



## Norma Jean Hartman Rutherford

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Jean "Granny", age 94 of Surfside Beach passed away peacefully on Sunday morning September 28, 2025 at her home surrounded by family.

She was the daughter of the late Allen and Dorothy Hartman, born on December 17, 1930 in Washington, D.C., she was a 1948 graduate of Maryland Park High School.

At the age of 17 she opened Jean Hartman Studio of Dance in District Heights, MD where she was a dance teacher. She was married on May 2, 1954 to the late William H. Rutherford in Forestville, MD.

During their marriage they were stationed with the United States Air Force in Georgia, Texas, Alaska, South Carolina, Washington D.C, South Carolina, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and finally settled in Surfside Beach, South Carolina in 1976.

She had a vibrant career in real estate with many accomplishments to include Broker in Charge in 1984. She held positions as State Director, and Second Vice President with Greater Horry County Board of Realtors, INC. from 1985-1987. She enjoyed other opportunities throughout her career with Century 21, Ardis Realty, Garden City Realty, Legends, and Heritage Plantation.

Jean was an active member and faithful servant of The Well by the Sea, serving in many capacities. She enjoyed arranging the altar flowers in which she took much pride, playing bridge with friends, and caring for her friends and family. She was an extraordinary woman with so much love to give and loved by all.

She is predeceased by her husband William H. Rutherford and daughter Cynthia Ann Lambe.

She is survived by her son Allen C. Rutherford; granddaughter Ashley Growden and husband Eric; great grandchildren Bradley and Jackson Growden; sister in law Rosanne Schoen and husband Henry; niece Laura Eser and husband Chuck; extended family, and many many friends.

The memorial service will be held on Wednesday October 29, 2025, 11 AM, at The Well by the Sea, 211 Forestbrook Rd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. Presiding over the services will be Father Tom Woodle. Reception to immediately follow from 12 pm - 2 pm

Inurnment will take place at 3 PM at The Church of the Resurrection, 8901 US Highway 17 Bypass South, Surfside Beach, SC 29575.

In lieu of flowers, donations in loving memory of Jean can be made to The Well by the Sea.

Please sign the family's guestbook at: [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel assisted the family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Well by the Sea  
211 Forestbrook Road  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

*Reception following service from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM*

## Inurnment

OCT **29**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Church of the Resurrection - Surfside Beach  
8901 US Highway 17 Bypass South  
Surfside Beach, SC 29575-7702  
(843) 215-4500

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ My name is Barbara Butler, I never met Jean but my husband Ralph Butler went to school with her. He passed away in September of 2024. I know he would want me to pass on his condolences. Rest in peace Jean

Barbara Butler - December 09, 2025 at 01:16 PM

LF

“ Love the Bernier, and Nevers family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Norma Jean Hartman Rutherford.



Love the Bernier, and Nevers family - October 28, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Hartman Rutherford.



October 26, 2025 at 05:52 PM

LF

“ Lambe & Jordan family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Jean Hartman Rutherford.

Lambe & Jordan family - October 26, 2025 at 05:52 PM

SN

“ My name is Sharon Lee Hartman Noonan. Jean was my cousin. Her Father was my father's Uncle. I lived 2 blocks from Jean and her family when I was growing up. I always thought she was so pretty and yes, she was an extraordinary person. I have lived in SC for the past 8 years, but i didn't get to see Jean much. My husband had Dementia so we really didn't go anywhere. I will miss being able to call her.

*You have my deepest condolences for your loss. May God grant you comfort and peace.*

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**Sharon Lee Hartman Noonan** - October 19, 2025 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ Allen I'm so sorry for your loss. I still think about Cindy every day she was my best friend and I know she's with her mama and daddy in heaven dancing.

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**Joy Boyer** - October 07, 2025 at 02:36 PM