



Jeanne Hiser

August 25, 1931 - April 8, 2021

Frances Jeanne Hiser of Reading, previously of Pottstown, PA, died peacefully on April 8, 2021. She was 89.

Born Frances Jeanne Watters on August 25, 1931, in Toledo, Ohio, she was always known as "Jeanne"; or "Jeannie"; to her friends and family. She was the only child of Raymond Watters and Florence (Anders) Watters. Jeanne met her future husband, the late Harold Avers "Hal" Hiser, at a roller rink, where she said she literally "fell for him" They dated throughout high school, and graduated together in 1950 from the former Thomas A. DeVilbiss High School in Toledo. Jeanne graduated with outstanding grades in the domestic arts and sciences program. She and Hal were married in April 1951. Their two children were born while they lived in Toledo after Hal's military service. Later his job took them to Livonia, Michigan, to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and, in 1976, to Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Jeanne was an exceptional seamstress, learning to sew around the age of three by hemming flour sacks for her father to use as handkerchiefs at work; he worked in a machine shop, and did not want to ruin his good handkerchiefs with grease. She continued to expand her sewing skills during summers with her maternal grandmother in Pioneer, Ohio, and learned new techniques in school. She continued to take classes throughout her life, and could design, construct, repair, and alter almost anything. Jeanne had a lifelong knowledge and love of Depression glassware, starting at a young age when she gave her mother a piece as a birthday gift. She had an extensive and beautiful collection of Candlewick glass, which she loved using for special occasions. She was well-acquainted with many other patterns as well, helping friends and family members find pieces for their own collections. She was active in her children's schools, becoming a volunteer reading tutor in the junior high school. She also organized events such as an elementary school carnival and other school celebrations, and delighted in family events and occasions. A long-time Lutheran, she was active in the churches she attended. She had a fine soprano voice, sang in choirs at many churches, and twice toured Europe with a concert choir. With her family, she was a veteran camper, traveling to many states. She

was an excellent fisher, enjoying the outdoors, and also enjoyed visiting and learning about historical places. Her love of travel took her all over the world, to the Philippines, Singapore, Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, and many other places. She adopted several beloved cats: Gato, Annie, and Diva.

Jeanne is survived by her son David and Vicki (Zak) Hiser, of Reading; her daughter Sandra and Lloyd Speer III, of Fairless Hills, PA; and her four grandsons: Ryan and Alyssa (Ruzicka) Hiser; Eric and Sophie (Eddinger) Hiser; Jonathan Speer; and Stephen and Allison (Rittle) Speer. Jeanne was predeceased by her husband Harold A. Hiser in 1991. In lieu of flowers and to honor Jeanne, please consider a donation to the Berks Animal Rescue League in her memory. Follow this link to donate. <https://www.berksarl.org/donate/>

Comments



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a SUPER lady and nice person. We talked a few times when she was in Florida and was a lively as ever. Enjoyed good times talking to her. My condolences to David and Sandy...

Joe Fedeli - April 13 at 10:58 AM