



Jeanne Elinor Read

May 29, 1924 - April 11, 2022

Jeanne Elinor Read, 97, of Waldorf, Maryland passed away on April 11, 2022 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, MD. Born on May 29, 1924 in Washington D.C., she was the daughter of the late Ernest James Read and Florence Albertine Gude Read. She was preceded in death by her siblings Ernest J. Read Jr., Charles A. Read, F. Ethel White, Robert C. Read, and John Elton Read. She is survived by her sister Jacquelyn Read Zeitinger of St. Louis, MO, as well as 13 nieces and nephews, and multiple grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Miss Read graduated from George Washington University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She taught in the Washington D.C. Public School System for over 30 years before retiring in 1978. Miss Read was a long-time resident of Charles County. She attended Christ Church Durham Parish and before that, St. John's Broad Creek Church. Miss Read was active in both civic and church organizations, including the women's branch of the Anacostia Lion's Club and the Altar Guild at Christ Church Durham Parish.

In her personal life, Jeanne was a competitive golfer and bowler. She was an avid gardener, and during the Truman Administration she frequently provided flowers for dinner parties at the White House. More recently, she was a member of the Charles County Garden Club. In addition to gardening, Jeanne found great joy in watching the wildlife that regularly visited her feeders,

including a variety of birds, hummingbirds, squirrels and deer. She became quite knowledgeable over the years about her animal visitors and was able to identify all of them.

A Memorial and Eucharist service will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 11am at Christ Church Durham Parish, 8700 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy, Maryland 20662. A reception will follow at Nanjemoy Community Center, 4375 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, Maryland 20662. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church Durham Parish, 8700 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy, Maryland 20662.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

4111 Pennsylvania Avenue
Suitland, MD 20746

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanne Elinor Read*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Jeanne Elinor Read*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Jeanne became my neighbor when she moved across from me in Marbury in 2001; she became my friend soon after. Although she is not here physically, she is everywhere in my environment, e.g.: acuba rooted and planted in an empty spot where an old oak was felled at my childhood (and present) home; a bee-sting kit she delivered that included a pack of cigarettes, Q-tips, and instructions for use that ended with "stay away from bees"; seeds from breathtaking pink zinnias at her back door; blessed palms from Old Durham Church; a birthday gift of a crepe myrtle to my daughter at her house in Arlington, VA; shared wall calendars that we both loved; and a fond memory of Jeanne and her poodle, Sam, singing Happy Birthday from her upstairs window as I delivered her morning paper. Missing are her daily 8 am phone calls, her beautiful artistic gardens, her sense of humor, and her unique spirit. Her smile, kindness, caring, sharing, and humor in the face of adversity all touched not only my life, but many whom she encountered in her almost 98 years. I am so thankful for all that she did to enrich my life just by being Jeanne. I miss you, dear lady. Rest in peace, Betty Jean*

Betty Jean Fuller - May 10, 2022 at 11:55 AM

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“ I met Jeanne through my Mom's friendship with her when they were Charles County Garden Club members. Gardeners are generous good people, and Jeanne was one of the best! She worked with the CCGC to help restore the Herb Garden at the nearby Smallwood State Park to it's original configuration. Jeanne met her high school friend, Belle Absher (Absher Liquors), while shopping at the La Plata Safeway almost 60 years after Anacostia High School. It was like they never forgot about each other, and like two competitive athletes, they picked up right where they had left off. In the last five years we only argued twice, about gardening! From Jeanne I learned much about gardening, birds, baseball, women's college basketball, and the Washington, D.C. she grew up in. I taught her about the new NFL rules, yesterday's Jeopardy game, and Tom Brady. When the Franklin School was renovated as Planet Word Museum in October 2020, she told me the story of when she took the DC Public Schools oath there as a new teacher. Although she gave up driving less than three years ago, her eyesight remained stable, and with her glasses she could pick out Monarch butterflies halfway across the parking lot. She was a woman of strong faith in God with a great support system of loving family and friends who visited, phoned often; sent postcards, flowers, and live plants. Jeanne knew every day that she was loved & loved so many. She planned a dignified coda to a long life and left us, according to her wishes, in a state of grace & remembrance that we now celebrate together. To her last day, she remained curious about the world, with many interests and questions. I usually had a satisfactory answer for her, sometimes with the help of Wikipedia or IMDB. Jeanne & I were fully vaccinated pandemic buddies, fellow gardeners, and old friends. Requiescat in pace.

Lexi Diachenko - May 04, 2022 at 05:40 PM

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