



Jeanette Sullivan

April 1, 1922 - March 10, 2016

Jeanette Sullivan, 93, of Manteno, passed away Thursday (March 10, 2016) at her home in Manteno.

She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Jeanette also was a well-regarded educator.

She was born Jeanette Lucille Farner on April 1, 1922, in Villa Grove, a daughter of Lena (Fulton) and Everett Farner. She was a sister to Rosemary, Floyd, Dorwin, Beryl and Louise.

Jeanette married Edward Charles Sullivan on Oct. 16, 1944, at the Methodist parsonage in Villa Grove, while he was on furlough during World War II. Charlie and Jeanette were married for nearly 72 years.

She held a lifelong appreciation for education. She attended Villa Grove schools, graduated in 1939 as valedictorian of her class and attended Illinois State University. Jeanette became a teacher during World War II after her third year of college, when there was a shortage of educators. She completed her degree at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College and was a high school English and business teacher for many years. Jeanette also earned a Master of Arts degree in Cultural Studies from Governors State University. She retired from teaching in 1978.

Jeanette loved reading, playing the piano, traveling, theater, baking and spending time with her family. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist faith.

Surviving are her husband; son, Charles Sullivan; grandchildren, Katie (Pete) Bretzlaff, Kari Barten, Anna (Todd) Tanis, Lindsay Barten, Jason (Stephanie) Barten; and her great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Connie Barten.

A private memorial service will be held with her family. Mrs. Sullivan will be laid to rest in Villa Grove Cemetery in Villa Grove.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Jeanette was a wonderful person! I remember well her excellent baking and cooking when we came to visit! I could always count on birthday cards from her!

RIP, Aunt Jeanette! I miss you!

Susan



Susan - March 31, 2016 at 11:24 AM

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“ Dear Mr. Sullivan, My deepest sympathies to you and your family. I'm sure you don't remember me from Beardstown High School, but I was one of "your kids" who started out at BHS with you in 1962. Our class has never forgotten you and your sadness is ours as well. May many wonderful memories sustain you and bring you comfort. Carolyn Long Cripe, the Class of 1966.

Carolyn Long Cripe - March 21, 2016 at 07:26 PM