

JEAN I. SWEENEY



Age 97, of Mt. Lebanon, formerly of Peters Twp., on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, peacefully with her two children by her side, beloved wife of 41 years to the late Philip J. Sweeney; loving mother of Suzanne C. Sweeney of Indianapolis, IN, and Philip T. Sweeney of Pittsburgh; cherished grandmother of Erica Sweeney, Jackson Burrow, and Olive (the crazy St. Bernard and a regular visitor

to Asbury); daughter of the late Daniel and Isabel (Brown) Ireland. Animals meant a lot to Jean, and she was preceded in death by Tara, Zeus, Maple, Oscar, Snuggles, Chloe, Buster, Muffin, Louie, Gertie and the many horses, birds, outdoor cats, racoons and squirrels she fed over the years.

As a lifelong football fan, it is fitting that a few days prior to her passing, Jean's last words, after asking who was playing, and in a very shallow voice, were "What's the score?"

She passed away after being freshly changed by her caring hospice nurses (who called her Sweet Jean), and we suspect she was simply waiting to be cleaned up to meet our dad again. She wasn't going to leave us without looking her very best and always dressed in style, up until the very end.

Jean bucked the trends of her day by wearing pants, traveling to Cuba, waiting until 35 to get married, and continuing to work while pregnant and hiding it. She had a fierce commitment to her children, and even with only a high school education herself, she made sure they went to college and prospered.

Jean was a strong woman, and cared for her husband through many years of Alzheimer's Disease, including caring for him for the final 22 months when he was bedridden at home. She had a second stage of life at Asbury Heights, where she was very active and could always be found having coffee in the atrium, playing games, volunteering all over Asbury and talking to everyone who went past.

Jean was a special wife and mother, and she will be deeply missed, but the stories will continue – just as we promised her.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Asbury Foundation – Benevolent Care Fund, 700 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243 or the Washington Area Humane Society, 1527 PA-136, Eighty Four, PA 15330.

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