



Jane Adams

February 27, 1934 - May 8, 2024

Hampton - Jane was born on February 27, 1934, the middle daughter of Dr. Donald and Nora Durman. She grew up in Saginaw Michigan. After her high school graduation, she attended Albion College where she graduated with a Bachelors Degree in education. Following their college graduations from Albion College & Hope College respectively, Jane married her high school sweetheart, John Adams in June of 1956. Following their wedding, they went to Boston Massachusetts where John would become a student at Andover Newton Theological school as he studied to become ordained as a Congregational Minister. Jane worked for the national offices for the Congregational Church during this time. After John's ordination, they would live in Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut. Jane took a very active role in the life of the church and enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom with her two children in their growing up years.

When her children reached college age, Jane attended Katherine Gibbs school in Boston to update office and secretarial skills which enabled her to work as an executive assistant, which she did until John's retirement. Upon retirement, Jane and John moved to Hampton, NH as both children were living in the area and they always enjoyed the seacoast. While they lived in other states, they always enjoyed going back to their home state of Michigan in the summer season where they would vacation on the shores of Lake Michigan and have many enjoyable times with family and friends.

In retirement, Jane lovingly cared for her mother who came to live with Jane and John as she had been alone for many years and was then in her 90's. She was a joy to have and they had many family gatherings which she enjoyed.

Jane was a devoted mother to her two children and family time together was always very important to her. She enjoyed cooking, entertaining, dancing and had a good sense of humor and always enjoyed being with good friends. She also enjoyed traveling and her last trip was to Ireland and was a special place to visit and walk the streets of the birthplace of her maternal grandfather.

Jane was predeceased by her beloved husband John, her parents, her sister, Patricia Schwartz, her brothers in law, Dr. Bud Parks and Thomas Schwartz. She is survived by her children, David and his partner Christine Kelley, Elizabeth and her husband Bill Chislett, sister Marian Parks and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Please think of Jane whenever you sing her favorite hymns- How Great Thou Art, In The Garden and This is my Father's World.

In Lieu of flowers please consider a donation to your local Hospice

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Jane was such a lovely lady! I always loved hearing her reminisce about her life and the many things she had done. One of my favorite stories was hearing about a trip she had taken to Montreal with John and another couple. She had such wonderful memories of visiting the city and the beautiful sights she had seen. She fondly remembered enjoying some delicious meals and shared how wonderful it was to travel with close friends. Jane truly loved life and valued everyone she encountered. I know she is at peace reunited with her beloved John.

Patricia Corso - May 20, 2024 at 02:39 PM

KT

“ Jane, though we have been neighbors for many years, we really got to know you over the last three. Remember many long talks with you and "Pickles" on the sun porch. You were a kindly lady who really loved your family. We would like to extend our condolences to Elizabeth, David and everyone who was touched by her goodness. No more worries now! Rest in peace, Jane.

Love,
Kevin and Sandy Taube

Kevin and Sandy Taube - May 10, 2024 at 01:13 PM

JC

“ Jane, you will be missed... You have been a part of my life for many years. First as a couple with your John and my Rich having met through our Rotary Club but especially just with you these past seven years. We both were without our beloved spouses and found great solace with each other. You will be missed, Jane.

Joan Correll - May 09, 2024 at 12:08 PM

KM

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Kristen McClelland - May 08, 2024 at 08:32 PM

RS

“ I am the minister at First Congregational Church of Hampton. I only met Jane a handful of times, but even though sometimes she knew me and sometimes she didn't quite remember who I was, she was always gracious and in good spirits when I visited. And it was always clear that she loved her husband and was proud of her children! I have no doubt that she is now dancing with John in heaven!

Rev. Dr. Marlayna Schmidt - May 08, 2024 at 08:10 PM

CH

“ John. Married Dan Habel and I. Jane danced at our wedding. My mother in her 90s. Said that woman should be in Hollywood! Jane. was fun and a real comedian. May God Bless. Her forever.

carolyn. Habel - May 08, 2024 at 05:02 PM

CH

“ Jane and I went to kindergarten To gether through high school. and we both graduated. From Albion. College. In 1956. I love her and will miss her so much. 💕🙏

carolyn. Habel - May 08, 2024 at 04:55 PM

JP

Dear Elizabeth and David - My sincerest condolences in the loss of your mother. Pickles and I rescued each other following your mother's hospitalization May 9 of last year through Kevin & Sandy Taube. I had just lost both my 16-year old tigers and Pickles filled a void in my life. She is in good health, enjoys watching the birds from her window seat here at Hampton Beach and is much loved. Sincerely, Jo Ellen Pirie

Jo Ellen Pirie - May 13, 2024 at 06:34 AM