



Jane Klecan

July 8, 1921 - January 26, 2013

KLECAN, JANE FERGUSON Jane Klecan passed away peacefully early Saturday morning at the age of 91. Jane was preceded in death by her husband Eugene, her daughter JoAnne and her brother George Ferguson. Jane is survived by eight children, Eugene and wife Darlene of Lake Oswego, Or.; George of Fort Worth; Mary of Fort Collins, Co.; Jack and wife Kathy of Phoenix; Mark and wife Patte of Albuquerque; Janet Santillanes and husband Abraham of Albuquerque; Dan and wife Debbie of Edgewood; and Rick and wife Sharon of Tucson. Jane is also survived by her 13 grandchildren - Greg Klecan, Nell Fahey, Matthew Klecan, David Klecan, Casey Klecan, Molly Klecan, Tammy Greasby, Laura Schmidt, Amanda Klecan, Genevieve Santillanes, Olivia Neidhardt, Alexander Santillanes and Hannah Klecan - and by her nine great-grandchildren - John, Monica and James Klecan; Ella, Ian and Allie Fahey; Adler and Liam Schmidt; and Madeleine Neidhardt. Jane was born in Kansas City, Missouri on July 8, 1921. In 1929, her family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she graduated from Shorewood High School in 1939. She attended Marian College in Indianapolis, Indiana. After Pearl Harbor, her father was called to Washington, DC to work in the War Department, her brother was reported as a prisoner of war and Jane moved to Chicago to stay with her mother. (Her brother George's life from 1941 to his death in 1945 was chronicled in the best seller "Conduct Under Fire" by John Glusman). In 1942 she married Eugene Klecan in Arlington, Va. During his years in the Navy, they lived in Newport, R.I., Jacksonville, FL and Wilmington,

Ca. After the war they settled in Kansas City, Missouri where her husband taught at Rockhurst College. In 1953, they moved to Albuquerque where her husband started a law firm. They were honored as Catholic Family of the Year in 1960. They were co-founders of the Christian Family Movement and active in Cana and Pre-Cana lecturing. Jane was a member of St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary where she started the Candy Striper program. She was a charter member of Casa Angelica Auxiliary, its first Vice-President and the Publicity Director for several years. She was President of Loreto Enterprises, a property management company she and her husband founded. Jane was an avid, expert, bridge player, playing weekly until shortly before her death. She was a voracious reader with wide-ranging interests in history, biography, politics and literature. Throughout her life, Jane kept up with diverse interests and activities through the pursuits of her children and grandchildren. Jane's Catholic faith was a huge part of her life and her family. The family wishes to express our deep appreciation to Ron Kempton and Leta Himes for their long time devotion to their mother. The family also greatly appreciates the care Dr. Carla Herman gave their mother. Rosary will be recited at FRENCH - University, on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 7 PM. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Nativity Church, 9502 4th St. NW on Wednesday, January 30th, at 9:00 AM, followed by a burial service at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

DL

“ I knew Mr. and Mrs, Klecan when i lived in Albuquerque NM . I had the pleasure of working for the family . I was welcomed into their home . I also had the chance to talk with her over the phone a few weeks before Christmas 2012. I remember the nice talks we would have when i worked there in their home . I will forever remember her and her husband . They were two lovely people . I also had the pleasure to know and meet a few of her family when i lived there as well .. My prayers go out to her family . Deborah Lee (I worked for the Klecan family for 4 yrs)

Deborah Lee - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My mother, Marjorie Griffin (Ebersole) just told me of Jane's passing. I worked for Loreto Enterprises with your parents in the early 80's out of their home. My mother lived at Park Paradise and was a friend of your mothers. I thought, "Mrs. Klecan", to me, was a wonderful, joyful and fun woman with so much charm and style. She was so good to me and my family. We would often meet while swimming at Park Paradise as you might remember Janet. I am so sad for your loss as I know you will miss her. However, I am sure Our Father and your father joyfully welcome her home. With love,
Sandy Breeding

Sandy Breeding - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“Dearest Mary: Although I am 65 years old, your dear Mom will always be “Mrs. Klecan.” From the moment I met you in 4th grade and was introduced to your amazing family, I was in awe of your Mom. I remember driving around in the back seat of her car as she tooted around ABQ, dropping off kids, picking them up, talking to friends and neighbors and never missing a beat (multitasking before it had that name). Later in life, as I became reacquainted with her as an adult (but always “Mrs. Klecan”) -- when I returned to New Mexico for visits -- I came to know her remarkable depth as a human being – curious, intellectually stimulating, open to all possibility, faithful to principle, generous in all ways, and ever engaged in the world. Her capacity to carry on in the face of loss became a benchmark for how to be in this world. That I had her as a maternal figure for so long was a gift. As long as “Mrs. Klecan” was in our world, it was the absolutely best and safest place to be. My love and sympathy to you and your beloved family. A great woman has passed from this world. Her and your father’s legacy live on in the now multi-generational family that “The Klecans” have become.

Michael Hubner, Boston, MA - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“Dear Janet and Abe - I am so very sorry to learn of Jane’s passing. I didn’t know her well but was the beneficiary of her kindness when she sent flowers over to me when I was recovering from two back surgeries. I know that kindness has extended to so many people over her lifetime. My sincere sympathies. Mary Cromer (neighbor across the street)

Mary Cromer - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I was saddened to learn of Jane's death. May Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother welcome her with open arms. Elisa Dawson Mary, know that I'll remember your mother and your family in prayer. I learned of your mother's death through Elisa. I now live with my mother assisting her. We live in the same retirement complex here in Albuquerque - Los Colinas. I remember meeting your mother years ago at our 40th reunion at a breakfast that your mother held at her home. God bless. Love and prayers, Sr. Theresa Chato, SBS

Elisa Dawson & Sr. Theresa Chato, SBS - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Dan & Debbie, We are sadden to hear of Mrs. Klecan's death. We know what a strong, loving, solid presence she has been in your lives. Her loss is great. We keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. All our love, Daphne, Norm and Wesley

Daphne M. Collins - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I'm one of Jan's bridge playing friends. When she was my partner we always won. She played so well. We never had time to talk much. I loved her style. She was fun. She helped me face my aging because she carried her age so well I shall miss her very much. Much love, Maxine Cronin

Maxine Cronin - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Mark and family, My deepest sympathy at the loss of your Mother. My heart and prayers go out to you at this difficult time.

Cece Umbrage Weese - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Why do we die? This is a question that many ask. The Bible teach that death entered into the world by means of Adam, not Jehovah God.-Romans 5:12. Jehovah God is the "Source of Life," and would never cause our loved ones to leave us.-Psalms 36:9. Our loving Creator by means of his son Jesus will make it possible for millions to live again. How? Jesus promised "all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out to a resurrection of life."- John 5:28,29. In paradise on conditions will not be as we see them today and in paradise we will live forever without sickness and death.-Revelation 21:4;Isaiah 33:24.

Bernice T Slaughter - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM