



# Jean Dorothy Arnette

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**J**ean Dorothy Arnette, 95, Mother and Nana to all died peacefully in her sleep June 19th, 2017 at her home in Culpeper, VA and is now dancing to Frank Sinatra with her husband Bill in God's care.

Jean was born to Grace & Richard Copeland on January 4th 1922 in Norwich, England. Jean was always full of life even as a young girl. She was a diver, a gymnast, even performing in front of the Queen of England. She rode motorcycles and was in the English Navy.

Jean left England and moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia where she met the love of her life Bill Arnette a Sailor from Columbus, OH. After a brief romance they were married on July 24th, 1950. Following their marriage and after a few moves they settled in Cecil County, MD where they lived there lives together and raised their children until 1981. You could always see Jean & Bill out dressed up to the hilt on a Friday night at the American Legion in Rising Sun or at a Saturday Bull Roast during those years. Jean was also well known for her love of shopping and eating good food. While in Maryland, living in Conowingo she became everyone's Mom. Jean had an extraordinary talent for loving all and generously giving to those that needed help.

After losing Bill, she moved to Virginia with her daughter Kim and Mother-in-law Evelyn to be closer to her son Lee. Jean worked at several jobs there but finally settled in to a Receptionist job at Germanna Community College which she loved and made many great friends. She retired from that position in 2001 after realizing driving was not for her anymore and stayed at home with her daughter and grandchildren. Her love for shopping and eating fine food continued on as anyone that went with her will tell you. Her love for people also continued as she became Nana to all that came in contact with her.

Jean had a witty, funny sense of humor and when she laughed it could be contagious. She loved her family fiercely and would do anything to help or protect them. Mom/Nana will be remembered for her generous loving spirit, her strong, clever and sometimes stubborn



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personality that continued until her final days. She has left a strong legacy for her family that will be missed more than words can say.

Jean is survived by her daughter Kim Marcey (Mike Donohue), her son Lee Arnette, her Grandchildren: Derek Marcey, Rhiannon Marcey, Emily Donohue , Alex and Tyler Smith, Great-grandchildren: Tristen, Lola, and Kingston, her brother Roy Copeland & wife Joy, her adopted Clark family: Kathleen, Tommy, June, Elaine & Mark, numerous nieces and nephews and countless friends but in particular her friend Judy Amidon.

Please remember to hold your loved ones close as even 95 years is not long enough.

Found and Sons Funeral Home, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA 22701 will be holding services on Thursday, June 29th as follows: 5-6 PM Family Time, 6-8 PM Friends and Guests with a traditional Episcopal Service. Father Michael Gray will be officiating.



# Events


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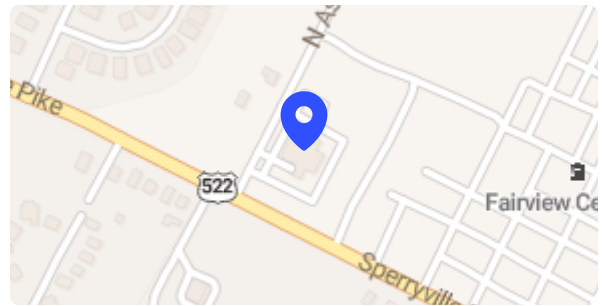
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## Visitation

 **Thursday**, June 29, 2017

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**  
850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701





## Tribute Wall

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TC

**Tristen Cropp** sent a virtual gift in honor of Jean.

I miss you so much I'm so grateful that I got to be your great-grandson

January 12 at 4:09 AM



MS

**Melissa Sloan** posted:

I had the pleasure of working closely with Jean here at Germanna up until she retired. She was a fun person to work with and she cared for the students and staff. She always had a smile on her face and she always made you laugh. She always talked about her family and grandchildren she was so fond of all them. She will be missed by all! Sent with Love to all....Melissa Sloan

June 29 at 10:19 AM

MS

**Melissa Sloan** lit a candle in honor of Jean.

June 29 at 10:13 AM



WB

**Walter B.** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Arnette family.

June 28 at 10:19 AM



KG

**Kim Graham** posted:

I am so sorry to see this. I worked with Jean at Germanna Community College in the 90's. She was always very pleasant and enjoyed working with her. So sorry for your loss. My dad was 95 when he passed and even though we were lucky to have them that long, it's still not long enough.....Kim Graham

June 24 at 1:34 PM

SS

**Susan Shaw** lit a candle in honor of Jean.

June 24 at 1:27 PM

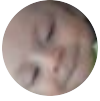




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**Norman Schefer** posted:

when my sister Barbara was married Brenda, myself and Mom went to visit The Arnettes farm. well during my trying to be a daredevil I flipped the bike I was on and broke my arm. she came when she heard the screams, comforted me and carried me into the house. she was so gentle and loving I never forgot it. love you aunt jean

June 23 at 8:00 PM



**Sue Bratcher Weise** posted:

So many fun memories from spending time with you and your family. You and your Mom introduced me to softshell crab sandwiches.. I remember your mom could not believe that I didn't like them.. ;) Your mother was so gracious about it.. she let me order something else! Your Mom's light still shines.. in heaven and now shining down from there on you and your families. She may be gone from your sight, but the memories are now treasures in all of your hearts and no one can take them from you. Hugs and Loves Sue Bratcher Weise

June 23 at 1:34 PM



**Valerie Miller** June 27 at 7:09 AM

I had the pleasure of working with Jean for many years at Germanna. She was quite the character for sure. Even after she left we kept in touch for a long time. She always called me her "adopted daughter". Loved her smile and feistiness. She will be missed. Hold your memories close to your heart. Much love....Valerie Miller



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jean by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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