



Jean Cornelia Garner

May 8, 1926 - September 6, 2020

Jean Garner (Covart) 94 of Toms River passed away surrounded by family on September 6, 2020. Jean was born in Jersey City to Frank and Mildred Covart on May 8, 1926. Jean graduated Jersey City Medical Center as a Registered Nurse in 1945. She married James Garner June 20, 1948. Jean worked as a labor and delivery nurse at Mountainside Hospital for over 40 years. She retired in Toms River, NJ and was actively involved in the garden club, photography club, bocce ball tournaments, and mahjong. She enjoyed traveling world-wide with friends and family. She was also a member of Park United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, Park Tandems, First United Methodist Church of Toms River, and the Methodist Women's Club.

She delighted in celebrating holidays and major life events (including birthdays, baptisms, ball games, and trips to the beach) with her children and grandchildren. Jean is predeceased in death by her husband James Garner, her brother Frank Covart and sister Doris Bogusat. Jean is survived by Nancy Luongo (Peter), Susan Guancione (Dennis), James Garner (Debbie), Sally DeMassi (Jason), and John Garner. Grandmother to Arnold, Jenna, Sara, Alex, Jonathan, James, Zachary, Jessica, Amanda, Julianne, and Justin. Great grandmother to Sophia. A loving aunt to her many nieces and nephews. Lifelong friend of nursing schoolmates Florence McLaughlin and Alice Mauriello. The family of Jean Garner asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to St Jude's Hospital for Children or the Jersey Shore Animal Center (185 Brick Blvd., Brick, NJ 08723)

Cemetery Details

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Ave
Clifton, NJ 07014

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
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Graveside Service

SEP **10**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Love, Karen Garner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jean Cornelia Garner.



Love, Karen Garner - September 09, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jean Cornelia Garner.



September 09, 2020 at 01:32 PM



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Sue - September 09, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Jean Cornelia Garner*.



September 09, 2020 at 11:41 AM



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Sue - September 09, 2020 at 09:01 AM

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“ When I think of a strong woman I think of my Mom. She raised 5 children while working full time as a Nurse. My Dad worked the day shift and she worked 3-11. She was up before us, made breakfast, got us ready for school, fed us lunch, prepared dinner, went to work, came home and slept and then started all over again. When she wasn't working, she was attending our concerts, sports games, or plays. In her 'spare' time she sewed clothes for us, our dolls, curtains, bedspreads, slipcovers. She was always there to give a hug, give a smile, always let us know how proud she was of us, no matter how small the accomplishment. Everyone was always welcome in her house. We were loved. She made the best rice pudding and butter milk coffee cake. After Dad died 30 years ago, she retired, sold my Grandmother's house and her house (by herself) and had her house in Tom's River built where she took care of my grandmother until she passed. She was at all our weddings, the birth/adoption of our children, all baptisms, birthdays, holidays, proms, graduations... 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild now, her calendar was filled with birthdays and a note 4 days before to 'mail the card'. She never missed one. She loved the ocean and used to float on the waves for hours. Jay and Dennis would take turns swimming out to keep her company. It was such a privilege to have her stay with us for her last weeks and to be with her when it was time for her to go. I know she is at peace in heaven with God. She is with Dad, Grandma, Uncle Frank and Aunt Doris. I know she will continue to watch over us and cheer us on. We are loved. She is loved.

Sue - September 09, 2020 at 08:58 AM

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“ The Lorenz Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jean Cornelia Garner.



The Lorenz Family - September 08, 2020 at 11:50 PM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - September 08, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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What a beautiful poem!

Janet Bogusat - September 08, 2020 at 06:19 PM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - September 08, 2020 at 03:44 PM

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*It was my delight to call Jean my friend for more than 25 years. She was such a delightful person and a pleasure to be with. I am sure she will find a Mah Jongg game in Heaven. God speed. I will miss you.
Love, Helen*

Helen DiPreta - September 09, 2020 at 09:47 AM