



Jeanette Mae Jacoby

January 25, 1933 - January 27, 2021

Jeanette Mae Jacoby, 88, died peacefully at her home on January 27, 2021. Born in Alton, Illinois on January 25, 1933, she was the daughter of Charles Herman and Agnes Elizabeth (Boyd) Luft. She married Dr. Robert Paul Jacoby on April 8, 1961 at Upper Alton Baptist Church. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1997.

Jeanette was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church where she was active in numerous positions, most notable coordinating flowers for many years. She was a volunteer in the White Cross Auxiliary at Alton Memorial Hospital working in the gift shop for over 30 years and was a member of P.E.O. Chapter GG in Alton. She was a member of the Community Service League for 20 years as well as the Upper Alton Women's Club for 14 years.

She graduated from Alton High School in 1950. She attended Ms. Hickey's secretarial school and worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis as a secretary for nearly 10 years. After becoming engaged and then married, she worked as a secretary at the Alton City Hall for 2 years. A homemaker for the most part from that time on, she filled in from time to time at her husband's dental practice.

She enjoyed many years boating with her beloved husband, Bob, on the Mississippi river belonging to the Hide-a-Way Yacht club. There she spent

many weekends, timing sailboat races and enjoying potlucks, parties, and friendship. She enjoyed the companionship of her terriers over the years; Ginger, Trixie, Daisy and Holly. She also enjoyed watching and feeding birds in her backyard and gardening, creating ever expanding gardens. She had an enchanting personality and generous heart, bringing much joy and love to her family and countless friends and acquaintances.

Her home, in her words, was her heaven on earth. Her husband, Bob, was the love of her life, whom she missed dearly since his passing, and she is now with him again.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Janet Jacoby and Stephen and Louise Jacoby all of Godfrey. Also surviving are four granddaughters; Lauren (Eric) Borman, Renee (Ky) Burgess, Alexandra Jacoby and Erin Jacoby and her fiancé Andrew Thompson, four great grandchildren; Aubrey, Owen and Nora Borman and Karsyn Burgess, two nieces; Dawn (Mike) MacMillan and Nancy (Ray) Hill, a nephew, Rick Stoker, and several great nieces and nephews. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, David Luft, a sister Virginia Oram, brother-in-law, Leonard Oram and a sister-in-law, Virginia Stoker.

Visitation will be from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. COVID restrictions and CDC guidelines will be followed. Funeral services will be private at First Presbyterian Church in Alton. Pastor Janet Riley will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church or the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the ladies of Morning Star Home Health Care for their enduring support and care. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanette Mae Jacoby*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Jeanette Mae Jacoby*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Steve & Louise , my sympathy to you in the passing of your mother. You have been great caregivers for her. She was such a sweet, gentle lady. Thankful she is now enjoying life again with our Heavenly Father.*

*Love,
Aunt Gerry*

Gerry Johnston - January 30, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ *I worked for Jeanettes husband, Dr. Robert Jacoby for 17 years as his Dental Assistant/Receptionist, and always enjoyed visiting with Jeanette when she would stop by the office. She always had a smile on her face, and was so sweet and kind. I am so sorry for your loss David and Stephen and family, you will be in our prayers. Jamie and Darwin Watt*

jamie Watt - January 30, 2021 at 08:49 PM

PB

“ Steve and Louise,
We are so very sorry to hear about Jeanettes passing. You both and your family are in our prayers.
Pam and Raven Buchanan

pam buchanan - January 30, 2021 at 01:54 PM

SB

“ Jeanette was one of the first smiling faces I had the honor of being welcomed by, when I started my position as Gift Shop manager for Alton Memorial in 2001. We became fast friends and she quickly earned the title as “my favorite Volunteer” The sparkle in her eye, when she spoke of her husband Bob or her boys, was quite clear of the never ending love and dedication she had for them. They were her world. Jeanette was truly an iconic bright light and was loved by the staff and customers, who would just peak in on Tuesdays just to hear her sweet little voice! She brought comfort, compassion and genuine kindness to everyone. I looked up to her and she inspired me to do my best. I will miss her and I loved her. The Jacoby family has my heart during this sorrowful time. I know you are comforted with great memories and knowing how she loved you with that enormous heart of hers. She touched so many and will be greatly missed.

Susie Bechtold

Susan Bechtold - January 29, 2021 at 09:05 PM

CW

“ *Jeanette, was one of the most beautiful souls I have ever met. She always made me feel special and never had a harsh word for anyone, I will truly miss you. Thank you for being my friend, for your kindness and love. For always keeping peppermint patties , for our lunches, and for holding my hand when my dad died. I love you with all my heart, and will always think of your amazing smile, I still want to be just like you when I grow up! Love always, Christy Woods White*

Christine L. Woods White - January 29, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jeanette Mae Jacoby.*



January 29, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Jeanette Mae Jacoby.*



January 29, 2021 at 02:13 PM

NM

“ Nancy, Ray, Nathan, Catherine & Mike purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Jeanette Mae Jacoby.



Nancy, Ray, Nathan, Catherine & Mike - January 29, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Jeanette Mae Jacoby.



January 29, 2021 at 08:11 AM

DA

“ To Louise and family, so sorry to see of Jeannette's passing. I loved her dearly, she was such a sweet lady. I did her hair for many years and my Mom Verna Wilson did her alterations so I was fortunate to see her often even after not doing her hair. My sincere sympathy to all of her family and friends, she will be missed.

Donna Van Tassel Amick

Donna amick - January 29, 2021 at 06:39 AM

AW

“ I am a high school member of Jeanette's class, and remember her well. She was a very sweet girl, always had a smile for you and something pleasant to say. My sincere condolences to her family at this time.



Ann Weigler - January 29, 2021 at 12:36 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeanette Mae Jacoby.



January 28, 2021 at 08:41 PM

BF

“ My mother and I knew Jeanette through the Upper Alton Women's Club. She was a gracious, friendly, and generous person. Always greeted us with warmth and courtesy. My sincere condolences to her entire family on this very sad occasion.

Belinda A Feezel - January 28, 2021 at 06:03 PM