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Jeannette Elizabeth Morris of Clearwater, FL, passed away Friday September 27, 2019.

Jean was born December 28, 1940 to Ida May Hall Cameron and William F. Cameron, Sr. in Middletown, Connecticut. She was raised in Middletown and the family spent summers on Lake Pocotopaug in East Hampton, Connecticut. Jean knew as a child that she wanted to be a teacher and graduated from Southern Connecticut College in New Haven, with a degree in education and a minor in music in 1963. She pursued her career teaching in Middletown and Ledyard, Connecticut and in St. Petersburg and St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. Jean retired from Gulf Beaches Elementary in 2007, after thoroughly enjoying 43 years of teaching kindergarten. Her students especially enjoyed the musical talents Jean brought into the classroom and wove into the daily lessons. Hundreds of happy, involved and well-behaved children passed through Jean's classes learning that working hard and behaving well was rewarded and she would never raise her voice except in song. Jean had two other passions, music and cooking. Jean started playing her favorite songs with one finger on the piano at age 2 1/2 and as a 5 year old she was using chords. She took classical and modern music lessons starting at age 7 and continued until high school. Jean continued to play almost daily for the rest of her life. Jean's cooking interest blossomed as she and her sisters helped her mother in the kitchen with canning, dinner preparation, and baking. She enjoyed experimenting with new recipes, adding other ingredients or creating her own recipes. She loved to cook fresh seafood and to bake pies, cakes and cookies to share with friends and neighbors, always willing to share recipes. Jean was happiest when friends and family joined her for conversation and a home cooked meal or cook out. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, brother William F. Cameron Jr., brother-in-law Buddy Rodriguez, and many dearly loved aunts, uncles and cousins.



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She is survived by her beloved husband James D. Morris, sister Sally Cameron Mello and brother-in-law James Mello, sister Judith Cameron Vaughan and brother-in-law Harry Vaughan, sister-in-law Josie Cameron, brother-in-law Edward Vaughan, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Betty Rodriguez and Joe Eckweiler, nieces and nephews Jeanne Mello Day (Richard), Frank Mello (Claire), Craig Mello, Roger Mello (EK), Chris Vaughan (Susie), Ty Vaughan, William S. Cameron, Sheryl Cameron Scheidel (Bobby), Sandy Cameron Adams (Lenny), Chris Rodriguez (Shannon), dear friend Beverly Perlson and numerous dearly loved cousins, great nieces and nephews and friends. Jean was a favorite "Auntie" to all of the children in the family and could always keep them entertained. Jean will be deeply missed by all who knew her. In lieu of flowers you might make a donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the charity of your choosing.



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MI

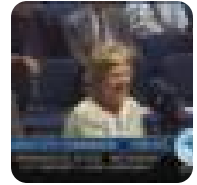
Michele shared an album called **Jean**.



March 5 at 9:31 AM

MI

Michele shared an album called **Memories Album**.



March 5 at 9:28 AM

MI

Michele lit a candle in honor of Jean.

I was, and am, still in shock seeing Jean had passed. I met her when our neighborhood was fighting the proposed zip line in Largo. We became very close friends and we spent so many hours together outside in her backyard (when the mosquitos would allow) drinking coffee, smoking and laughing, while sharing our similar strange ways with the creatures that wandered through our paths. Like why she had her husband's old baseball hat hanging outside because she knew the birds would nest in it each year, and that made perfect sense to me. We would discuss everything in life it seemed and it would almost always end up in laughter as we had to carry whatever topic it was to some ridiculous extreme. We would start chatting early afternoon most times, then look up and realize time had flown by and it would be midnight or later. Words cannot really describe...so I will not try...She was so easy and warm and enjoyable to be around, I truly loved her and am so very, very sorry I didn't make time to see her at her new home. She had the courage to fight for what she believed in, always talked about her family and friends, always cared for and loved her husband James and shared herself so genuinely and allowed me to do the same. I am honored to have gotten to know her, honored she called me friend, I will miss her terribly but will keep her laughter in my heart...until we meet again. I love you Jean and you will be so, so missed, Michele Dunaway



October 24 at 8:48 AM



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LW

Laura Works lit a candle in honor of Jean.

My husband and I had the pleasure of meeting Jeannie when she was our neighbor in Largo. She was instrumental in helping us defeat the city of Largo who wanted to put a Zipline in our small park behind our homes. We visited her new home in Clearwater a few times and she always made us feel welcome. We loved her emails and texts about Trump since we were also a supporter. I always heard about how much she loved her husband and knew she visited him often to make sure they treated him well in the nursing home. We moved up to Citrus County a year and a half ago and the last email I received from her was this past February. We were wanting to visit her again when we made it back to Pinellas County. I am so sorry now that we didn't have that chance. She will be truly missed. We are grateful to have known her even if it was a short time. We offer condolences to her family and wish we could make it there this Saturday. I have a broken ankle and can't get around easily. We will see her again when we meet up in heaven with our God.



October 24 at 8:48 AM

KD

Kathy Cameron Drajewicz posted:

So many memories of Jeannie at "The Lake" in the summer time. She loved to have me read to her from her collection of kids books. Her interest in her little cousin helped instill my love of reading to this day. Always welcoming to me and friends that I dragged to Florida for vacation, full of laughter and joy and great food. I will never forget your love of family, you will now be welcomed home by you Mom, Dad, and Billy. Your extended family of Aunts and Uncles and Cousins that have gone before you welcome you as well. The heavens are singing your praises..Till we meet again, Love, Kathy

October 28 at 5:45 PM

DC

Dave & Freddie Campbell posted:

Although we moved away over a year ago, we considered Jean as one of our new neighbors. She blended right in with her warm and friendly personality and was a beautiful and caring friend. Dave and Freddie Campbell

October 28 at 6:41 AM



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BR

Betty Rodriguez posted:

Jeannie it is so hard to believe that you are gone. Joe and I will miss you dearly. You were a wonderful caring person to everyone you met, Your passion for life, supporting our military and your unique way of helping your causes from the background. A warrior when needed and soft loving and caring wife, sister, daughter, and teacher. Your protective devotion and love for your "Sweet James" is undeniable. You will be missed by many.

October 25 at 9:07 AM

GW

Grace White posted:

Jeannie was an extraordinary woman who has been a blessing to our family and anyone who was able to have an encounter with her. This wonderful human being was so fun and full of life. Thanks to Jeannie, we will cherish the memories we had visiting her from Chicago. We will miss you Jeannie and we, too, will be celebrating you. Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O LORD, And let perpetual light shine upon her. And may she Rest In Peace. Amen Love, Mike, Grace and the Kids

October 24 at 5:37 PM

KA

Karen posted:

Jean was an incredibly kind friend that I met on FreeRepublic several years ago. We shared a love for this country and shared a love for our incredible military heroes. We exchanged personal email addresses and became even closer friends. One Christmas, the doorbell rang and there was a package from Jean at my door. I was so surprised to receive the package and equally as surprised to open the package to find homemade goodies that Jean made and sent to me. I'm a military widow and to have Jean as a friend was even more special as I grieved the loss of my beloved husband. I will miss Jean more than I can say. She now walks with God as does my beloved husband.

KarenRoseville, CA

October 24 at 4:49 PM



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KO

Katie Omalley posted:

I have met so many wonderful people over the years but Jeannie stands in a category all her own...a loving and loyal friend, a patriot and fighter for liberty....a passionate supporter of our military, our veterans and our President. She was extraordinary and anyone lucky enough to be in her world knows how special she was. And oh how she loved her sweet James....each of us will be lucky indeed if we ever have someone love us as much as she loved him.She will be missed by so many, touched so many lives and hearts, but we will continue to have Jeannie right next to us as we support the causes she loved. I love you Jeannie!

October 24 at 4:31 PM

CL

Chad Longell posted:

Where can I begin. When you happen to be blessed as much as I was with such an amazing friend as Jeannie, it is challenging to put such infinite love, care, compassion, conviction, faith and patriotism into a simple snap shot of a tribute. As soon as I had met Jeannie and James in the course of our shared passion to support the country we love, I knew I had met someone divinely special. I remember the numerous times where we broke bread and shared drinks talking about how great our country was and how much joy it brought to us to be able to express it in such dedicated and creative ways across DC. We shared stories and often laughed so hard to a point where we would be crying in hysterics. The patriotism and love for the very foundation of the life we all enjoyed, brought us close. But one personal attribute about her stood out from all the rest, and that was her love and compassion for those she cared for and believed in. Shortly after my return from my first deployment, to Iraq, I found myself in a dark and depressed place. Unemployed and despaired, she welcomed me home as a mother would to her child. And in those days when I found myself questioning my faith, self worth and purpose in life, Jeannie was there for me. In some of the darkest days of my short adult life (32 years now), she was there like an angel sent by God to convey a message of love and purpose that helped me get through that challenging trial and that is a blessing of love and grace that cannot be denied. There is an old saying, "show me your friends and I'll show you your future." If having Jeannie as a friend, as by the terms of that saying, I look forward then to a life full of passion, love, conviction and unwavering patriotism in the greatest country on earth. I just hope and pray that the values she showed me can guide me to a life worthy of having been connected to such an amazing angel of God. This isn't a goodbye Jeannie, it is a see you later. Guard the gates and watch over us, until we meet again in glory. All my love and prayers to all who knew and loved her. -Chad Longell-

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John Stewart posted:

I am devoted with the loss of Jean. Such a sweet lady. Such compassion. Such love of life. And, such love for our veterans and their family members. I am only happy knowing she is in God's living arms and that one day I shall once again be with this wonderful lady. Rest on peace, Jean. I love and miss you.

October 24 at 1:12 PM



Love, Andrea sent a virtual gift in honor of Jean.



October 24 at 1:04 PM

LA **Love, Andrea** October 24 at 1:06 PM

Jeannie, you will forever be missed. Your love for our country, your enthusiasm and your passion for fighting for what was right will never be forgotten. Miss you, my sweet, dear friend.



Pamela Geller shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jeannie Morris was a hero of mine -- in world sadly lacking in them. She was indefatigable. Bold, brave and deeply principled, Jeannie was always on call ready to do whatever needed to be done More than that she inspired us all with her boundless optimism and pluck. I love that woman and mourn our terrible loss. She lives on in all of us. We must all make her proud.



October 24 at 12:44 PM



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Beverly Perlson posted:

Jeannie Morris was a Patriot of the highest order. She and her "sweet James" traveled the country in support of our Troops and their beloved President Trump. Jeannie loved this country and she spent the last twelve years of her life devoted to James and the troop support movement. Jeannie had a heart of gold and a spine of steel, and a wonderfully sometimes "wicked" sense of humor. Her favorite read of the day was President Trump's tweets. She was a woman of noble character and kindness and a fierce defender of her sweet James, children, her country, and our military. I will miss my dear friend with a mighty heart. It was an absolute honor to have known her. I will strive everyday to celebrate her life, as she wished, and I rejoice that I was lucky enough to have known such a beautiful American Patriot. Beverly Perlson

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Michele March 5 at 10:04 AM

Excellent description! >>>> "Jeannie had a heart of gold and a spine of steel, and a wonderfully sometimes "wicked" sense of humor."



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That smile!



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jean by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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