



Jean F. Bronson

April 17, 2020

Jean F. Bronson, 89, of Avon, formerly of Farmington, died Thursday, April 17, 2020 at the Residence at Brookside. She was the beloved wife of William R. (Bill) Bronson, M.D. who predeceased her in 2019.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. the daughter of the late James A. Fredrickson and Louise Magna Fredrickson, Jean grew up in Brooklyn and Ohio. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1952 and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She subsequently went to Wesleyan in Middletown, CT where she obtained a master's degree in Zoology. While at Wesleyan, she met Bill and the couple married in 1954. While Bill continued his studies at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, Jean worked at Kodak and as an elementary school teacher until they started their family. By the time they settled in West Hartford in 1966, they had four children with one more arriving in 1967.

Jean's life was a whirlwind of activities and her family never ceased to be amazed how much she accomplished in any given day. When her children were young, she spent countless hours supporting their activities including hockey, baseball, figure skating, swimming and music lessons. She challenged her children to get a good education and was always there with her support and encouragement.

Jean was a bright, curious person committed to a life of learning. If something aroused her curiosity she would learn as much as possible about that subject. Some of her passions included gardening, investing, weaving, swimming, figure skating and tennis. She took great satisfaction in helping others. She volunteered as a reading tutor in the Hartford schools and spent many hours supporting the blind and visually impaired Artisans at the Hartford Artisans Weaving Center. She was involved in a number of other volunteer organizations in her lifetime; she was generous with her time and energy.

Jean was a kind and supportive mother and grandmother. She cherished all seven of her grandchildren and was proud of them all. She loved the annual family gathering at Squam Lake in New Hampshire where she spent seven days swimming, boating and catching up

with all of her grandchildren.

She loved to travel and had very fond memories of her trips to England, Scotland, France and Sweden. In her later years she loved her bus trips to NYC where she spent many hours at museums and shows. Jean was a longtime member of the Town and County Club where she enjoyed many dinners, events and her weekly duplicate bridge games.

Jean was a longtime active member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford. There will be a graveside service at the Swedish Cemetery in Portland for close family members only due to current conditions.

Jean is survived by five children and their families, James P. Bronson and his children Callum and Nicola of Gilford, NH; Ellen Young and her husband Vincent of Brookfield; Karen Peterson, her husband Josh, and her children Madison, Nathaniel, and Caroline of Seekonk, MA; William R. Bronson, Jr. of Farmington; and Paul N. Bronson, his wife Jenny, and their children, Kate and Lucas of West Hartford. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

For online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeenconnecticut.com.

Comments



“ We were very saddened to learn of your mother's death. We have been members of Emanuel Lutheran Church for 9 years and it has been a pleasure to know your mother. we always found time after the Service to visit with her. She was such a sharp woman who always had some great comments to make. Even in this last year or so it was good to visit with her during the Coffee Hour. Her accompanying staff person was very caring of Jean. We pray for all of you as you go this most challenging time. Chet and Glenna Brodnicki

Chester and Glenna Brodnicki - April 23 at 07:48 PM



“ I knew Jean from time we spent weaving together at Wesleyan Potters. Her weaving was beautiful. She always had a book with her to read during lunch breaks. We shared a love of weaving, reading, and Sonja Henie. My sincere condolences to Jean's family. May her memory be a blessing.

Andrea Hames - April 20 at 01:10 PM



“ Jean was a remarkable person. She was always engaged and active, both physically and mentally. I first met Jean at a weaving workshop. Our friendship grew over the years through activities with the Handweavers Guild of Connecticut and then at the Hartford Artisans Weaving Center. She wove beautifully. We were looking forward to her returning to the Center, and we will miss her.

Dorrie Hunt - April 20 at 10:54 AM



“ I knew Jean late in her life, when she was weaving at the Hartford Artisans Weaving Center. Her weaving was lovely. Jean always had a book with her at the Center to read at lunch time. She was active with every moment in her day! Jean's weaving was lovely. She was amazing in so many ways. She always impressed me with her energy and enthusiasm for life. She spoke fondly and with pride of all of her grandchildren. Jean was a lovely spirit and an inspiration to everyone.

Jill Staubitz - April 19 at 03:01 PM



“ To the children of Jean Bronson,
Our thoughts and hearts are with you on the passing of your mother. She was a beautiful woman who reflected a genuine kindness and thoughtfulness about life and ultimate devotion and support to her children. We share wonderful memories of your Mom's support of Conard athletics and that special state championship Hockey team. Take time to grieve; feel your feelings, laugh, cry, share stories, and hold each other closely.

With deepest sympathy,
Frank (Coach) and Suzi D'Annolfo

Suzi D'Annolfo - April 19 at 11:10 AM