



Jeanne Marie Bell

January 19, 1935 - January 18, 2021

Jeanne Marie Bell, our beautiful momma, a longtime resident of Santa Barbara, passed away on January 18, 2021. At her time of passing, Jeanne was surrounded by her family in her daughter's home. Jeanne was born on January 19, 1935 in Grand Forks, North Dakota to Effie Mokerski Kennedy and William Wellwood Kennedy.

Jeanne graduated from nursing school in North Dakota in 1956 and headed west to begin her nursing career. After a short time living in Texas, Jeanne arrived in California in 1959. Once in California she truly established her nursing career and found great joy and satisfaction caring for others, she was very passionate about nursing.

Jeanne is survived by her four children: Laurie (Doug) Folden, Dan (Heidi) Bell, Jenny (Brad) Berch and John (Carlye) Bell, her (former) spouse Harlan Bell, her eight grandchildren: Jessica (Steven) McGillicuddy, Justin (Lauren) Bell, Kyle Folden, Kaylee Folden, Daniel Folden, Ryan Bell-MacLaren, Julia Folden, and Nicholas Bell, two great-grandchildren: Jonathan and Jameson McGillicuddy, her sisters, Elizabeth Fossen and Kaye Mason, and many loved ones.

Jeanne was a member of Saint Raphael Catholic Church and volunteered for many organizations throughout Santa Barbara. She enjoyed participating in

weekly bible studies, Sociable Seniors and women's groups. Jeanne loved sharing walks around Lake Los Carneros with friends and family, cooking and baking, and working in her rose garden, which was always in bloom.

More than anything though, Jeanne loved spending quality time with her family and friends. Beyond being a wonderful nurse, she was a loving and caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be missed dearly by so many. Jeanne had a close relationship with God and was grateful to her Heavenly Father for her many blessings.

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Jeanne to the Jeanne M. Bell Compassionate Care in Nursing Scholarship Foundation, which is being established at Santa Barbara City College. SBCC Foundation, 721 Cliff Drive Santa Barbara, CA 93109 Attn: Gretchen Hewlett.

These donations will help to provide a nursing education to future nurses, allowing Jeanne's memory to lovingly live on in the Santa Barbara area. A celebration of life will be planned when gatherings are permitted once again.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Just received your beautiful memorial card in the mail. I was a tenant in Jeanne’s home for four years. We had a ball together and remained good friends. After a very busy adult life those four years were a much needed peaceful time for me. We shared our Catholic faith, the love of our families, and good food. We had long talks at her dining table or in her living room. Her home reminded me much of the home I grew up in. I can still hear her lilting laugh. I also was fortunate to meet her entire family and one sister Kay. You all are a great bunch. Remind me of my family and you treated me as family. I’m glad she and I had a nice phone conversation a few months before she passed but wish I could’ve said goodbye. May she Rest In Peace. God bless you all! Monica Carr*

Monica Carr - April 11, 2021 at 07:53 AM

KM

A nice tribute with many fond memories! I do remember my visit and meeting you. In fact, I think that I invited you to come to MN for a visit sometime! I find great comfort knowing that her final days were under the care of her two loving daughters. She was blessed with a wonderful family and a strong faith! R.I.P., Sister Jeanne!

Kaye Mason - April 12, 2021 at 01:11 AM

BB

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Brad Berch - March 02, 2021 at 04:36 PM

BB

“ As one of Jeanne’s “favorite” son in laws, I will miss her smile, kindness and thoughtfulness the most. In this photo you can feel the love Jeanne had for family, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren!



I once had the privilege and opportunity to help you for a while to build your strength and to walk again, I will not forget those times and your gratitude and love. We were all blessed to be part of your family Jeanne and you were a good example to young and old of the importance of your “faith” and your place in heaven with our Jesus. Love, forever
Brad

Brad Berch - March 02, 2021 at 04:33 PM

MF

“ Jeanne and I shared that very unique and special role of mother-in-laws in our family. That’s how we really got to know one another although we had attended Saint Raphael’s together for years. These last three or four years we had many long afternoon phone calls filled with laughter and deep discussions of many topics but especially the family we shared. May your soul RIP my friend Mary Beth Fisher

Mary Beth Fisher - February 08, 2021 at 09:32 AM



Jeanne always spoke of you with real fondness, Mary Beth! She valued your friendship! She did raise a pretty amazing son, who partnered with your daughter to make a great couple!

Kaye Mason - February 08, 2021 at 12:06 PM

WE

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Welch-Ryce-Haider - February 05, 2021 at 12:15 PM

KF

“ Beautiful commemoration to Grandma Jeanne. So grateful for the time we had with her!



Kaylee Folden - February 05, 2021 at 10:25 AM