



Eugenia Cucolo

September 22, 1920 - April 18, 2014

Eugenia (Jean) Rosamond Jacobs Cucolo passed away at home, as she wished, on Good Friday, April 18, 2014. She was born on September 22, 1920 in Alton, Illinois, the eldest daughter of Major James Ripley (USA, Ret.) and Beryl Martin Jacobs. They later moved to Manlius, New York where her father was head of the Military History and Spanish Departments at Manlius Military Academy. Jean's college years were spent at Randolph Macon College and Syracuse University where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta, graduating with a degree in Business Administration in June 1942. Jean married her high school sweetheart, Second Lieutenant Belmonte (Bill) P. Cucolo, on July 3, 1943. Bill was a member of the Class of January 1943, United States Military Academy (West Point), graduating early to deploy to the Pacific theatre.

After WWII, Jean and Bill lived in various US Army posts until they settled in Suffern, Rockland County, New York, where Bill was Chief Engineer for The Power Authority of the State of New York and Jean focused on volunteer activities for Christ Episcopal Church, The Suffern Women's Club, Good Samaritan Hospital and The West Point Alumnae Association.

Painting and creative arts were her passion, gardening her pastime. She was born to entertain using her great sense of humor and relaxed style. The more the merrier ("bring the dog!") was her social mantra. Jean was a fabulous cook who rarely referred to a recipe and was well-known for her various pies,

cobblers, and cookies as well as her buttermilk biscuits and souffle's. Many relatives and friends in Suffern and Waterbury, Ct enjoyed her extraordinary hospitality and joie de vivre, which she clearly inherited from her Southern Roots in Easley, SC. Having moved several times as a child and adult, Jean enthusiastically accompanied her husband on trips to China, England and Europe to explore new places. She lived in Easley when very young with her mother's large, extensive family of Martin cousins, aunts and uncles. Later, with her children, she spent a good part of every summer there and at Pawleys Island. Jean and Bill never had a doubt about Pawleys Island as a retirement home and they moved to the area permanently in late 1985.

Eugenia Rosamond Jacobs is a descendent of a long line of Presbyterian ministers that began in the late 1700's in Clinton, S.C. She thoroughly enjoyed the Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church community. The family is sincerely grateful for the devoted ministry of Pastor Frank Holsclaw and the ladies of the church who always remembered her in their prayers and visited her often at home.

Jean is survived by her sister, Nancy Caldwell Jacobs Peabody, Brookline, MA, and three children, William Belmonte (Jody) Stony Point, NY, Andreana Rosamond, Chevy Chase, MD, and James Ripley, Laguna Niguel, CA. Jean has four wonderful grandsons, Steven (Sarah), Matthew (Heather), Evan, and Zachary, and two darling great-grand children, Aiden (Steve and Sarah) and Valentina (Matthew and Heather).

Jean's Caregivers provided considerable comfort physically and spiritually. The family was blessed by their devotion. Thank you to Angie Bonds, Anna Blackstock, Daisy McCullough, Martha Wright, and Vanessa Robinson. Caris Hospice nursing staff provided superior medical care and support.

Funeral services will be held at Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church at 9967

Ocean Highway, Pawleys Island, SC 29585 at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 25.
There will be a small reception after the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the following organizations:
Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, 9967 Ocean Highway, Pawleys Island,
SC 29585

Caris Healthcare Hospice, 124 Professional Drive, Conway, SC 29526.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Jean, very sorry for your loss. Jean and Bill were friends of my parents and neighbors in Pawleys Island. When visiting my parents and later my Mom after my Dad passed away I enjoyed many visits and conversations on Jean’s wonderful screened in porch. What a lovely setting. Jean was a great friend to my Mom and hopefully all are together now. Jean and my Mom over a glass of wine and Bill and my Dad a Manhattan.

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“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God’s word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away

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