



Jean M. VanArsdalen

December 9, 1930 - January 24, 2025

Jean M. VanArsdalen, age 94, of Rising Sun, MD, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, January 24, 2025. Jean was born and raised in Old New Castle and in her later years longed to go back. Her daughters had great memories of her as a Girl Scout leader, a homeroom mother, and a member of the school PTA where she would organize school activities. Jean received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Home Economics from the University of Delaware. She used it in her life to provide a comfortable home environment for her family. She was a great cook, and the family looked forward to a delicious meal and time together with the Sunday dinners that were held. Often part of the dinner would include vegetables from her garden that she tended. Jean was also a great seamstress and used that skill to make outfits for her children. Jean also enjoyed home improvement projects and spent many days painting, installing flooring, and tiling.

When Jean wasn't tending to the home and family, she enjoyed camping and traveling all over the country with her family. Many memories were made with family and friends. Jean was an avid reader, and she liked a good crossword puzzle or video game. She enjoyed spending her weekends watching the Baltimore Ravens.

Jean is survived by her children: Valerie Dixon (Paul), Dianne Green, and Christine Reeves (David); grandchildren: Thomas Hutchinson Jr. (Jennifer),

Douglas Green (Stephanie), Lindsay Strickland, Phillip Strickland (Monica), Jaime Reeves (Scott), Jessica Leftridge (Rob), Jennifer Reeves (Fred), Jodi McCall, Rachel Davis and Keri Davis; son-in-law, Charles Strickland; 16 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vance and Esta Mitchell; daughter, Rosalyn Strickland; siblings and their spouses: Vance Mitchell Jr. (Elsie), Andrew Mitchell, Dorothy Mitchell, and Elizabeth Zannoni (Peter).

Services and Burial for Jean will be private. To send an online condolence please visit www.stranofeeley.com.

Strano & Feeley
Family Funeral Home
302-731-5459

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

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“ I have been thinking about Jean lately and now I know why.

We worked together at Strawbridge's in the Concord Mall. She was a wealth of information which she would share if she knew you wanted to learn. I recall hearing her tell the manager Dan, "now listen, why did you say that to the customer?" Dan would reply "I didn't know the answer." Jean would reply "ask me for the answer so you don't look like an idiot."

I learned a lot from her. I also found out that her Aunt was my mom's math teacher up in Downingtown, PA. My Mom was thrilled to discover the relationship and Jean was happy to hear her stories about the aunt.

So, now Jean is catching up with friends and families, especially with the predeceased members of the S&C store family.

May you rest in peace.

Maryanne Groome

Maryanne - January 30, 2025 at 05:34 PM

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Thank you for sharing your memories of my Mom, she was my inspiration.

Dianne - February 01, 2025 at 12:58 PM

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“ Jennifer Fred Anthony purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jean M. VanArsdalen.



Jennifer Fred Anthony - January 28, 2025 at 10:10 PM