard, and great grandson Easton Pritchard.

A memorial service will be held at 3 PM, preceded by visitation at 2 PM, on Monday, January 8, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 West Park Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048. A celebration of Jean's wonderful life will follow at Eddie Merlot's restaurant in Lincolnshire.

Contributions in her memory may be made to her favorite charities (or your own): The Lake County Haven (www.lakecountyhaven.org), Box 127, Libertyville, IL 60048; or Youth & Family Counseling <http://www.counselingforaill.org/make-a-donation> 1113 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you celebrate Jean's life and legacy.*

Dorcias Masson - April 27, 2018 at 04:00 AM

MS

“ *Awhile after I moved to Brookdale hawthorn Lakes I was invited to have dinner with Jean at the table where she had dinner. Eventually I continued eating at that very special with her friends. Then we would sit together on the outings. I have enjoyed her ever since I met her. I was shocked when she took ill in North Carolina as she was to return the day before I returned from my brother's in Michigan. Thank heavens I was able to have dinner with her the night after I returned from Michigan in December to at least enjoy her last dinner here at Brookdale. i miss her very much but am so glad I was able to enjoy her company. My deepest Sympathy to all her family. Fondly, Martha Ann SiepkervFC*

MARTHA ANN SIEPKER - April 27, 2018 at 04:00 AM

GB

“ *I will cherish the fond memories of many evenings with your parents after concerts. Your mother's generous hospitality (making matzo brei at 2AM) was always appreciated. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.Gail Bean*

gail bean - April 27, 2018 at 04:00 AM

DM

“ *She sounds like a wonderful lady, and I know she raised a wonderful son. The world is better for her presence.*

Deni McIntyre - April 27, 2018 at 04:00 AM

ES

“ I lived two doors down the street from aunt Stella who often looked after me when my parents, Jack and Roz, had to go somewhere. I loved being at aunt Stella's house as her cooking smelled so delicious and Jean was such a glamour teenager and young woman. I used to watch her, all dressed up to go out and hoped that one day I'd have her grace and charm. Nancy was more of a tomboy so Jean was the one who captured my young mind's fascination. I was either 5 or 6 year's old when she married Norm, but I remember that she made a lovely bride. I believe the family held the reception at her home. I spoke to Jean, after so many years of non-contact, in 2015 when my brother Zane was in from New Zealand to attend my son's wedding. She remembered me and we had a lovely reunion over the phone. I believe I last saw her either when they left Sullivan county or attended my dad's retirement party . My father knew Norm well also as he was from Ellenville and was on the Board of Education for many years. I will always remember her great smile and her sparkling eyes My deepest sympathies to her children and their families Beth

Elizabeth Siegel - April 27, 2018 at 04:00 AM