



Jean Margaret Sealander Cormack

September 19, 1929 - July 2, 2018

Jean Margaret Sealander Cormack, age 88, died beautifully on July 2, 2018, at Sunrise Senior Living in Holladay, Utah. The music of Bach was playing, prayers and tears were expressed, the Holy Spirit was present, and her family was at her side as she breathed her last.

The daughter of a Swedish immigrant (Jonas Conrad Sealander) and a German-American (Sena Caroline Schwenzfeier Sealander), Jean was born in Bellingham, WA on September 19, 1929. Of course she was Lutheran! Jean graduated from Bellingham High School, and in 1951 received her bachelor's degree in Bacteriology and Public Health from Washington State College (University), Phi Beta Kappa. At Swedish Hospital in Seattle, Jean completed her training as a Medical Technologist, and worked in the lab. In the mid 1950s, she moved to San Francisco, worked at UCSF in research, and found a social circle at the Young Ambassador's group at Calvary Presbyterian Church. It was there she met Douglas Stuart Cormack, and on November 30, 1957 they were married at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. Jean and Doug settled in San Mateo, CA, where Jean worked in the lab at Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City for over 30 years. Jean succumbed to the Presbyterian pressure of Doug, and the Cormack family was actively involved at First Presbyterian Church, San Mateo, where Jean served many terms as an elder on session; her passion was adult education and guiding candidates as they entered the ministry. She was also known to never be shy in expressing her

opinions on any church matter. Jean was a proud member of the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women, where she was celebrated as a 50 year member.

The Cormacks loved vacations, especially beaching and boating in San Diego and Mexico, and two-week long nautical explorations in the San Juan Islands and the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia. Jean graciously adopted Doug's passion for fishing, and was particularly proud of her 25 lbs salmon. Jean and Doug traveled extensively--including the East Coast, Hawaii, Britain, Sweden, Germany, France, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, and Bora Bora.

After Doug's death in 2004, Jean remained very active in San Mateo, volunteering in public schools, driving the elderly, serving at church, and socializing with friends and neighbors. In 2015 Jean moved to Salt Lake City to be near her daughter and family, and quickly became a member of Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church where her son-in-law happened to be the pastor.

Until Jean's dying day, she was most proud of her "seven grandchildren," and always lived by the motto, "Life is full."

Jean is survived by her sister, Carol Phillips, niece Lee Ellen, nephew Todd; son David Cormack, his wife, Michelle, and their children Andrew, Catherine, Peter, and Michael; and by her daughter, Nancy Cormack-Hughes, her husband Philip, and their children Sena (Graeme), Cara, and Jordan.

A Memorial Service will be held at Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church (3280 E 3900 S, 84124) on Monday, July 16th, at 3 PM. Later this summer, a memorial will be held in San Mateo, CA, and ultimately an internment in Ferndale, WA.

The family would like to thank Sunrise Senior Living and Bristol Hospice for

their loving and gracious care of Jean, as well as all of the friends who befriended, prayed, and upheld Jean in her final months on this earth. Thanks be to God for a life well-lived and baptism now made complete.

Previous Events

Memorial

JUL **16.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Mt Olympus Presbyterian Church
3280 E 3900 S,
Salt Lake City , UT 84124

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Margaret Sealander Cormack*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Pauline Forster lit a candle in memory of Jean Margaret Sealander Cormack*



Pauline Forster - July 15, 2018 at 12:07 AM



I remember her and her husband, they were so supportive, they sat in the bleachers, watching their granddaughter play soccer, even though they probably didn't feel like it cause sometimes it was cold or rainy day, "God bless your family"

Maureen - July 22, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ *Roger and I express our sympathy and our love to you Nancy, and to your family at this time of both sorrow and joy! After reading her obituary, I know she lived a wonderful life, found great love, and was a strong, committed Christian woman. And a strong Presbyterian too! Well done good and faithful servant, the promise has now been given to you. You now see face to face, what we can only imagine. Thanks be to God! Hugs to you Nancy and to your family. Suzanne Uittenbogaard*

Suzanne Uittenbogaard - July 11, 2018 at 10:46 AM

PF

“ I remember summer walks up Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons and ice cream cones . I remember Dairy Queen trips, leaf viewing in Millcreek Canyon, quiet visits at Sunrise Center, attending the grandgirls activities along with Jean and family. I remember laughter and stories of long ago. This wonderful woman's memory will live on in the friends that she made and her presence at MOPC and the MOPC PW group. I am happy to have known Jean and will treasure my memories of her. Family was so important to her and family pictures were her joy to look at each day. You will be missed my friend. Pauline Forster

Pauline Forster - July 10, 2018 at 11:22 PM

DH

What a special lady. She will be missed by many.

Debbie Harvey - July 11, 2018 at 06:29 AM

SG

Thinking of Jean & Doug and San Mateo always bring back fond memories of the times we spent with them through our church, our children, and always through the holiday season when we shared our Lord's birthday with them, the Pearsons', Forsyths' and all of our children. It was a good time in all of our lives and the Lord surely blessed us by bringing all of us to that place and time as he did.

Will miss you Jean but know the Good Lord will take good care of you,

Scotti Glenwright

Scotti Glenwright - July 12, 2018 at 11:41 PM