



Jean P. Serrie

November 18, 1928 - July 5, 2021

Jean Frances Serrie (née Perkins), wife of the late John Adrian Serrie, passed away peacefully in her home at Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls NJ on July 5, 2021. She was born November 18, 1928, in Mystic CT to Hollis Ivan Perkins and Katherine Elizabeth Smith.

Jean was predeceased by her first husband, Francis J. Mathews of Stonington CT, in 1988 and by a grandson, Rudy J. Miket of Port Coquitlam BC, in 2017. She is survived by her children, Patricia M. Craven (John), Warren NJ; Michael Mathews, Mobile AL; Holly M. Turner (Greg), Sandy UT; Lynne S. Jackson, Stonington CT; Jonn A. Serrie (Ann), Lawrenceville GA; Paul Serrie, Norway; and Patricia S. Wintle (John), Coquitlam, BC. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Courtney Turner of Sandy UT; Kaitlin Foster (Brian), Tooele UT; Jesse Sturges (Suzanne), Brooklyn NY; Meghan Sturges-Knapp (Shannon), Brooklyn NY; Jennifer Serrie, Rockledge FL; Jeffrey Serrie, Rockport ME; Kevin Miket, Vancouver BC; and Hannah Linnea Garpestad Serrie, Norway; as well as seven great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Jean was the cornerstone of her large and far-flung family, always ready to talk, to listen, to advise, and to help. She lived her life with grace and humor and encouraged her loved ones to do the same.

A lifelong believer in the power of education, Jean attended Mitchell College in New London CT, NYU, and Temple University, where she made dean's list. As a Seabrook resident she often enrolled in its classes, particularly those on Shakespeare and history.

Jean worked as a secretary in the Naval Engineering Department of General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, in Groton CT as part of its nuclear submarine program. In addition, she was instrumental in the formation of a secretarial pool that helped balance the workloads between departments.

Jean had many and varied interests. She enjoyed art, classical music, and poetry. Exercise was a consistent part of her routine and she completed the Marine Corps Marathon. She was an avid gardener, a wonderful cook—oh, those pies!—and a constant reader. She was also a great advocate for the Jackson Memorial Library in Tenants Harbor ME and worked tirelessly to

expand the library's connection with the community.

Interment will be at a later date at Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Augusta ME. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Parkinson's Foundation or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Cemetery Details

All other services are private

Tribute Wall

MD

“ So very sorry to hear this news. You were blessed to have her as your mom. Xo Margie

margie Dorrian - July 09, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean P. Serrie.



July 09, 2021 at 10:43 AM

LS

“ I have so many fond memories of Jean Serrie, especially when I knew she had lived close to my hometown in Alabama. When she moved from Tenants Harbor she gifted me her pots of lilies of the Nile that have flourished in my garden each year. Their pretty little blue flowers that come out long before anything else always remind me of her grace and her wisdom. We will miss you on this planet Jean Serrie but on my I know you will still be taking care of all of us.

Linda H. Small - July 07, 2021 at 09:27 PM

CR

“ My deepest sympathy to Pat, Lynn and their family on the passing of a sweet lady, who was a pleasure to talk to about life, plants and Shakespearean quotations. I shall always remember her for her amazing sense of humor and her amazing grace and strength. And then, there was her sweet smile and delightful, jovial, pleasant response during visits. Rest in peace, Jean and everytime I find a new Shakespearean quote, I will think only of you.

Charleen M. Frankie, RN - July 07, 2021 at 03:49 PM

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“ Charleen M Frankie, RN lit a candle in memory of Jean P. Serrie



Charleen M Frankie, RN - July 07, 2021 at 03:24 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Jean P. Serrie



Bongarzone Funeral Home - July 05, 2021 at 11:21 PM

JM

Jean Serrie was a very special lady, who my husband and I met when she and her husband John moved to Starkville, MS., where John joined the faculty of Mississippi State University. When they first moved here, they lived across the street from us. We became close friends. We shared many good times together, and many interests. Both of us were runners, baked bread, loved cooking and gardening. When she and John moved away, first to Texas, then to Pennsylvania and finally to Maine, we stayed in touch and visited several times. Every Christmas, she and I exchanged Christmas presents, and it was always such a treat to see what lovely, meaningful presents that she had sent me. In exchange I always made a special poppy seed roll and fruitcake which she loved. We had many happy times together in Maine, where I visited after John passed away. One summer our whole family vacationed there and Jean explored with us and even taught us how to cook lobster. Mostly, I will miss the wonderful caring person that she was, and all of the inspirational conversations with her. I love you Jean Serrie!!!

Jeanne Marszalek - July 09, 2021 at 03:59 PM

LJ

Thank you Jeanne. She spoke often of you with love.

Lynne Jackson

Lynne S. Jackson - July 09, 2021 at 06:00 PM

DB

Jean was such a very special person. I feel blessed to have had her friendship.

Diane Barnes

Diane Barnes - July 15, 2021 at 04:42 PM

KH

Jean was a lovely person. I used to dog-sit for her when I lived in Port Clyde and I loved our conversations. She was a wise, caring genuine person who made me welcome in her home and in a new community and I was blessed to know.

Kelli LK Haines

Kelli LK Haines - July 19, 2021 at 11:45 AM

LG

I met Jean through our husbands who shared a common work history in the shipbuilding industry. Our friendship moved from Texas to Pennsylvania and finally to Maine. Jean was a delight to know and was a good friend in all those places. Once, she and John took us on a day trip to NYC where they had lived for a year. They knew all the right places to go - and to park! It was a memorable day. My heart is sad to learn of her passing, but I know she and John are together and at peace.

Lois Gaines - August 04, 2021 at 11:50 AM