



Jeanne P Pence

October 31, 1929 - August 16, 2020

Princeton - Jeanne Carlson Poppens Pence, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on Sunday, August 16, 2020. She was 90.

The daughter of Charles and Florence Carlson, she was born Oct. 31, 1929 in Kansas City, Missouri, and raised in Chicago, Illinois, with her two brothers Richard and Harry. After graduating from Notre Dame High School for Girls in 1947, she received her associate degree in nursing from Mundelein College and worked at the Heinz Veterans and Columbus hospitals in Chicago. After her marriage to Arthur Poppens, she moved to Princeton where she raised their six children and happily participated in community life, including bridge clubs, PTO, antiques, needlework, art, and Hardanger. The family later moved to Taiwan and Australia for three years before returning to Princeton in 1972. Following her divorce in 1978, she moved to Florida to begin a new chapter, renewing her nursing license and later opening the Piccadilly Limited dress shop. She returned to Princeton in 1983, where she served as an RN at Colonial Hall Nursing Home and the Covenant Children's Home. While at the Children's Home, she met accountant LeVon Pence. They married in 1988 and would have celebrated 32 years of marriage in September.

In addition to nursing, Jeanne ran an antique stall, Tuppence Antiques, at Sherwood Antique Mall, for several years before retiring. She was also an avid traveler and had seen many parts of the world in the course of her life. Her family was amazed when, in her 60s, Jeanne made the arduous trip to Machu Picchu, Peru, as part of an educational expedition. She'd always wanted to see it, she said.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Florence Carlson, one brother and one stepson David Pence.

She is survived by her husband LeVon, her daughters Elizabeth (Michael) Denius, Christine Poppens Spencer, Deanne (Timothy) Sayles, sons Timothy, Lex and Eric Poppens, stepchildren Curt, LeAnn and Patrick Pence, and grandchildren Colin and Sean

Sayles, Elise, Sabrina, Elizabeth and Madison Spencer, Katharine Jeanne Denius, Emily and Michael Pence, Devon Pence, and Abigail Pence. She also leaves behind nieces Mary Carlson and JoAnne Carlson Edvardsen and nephew David Carlson, along with friends, past and present, and lasting memories of a life well lived.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, August 21, at Norberg's Funeral Home, Inc. & Monuments, Princeton, IL. Officiated by Father Shawn Doubet. Per the family's wishes, this service will be livestreamed in a private group on Facebook. Please see the following link to join the group prior to services.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Norbergmemorialhomememorialservicegroup/>

In lieu of flowers and In recognition of her lifelong love of reading, the family asks that donations of any amount be made to Princeton Public Library, 698 E. Peru St. Princeton, IL 61356, in memory of Jeanne Pence.

Online condolences and memorials may be left at www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356
(815) 875-2425
norberg@norbergfh.com
<https://www.norbergfh.com/>

Graveside

AUG 21. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery

Tribute Wall

VW

“ Mrs Pence was one of my mom’s, Wanda Stenzel, best friends and one of my absolutely favorite role model growing up. I loved her sarcastic wit; her caring personality; her ability to make you smile; her support/friendship she had with my mom and myself. I really got to know Liz for the two years I was in graduate school in Chicago and we would often drive from Princeton to Chicago together. Liz was like a supportive/caring sister to me plus has such a fun personality. How successful her children are, how caring and witty and how kind they are is a direct relationship between Mrs Pence and her wonderful influence in raising her children to carry on those attributes. When my grandmother died in 1990 in Princeton, Mrs Pence and Mr Pence opened their home for Greg, my husband, and myself to stay for a long weekend. They helped me so much in dealing with my grief and allowing me to talk about my grandma and wonderful memories I have of her. I cannot imagine how difficult it is for those close to Jeanne to grieve... I know you will have tons of people that are going to miss her... I know you will have so many people that are mourning and that just shows how special and how many lives she touched. God bless you all, Valerie (Stenzel) Woods

val woods - August 27, 2020 at 08:50 PM

LM

“ Lex, Eric and the Poppens and Pence families,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Lisa (Bland) and Scott Miner

Lisa Miner - August 23, 2020 at 05:54 PM

TS

“ Your Mom's service today was beautiful. I knew her as warm and generous, and all the speakers added so much. Liz, Christine, Deanne, Tim, Lex and Eric, and also Katie and grandkids, I am so very sorry.

Terry Carnes Sowka - August 21, 2020 at 08:55 PM

DM

“ Happy memories of swimming in the pool in the house on Euclid Ave, Canterbury Club meetings there, receiving the gift of Dr Art's cornet, and later memories at the A-frame house. She was a blessing, and is remembered so. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as we celebrate the life of this gracious and accomplished woman. --Doug McQueen

Doug McQueen - August 20, 2020 at 10:55 PM

DS

“ Doris Streit lit a candle in memory of Jeanne P Pence



Doris Streit - August 20, 2020 at 10:28 PM

CS

“ CBS - Catherine, Carmin, Karla, Shelby purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Jeanne P Pence.



CBS - Catherine, Carmin, Karla, Shelby - August 19, 2020 at 04:50 PM

TN

“ the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Jeanne P Pence.



the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at NIU - August 19, 2020 at 11:34 AM

EA

“ Eric's Extended Family at AT&T purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeanne P Pence.



Eric's Extended Family at AT&T - August 19, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeanne P Pence.



August 18, 2020 at 07:27 PM

DM

“ *Dennis and Marla purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeanne P Pence.*



Dennis and Marla - August 18, 2020 at 06:45 PM

MC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Marybeth Carlson - August 18, 2020 at 04:08 PM