



Jane E. Cheney

March 5, 1925 - September 23, 2009

EAST LONGMEADOW - Jane (Ertel) Cheney of 254 Prospect St., East Longmeadow died on Sept. 23rd at the East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing Center after a short illness. A life-long resident of Western Mass, Jane Ertel was born on March 5, 1925 in Westfield, the eldest of Harold and Gertrude Ertel's three children and was a 1943 graduate of Westfield High School and later, Northampton Commercial College. She worked as a secretary at Stanley Home Products in Westfield and as secretary to the dean at Smith College before marrying Arthur Emerson Cheney in 1946 and moving to Springfield where her husband owned an electrotpe company. Three sons soon followed but she could hardly be called a "stay at home" mom. Jane was a tireless supporter of her sons' various sporting endeavors and active in her community. She worked as a volunteer for over ten years at the Wesson Maternity Hospital's coffee shop and Women's Auxiliary, was active in several PTA's, worked on the "Plan A" political campaign in Springfield and for various candidates, including former Mayor Charlie Ryan. In the early Sixties she devoted much time and energy as the Chairman of the House-to-House campaign for the American Cancer Crusade, and was honored as Volunteer of the Year for 1963 by the American Cancer Society. Jane was also active at Faith Church in Springfield and served on several committees there over the years. Once her children left home, she returned to the workforce and retired in 1990. Following the death of her husband in 1992, Jane spent several days a week at the East Longmeadow Skilled Nursing Center until frail health

forced her several years ago to finally stop the volunteer work that she loved so much. In her later years, she stayed active by joining a line-dancing group, took Tai Chi classes, and became an accomplished quilter. Her parents, her husband of 46 years, Emerson, and a brother Robert Ertel of Nevada preceded Jane in death.

She is survived by a sister Marion, numerous nieces and nephews, four grandchildren, Star, JJ, Marisa and Ben, two great-grandchildren Zophia and Isabella and her three sons and step-daughter; Robert (and his wife Marie) of Westfield, Bruce of Istanbul, Turkey, Jeff of East Longmeadow, and Carolyn of San Francisco.

There will be a memorial service on Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational Church UCC, 7 Somers Road E. Longmeadow.

As a devoted and life-long Red Sox fan she wished that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund in her name. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR MOM’S PASSING. JANE AND I WORKED TOGETHER FOR MANY YEARS AT E.L.S.N/C.SHE WAS THE BEST VOLUNTEER ANYBODY COULD HAVE.WE WERE GOOD FRIENDS &SHARED LOTS OF GOOD TIMES.IWILL MISS HER.

Mary Sando - February 14, 2023 at 10:37 AM

PF

“ Bruce, \r\n\r\nWe are very sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family \r\n\r\nWarm Regards, The Fyhr Family

Phil & Katie Fyhr - February 14, 2023 at 10:37 AM

CD

“ Dear Marie, Bob and family,\r\n\r\nOur deepest condolences to you on the loss of your mother. We hope that the many beautiful memories you have of her will help make this difficult time a little easier.\r\n\r\nChris and Kenn

Chris Delude - February 14, 2023 at 10:37 AM

JL

“ I am sorry to hear of Jane's passing. She was always so kind to me, and a kind friend to my mom. I have great photos of them on a cruise together many years ago! Don Toohey remembers that she was always nice to all the \"guys\" who hung around on the lawn at So. Branch Pkwy... She was a trooper when Jeff & I got married on the mountain, and brought her a grandson. J.J. remembers lots of fun in Longmeadow, at the pool with Star.\r\nPeace, Jane - rest easy after all your work for others in need.\r\nlove, joanne

Joanne Lambert - February 14, 2023 at 10:37 AM

PE

“ Auntie Jane was a special person in my life. First of all, my dad named me after his older sister. Since Jane had three sons and nephew when I came along, there was much excitement about the first niece. After there were four of us nieces, Auntie Jane made us matching dresses and doted on us, happy to have some girls around. My sister and brother and I weren't really around, though, since we lived in Nevada 3,000 miles away. We made trips across the country for visits, as did Jane and Em and the boys. Those same 3,000 miles were traveled again in 1994 when Auntie Jane called up and volunteered to drive with me on my way to a sabbatical study in Vermont. That was the best trip with a wonderful companion. We all miss Auntie Jane, but every night I think of her as I go to bed under quilts she so lovingly made. May she rest in peace. Love to her sons and grandkids, Cousin Pam

Pamela Jane Ertel - February 14, 2023 at 10:37 AM