



Jeanine Elizabeth Swanson

November 22, 1953 - March 6, 2025

Princeton - Jeanine E. Swanson, a lifelong resident of Princeton, Ill., who became an eager and avid world traveler late in life, died on March 6 in her hometown. She was 71.

Mrs. Swanson, who worked at H&R Block in Ottawa, Ill., and in Princeton for about 30 years, graduated from Princeton High School in the Class of 1971. An animal lover, Mrs. Swanson had dogs for most of her adult life, and after caring for dogs became too challenging, she turned her attention to a frenetic couponing habit. (Does anyone need any mini toothpastes?)

Jeanine Elizabeth Erickson was born on Nov. 22, 1953, in Princeton, to Herbert and Cecelia Erickson. Mr. Erickson was a mechanic, and Mrs. Erickson was a homemaker. Both of them were deeply involved in Boy and Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Swanson met her husband, Elliott Jon Swanson, known as E.J., at a bar in Princeton, where he was also born and raised and where they made their home after their marriage in 1973 until his death in 2002. They had a son, Elliott Justin Swanson, and a daughter, Jaime Elizabeth Swanson, both of whom work as editors for The New York Times.

Mrs. Swanson, who had long embraced her Swedish heritage, had in recent

years indulged in her newfound wanderlust, traveling often across the country to New York to visit her children when they both lived there, and later to London after Jaime moved there in 2021.

In New York, she loved exploring the city with them and Justin's wife, Amy Kelsey - also an editor at The Times - and was very proud of herself when she was able to navigate the neighborhood alone - a small-town girl in the biggest city in the United States.

From London, she and Jaime would pick a city to fly to first and spent weeks traveling Europe by train, trying to see as much as possible in the time they had together. During their trips, they made a game out of trying the local beers and posing with each new liter or half-liter they drank, and there were many.

Mrs. Swanson is survived by her two children and a sister, June (Warner) Strickland. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and brother, Jim.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Mrs. Swanson's name to the American Cancer Society.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Norberg Memorial Home in Princeton.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 12. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *My sister and I have great memories of the Erickson family! Girl Scouts, Church, school, etc. I was in June's class and my sister was 5 years older. We were all such good friends and have always cherished that friendship!*

Mary Berglund Knueven and Janet Berglund Rouwenhorst

mary knueven - March 26, 2025 at 08:40 PM

JF

“ *Joseph E Freeburg lit a candle in memory of Jeanine Elizabeth Swanson*



Joseph E Freeburg - March 13, 2025 at 08:08 AM

JF

I was sad to hear of the passing of another classmate! I haven't seen or talked much to Jeanine after we graduated but she was one of the nicest gals in my class! We was in band together where I still have fond memories of all the activities that we did in high school! My deepest condolences to her family and may God Bless!!

Joseph E Freeburg - March 13, 2025 at 08:20 AM

GS

“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Jeanine and I shared many high school and post high school memories. Thoughts and prayers for the family.*

Gail Sanderson - March 12, 2025 at 06:37 AM

BS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeanine and Justin and Jaime. I'm glad she had chance to travel in these past years. It looks like she had a wonderful time. Love to all 😍.
Bill and Sam Swanson

Bill Swanson - March 11, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Jeanine Elizabeth Swanson.



March 11, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Jeanine was an absolute pleasure to shuttle to the airport on all her travels. I will miss our conversations & her telling me about everything she did & saw while visiting her kids. My condolences to her family & friends.

Marianne Fulmer - March 11, 2025 at 03:08 AM

SS

“ The Erickson family was my “other” family when we were neighbors on Crown Street and Jeanine was Nee Nee. What a long time ago that was but what wonderful my memories I have.

susan swanson - March 10, 2025 at 07:42 PM

LF

“ Love, Aunt Carol and family purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Jeanine Elizabeth Swanson.



Love, Aunt Carol and family - March 10, 2025 at 04:15 PM

AD

“ Aunt Sheryl and Uncle David purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Jeanine Elizabeth Swanson.



Aunt Sheryl and Uncle David - March 10, 2025 at 11:23 AM

AD

“ Aunt Sheryl and Uncle David planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeanine Elizabeth Swanson.

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