



Jane (Parrish) Hall

May 11, 1937 - October 31, 2021

Jane (Parrish) Hall, of Florence, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loving family on Sunday, October 31, 2021. She was 84.

Jane was born May 11, 1937 in Gardner, MA to the late Frank and Harriet (Wilder) Parrish. She attended Cornell University in Ithaca, NY where she received a BS in Home Economics. In 1959 she fell in love with and married Philip Hall, a minister. They served churches in Barre, VT and Randolph, VT before settling with their three daughters in Amherst, MA. Jane went on to work in college administration at UMass in Amherst, Smith College in Northampton, and Holyoke Community College. She and Philip retired to Florence, MA in 1995.

Jane had deep compassion for those in need and a natural way of making every person she knew feel special. She saw the good in everyone. She loved books, read avidly (especially mysteries) and was a regular patron and volunteer at her local library. Her bright smile and sense of humor warmed all who knew her, especially Philip. Throughout her life she enjoyed summers with her family at Queen Lake in Phillipston, MA where she loved to gather mushrooms and wild blueberries, cook, do crossword puzzles, and play Beacon Hill Rummy with extended family. She delighted in her grandchildren and was actively involved in their lives.

Jane is survived by her loving husband and partner of nearly 62 years, Philip Hall of Florence, their daughters; Susan and her husband Jim McGerigle of Haverhill, MA, Rebekah and her partner James Sanchez of West Springfield, MA, and Martha and her husband Brennan Prevatt of Los Angeles, CA as well as her six beloved grandchildren -- Erin, Lindsey, Ian and Corbin Blight, and Simon and Isaac Prevatt -- and many extended family members whom she cherished. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by brothers Harlan, Frank (Taylor) and Thomas (Tom) Parrish.

Her burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jane's memory to:
Friends of Lilly Library, 19 Meadow St, Florence, MA 01062

DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton has been entrusted with her services. For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit
Drozdalfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ '...a natural way of making every person she knew feel special'... indeed! I was a member of the North Church choir and knew Jane through Philip. On the committee to select a new organist for the church, I found Jane to be a natural leader who had an aptitude for handling people. My precious memory of her is from the "concerns" part of the service when she asked that I receive a blessing for my upcoming move to San Francisco the Sunday before I left. I will always carry that in my heart. But whether at church or her and Phil's home, Jane was always welcoming and supportive and really listened to what I had to say. It is noteworthy that she passed into spirit on a Sunday and at the start of the most mystical time of year when the veil between worlds is said to be the most transparent. She served Spirit well in this life, and now continues her adventure in the next.

Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. I am grateful to have known her.

Vince Bonfitto - December 05, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ My condolences to Jane's family. I worked with Jane at the university of mass treasurer's office for many years along with her friend Doris Holden. Fortunately I saw Jane at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. She was across the hallway from my husbands room. I recognized her voice and paid her a visit. We chatted and reminisced. She talked about the etching I did for her and that she still had it. She looked so good. Talked happily about her family and our shared memories. Times about going to the Old Mill for brunch with Judy P Doris H, Jane and myself. Good times, great memories. A gentle lady who will be missed. PK

Pat Kodis - November 12, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ I delivered books to Jane for many months. I met Philip the first few times, as well. Jane was a favorite patron as she was always so welcoming and ready to chat. She often did much research to let me know what books she wanted, whether in print or on tape. We shared many favorite authors. We occasionally talked politics, as well, and I thoroughly enjoyed her sense of humor. I will miss Jane.

My sincere sympathy goes out to her friends and family. I hope that good memories resurface in your hearts and minds before too long. She will always remain special to me especially when I open up a book to read and find it is one I know she would enjoy,

Marlisa Parker

Marlisa Parker - November 09, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Jane Parish Hall was a large part of growing up summers at Queen Lake., as we lived next door. Sharing raspberries, blueberries and Frank’s “chowder” and stories were part of the Cushing kids growing up!
As Phil and Jane came to visit mom and dad there were chances to talk and interact w/the girls. Missed seeing them in family gatherings later on, but remember them loving the grey cottage next door and seeing the light on as Jane and Phil would read often on their cozy porch. Lovely couple and family! Think of her fondly and send our sympathy for your loss, but gladness for heaven’s gain!
Sincerely, Curt and Carol (Cushing) Erickson for the Cushing’s and Erickson’s at #9

carol cushing erickson - November 06, 2021 at 09:41 PM