



Jeanne Avonne Metcalf

September 13, 1922 - January 2, 2021

Jeanne Avonne Metcalf, my wonderful and loving Mother, gently passed from this life to her eternal life on January 2, 2021 at her home in Dover, Delaware at the age of 98. I had the honor of being with Mom at her passing when she simply looked up at the ceiling, smiled (likely seeing the face of God and my Dad in his Dallas Cowboys baseball cap) and passed without pain or suffering. Mom was born on September 13, 1922 in the small town of Dewey, Oklahoma to Charles W. Evans and Icy Thompson Evans in a home made even more special by her sisters, Betty Evans (Land) and Martha Evans (Johnson). Living through the challenges of the great depression, this special family took great pride in placing a premium on love and family values, although falling short from time to time on physical resources like many families during this difficult time. In 1947, she met and married the love of her life, Charles (Budd) Metcalf to whom she was married for 56 wonderful years. In 1954, I entered the picture as their only child and our little family of three enjoyed each other, adventures made possible by my Dad's Air Force service in multiple locations including three years in France and the many friends with which we were blessed. In 1963, we were transferred to Dover, Delaware which became our home after Dad's retirement from the Air Force in 1971. Mom was entirely dedicated to her role as a wife and mother and excelled in both roles (pardon, but I am surely biased). She also was "mom" to a number of young airman at the Dover Air Force Base Chapel community, often inviting a number of them to our home for Sunday dinner after church services. Mom was also a dedicated friend to many in the Dover area including long-time friends from the military community like the Milbraths, Valeskis, Braxtons, and Coyles to name a few. Mom was preceded in death by her loving husband, Budd Metcalf; her mother and father, Charlie and Icy Evans; her sisters and brother in laws, Betty and Joe Land and Martha and JC Johnson and sisters in law, Margaret Metcalf, Ruth Metcalf, Dorothea Lott and Ardene (Dan) Beltz. She is survived by me (her loving daughter, Kathy Metcalf) and nieces and nephews Joe (Judith) Land, John (Alycia) Johnson, Carolyn Lowe, Gerald (Sharon) Beltz, Janice (George) Newton, Eileen (Alva Ray) Marley and many friends who loved her dearly including the Tim Milbrath and Cindy Stigall. During her last years, Mom prided herself in being able to live independently at home where she said she belonged. This was made possible by the great caregiver services provided by Home Instead and

our collective thanks and appreciation go out to Carol and Trudy and the Home Instead staff for all the help and caring support they provided her over the past six years. She couldn't have done it without you! Mom's viewing and a short service will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 11 am at the Trader Funeral Home, 12 Lotus Street, Dover, Delaware followed by interment at Odd Fellows Cemetery, 35 Rising Sun Road, Camden-Wyoming, Delaware. In lieu of flowers, contributions are welcome in her memory to the Hope Medical and Dental Clinic, Inc., 1125 Forrest Ave., Suite 202, Dover, DE 19904. This organization provides much needed medical and dental care to struggling families that do not qualify for fully subsidized Medicaid coverage but do not make enough to afford private medical insurance. Mom truly believed that hard working adults and their children should always have access to medical and dental care and never have to go through the tough decisions she and her parents were forced to make during the Great Depression. Fly high, my beautiful and dearly loved Mother! I will miss you until we meet again! In consideration of protecting the family and friends health, public health guidelines enacted for the prevention of the spread of covid-19 virus, limitations on gatherings, physical distancing, use of hand sanitation and masks are in place. Letters of condolences may be sent to <http://www.traderfh.com>

Cemetery

Odd Fellows Cemetery

Camden, DE,

Comments



“ Jeanne was a very special friend to my husband, daughter and myself. When we lost our spouses we continued a long distance friendship. I last talked to her just before Christmas. I cherish many memories of Jeanne and was kept up with her daughter Kathy.

We retired to Boise, Idaho, Ohio and I have now retired to Corpus Christi, but we were just a phone call away from each other. i know I will miss her but will never forget her.

Mary Turney

Mary Louise Turney - January 11 at 10:38 PM



“ She loved you very much, Mary. Thank you for the kind words and remembering just how much you and Mom meant to each other through all the challenges!

Kathy Metcalf - January 17 at 08:05 AM



“ Kathy,

Somewhere in heaven there is a pot of coffee brewing and our moms are listening to your dad's jokes. I was sorry to hear about your mom but the independence she acquired as an Air Force wife had to be a factor in the tenacity she displayed...not only recently but even when we were young kids.

I sincerely hope a lifetime of great memories brings you random smiles and just wanted you to know I was thinking of you at this difficult time.

Victor Valeski

Victor Valeski - January 11 at 08:04 AM



“ Thank you Victor for remembering all the great memories we had as kids and the challenges our Moms had being married to our Air Force Dads that were truly global travelers, often flying to not so safe places in the 1960s. I will never forget our Dads bringing home some very "exclusive" Christmas lights from Japan (they were soooo proud) only to find them in Wilmington Dry Goods the next week! You and your 4 brothers were like the brothers I never had and I will never forget our adventures both on Samuel Paynter Drive (think skateboards behind bikes flying down the hill), the many hours of water skiing on the Choptank River and Dad's lost dentures! Stay well and thanks for remembering!

Kathy Metcalf - January 17 at 08:10 AM



“ Dear Kathy:

On behalf of the Board, volunteers and staff of the Hope Medical Dental Clinic, please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of your mom. Your mother was an admirable and amazing woman with a warm and giving heart. She supported our work while she lived and continues to do so even in her passing. We are so grateful. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we hope that you will take comfort in all your memories of her that are sure to live on in you. Please know that we will also cherish her memory.

Sincerely,
Hope Medical Dental Clinic, Inc.

Mary Beth Parker - January 10 at 09:43 PM



“ Thank you to the entire staff of Hope Medical and Dental Clinic for all you have done and continue to do to ensure families have access to much needed care. Mom became aware of Hope from her doctors (Zaragoza and Maximo) and was in awe of what Hope means to the Dover community.

Kathy Metcalf - January 17 at 08:12 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jeanne Avonne Metcalf.



January 08 at 09:34 AM



“ Kathy your mom was a special lady that I and my entire family loved dearly! She along with you and your dad gave my dad a home away from home. And what a wonderful home that was! How many nights did we spend playing canasta and laughing and nibbling? Far too many to count! Your mom was the hostess with the mostest and one of my fondest memories was her bustling in her kitchen in her apron making delicious dishes for us! She had beautiful eyes that would light up at the mention of her beloved husband or cherished daughter. Even though tiny in size she was the general of her home and family! I love you Jeanne or as my family called you “Mrs. M”. You will always have a treasured place in my heart. Now you are in the arms of your Savior and husband. Pretty sure you are playing canasta and urging my dad to eat some of your delicious banana pudding!

Cindy Stigall - January 06 at 03:31 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to your mom. I don't know you but your mom sounds like a beautiful person. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

karen - January 08 at 05:47 AM



“ Cindy, thanks for remembering all the great times we had during your time in Dover. You, Tim and I survived and I think we can now say we flourished under the watchful eyes of our parents. She loved you like her own. No doubt there is an all night canasta game being played regularly with all the goodies we enjoyed!

Kathy Metcalf - January 17 at 08:14 AM