



## Jeanne Wilkinson

November 7, 1931 - December 2, 2024

After 93 years of enjoying a wonderful life on this beautiful planet, our mom, Jeanne Wilkinson, had an appointment she was excited to make and did not want to be late for. If you knew her, you knew she hated being late and was ready for this next important visit because she was going to see our father and her husband of 30 years, Attorney Joseph T. Wilkinson, who had the same appointment 33 years ago.

Our mom would want us to say how grateful she was to have lived a long life filled with family, friends and faith. She was able to travel extensively and remained curious about everything and everyone. Always ready for a good chat, she rarely met a stranger.

We remember Mom with her giant smile and signature pixie cut in the stands literally and metaphorically watching us throughout our lives as we performed and participated in many things. Although we did not always excel in everything we did, she just wanted us to give whatever we attempted a good try.

Jeanne "Babe", as our father called her, loved teaching. She taught second grade, gym and special education for thirty years. Her memory remained excellent until her last appointment so she could still remember the names of most of her students and often shared stories about them.

She spent a few years as a full-time military wife; raising three kids, all under the age of five, while our dad was stationed overseas. She remembered every jet he flew and when, every place he was stationed, and the missions he flew.

He named the first jet he piloted "Jeanne" after her.

Mom served on the Nathan Littauer Hospital Auxiliary and Board, and the hospital foundation, Community Health Center, Broadalbin Youth Commission, Fulton County Retired Teachers Organization, and the Wilkinson Memorial Book Station, named in honor of her husband Joe. Our mom loved history, especially family and local history. She was born in Schoharie, NY on November 7, 1931, a daughter of Harold and Elizabeth Becker Warner.

Schoharie was known as the "breadbasket" of the American Revolution. Her family lived in the area for several generations and she joined the Daughters of the American Revolution when she was 18.

She received an award from the Masonic Temple in Broadalbin recognizing her years of community service.

Our mom actively volunteered for all the organizations she cared about into her early 90's. She had endless energy. She bicycled, cross-country skied, shoveled snow, and traveled well into her eighties.

Our mom was a Boilermaker graduating from Purdue University with a BA. She received a Masters from the State College at Oneonta and in 1973 took us to Spain where she worked on her Doctorate at the University of Madrid in Spain.

We knew Jeanne as our mom, but she was so many things to other people. She and her husband Joe founded and for several years were co-owners of the Olde Bryan Inn in Saratoga and the Olde Homestead in Burnt Hills. A friend of hers who had been her friend for fifty years said, "Those who know Jeanne best describe her as a loving wife, with a heart of gold, as someone said: "A more pleasant and caring person you will not find. She genuinely cares about people..... "We are blessed to have Jeanne living among us and serving our community as a dedicated and devoted volunteer. Jeanne is the conscience of our community. She knows the pulse of our community and is well-versed in the needs of our residents. Jeanne is not afraid to speak her mind. One never has to wonder where you stand with Jeanne. She will tell you! Jeanne is a true humanitarian who is concerned with the interests and

welfare of all and understands the importance of philanthropy.”

When asked about some of her primary interests, she would say the family, watching her grandchildren play sports, traveling, conferences on disability, volunteering for church projects and raising money.

Jeanne is survived by her three daughters and sons-in-law Debra and Tim Light of Broadalbin, NY, Sharon and Todd Griffith and Wendy Wilkinson Saez and Carlos Saez of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; Timothy Light and his wife Cate and their children Weston, Natalie and Tyler of Waddell Arizona, Hillary Strubel, her husband Heath and their children Kira and Haven of Houston, Texas; Avery Castleberry and her husband Nelson of Spanish Fork, Utah, Tara Boyd, her husband Marshall and their children Gavin, Gabriella, Grady and Gwen, Todd Griffith and his daughter Charlotte, Joseph Griffith, and his wife Daniella and their daughter Kai, and Hannah Griffith, all from Houston, and Kristin Fredericks, and her husband Gregory and their daughter Claire of Naperville, Ill.

Her faith was strong, she supported all the churches in Broadalbin and one in Summit Lake, NY, a special place for her. Mom always lived by a rule that was handed down to her by her beloved mother Elizabeth and this rule has always been an influence in her life...

“Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can”

(It is John Wesley’s rule: John Wesley was an Anglican minister and theologian born in the 1700’s.)

Mom started her day with his Morning Prayer—“Lord open my eyes to my opportunity to bless someone unexpectedly today.”

Mom, it's impossible to capture in words everything you were to your family, friends and the world. We will love you forever and will always carry you in our hearts and see you in our dreams.

Mom said, "To love what you do and feel that it matters in helping someone is a great feeling!"

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 1 – 3 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A memorial service will follow at 3pm at the funeral home with Rev. Dr. R.W. Williams officiating. Final burial will be in the spring at the Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice, in care of the funeral home.

We would like to especially thank Mountain Valley Hospice nurses, Suzie, Robin, and Megan and friends Carol Sleezer, Debbie Dake and Lydia Reed for their continuous comfort and support for our mom and family.

#### SERVICE INFORMATION UPDATE:

Final burial will take place 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery, North Main St. Broadalbin.

# Cemetery Details

## Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetary

Broadalbin, NY 12025

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

DEC 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

## Final Burial

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MAY 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery  
N Main St  
Broadalbin, NY 12025

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Debra L. purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Jeanne Wilkinson.



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Debra L. - May 12, 2025 at 01:26 PM

MT

“ I will always cherish Dear Jeanne’s smile, her positive attitude and ENCOURAGEMENT; sending Blessings Everywhere to Everyone. I will miss her wise words about Family and Love.  
Martha Tyson

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martha tyson - December 13, 2024 at 01:12 AM



“ What a wonderfully full life so many were able to witness. From long ago we kids were always intrigued when your mom visited our mom, Shirley Brisley, back in her hometown of Schoharie. May her memory be a blessing.

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Susan Strangia - December 06, 2024 at 09:59 PM

LM

“ Lee and Kathy (Konieczny) Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeanne Wilkinson.

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Lee and Kathy (Konieczny) Miller - December 06, 2024 at 11:54 AM

LM

“ Lee and Kathy (Konieczny) Miller purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Jeanne Wilkinson.



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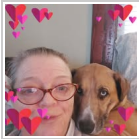
**Lee and Kathy (Konieczny) Miller** - December 06, 2024 at 11:54 AM

KR

“ Jeanne was friends with my mother and stepfather Lillian and Burlin Argotsinger. I knew her through working at Nathan Littauer Hospital. She was the epitome of a "Class Act", gracious, articulate, kind and with a smile that could light up a room. My deepest condolences to her family.

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**Kathie Rohrs** - December 05, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ Jeanne, How my heart breaks, knowing that I'll never have the opportunity to hug you again. Make you laugh. Listen to your wisdom... Just to be around you was a joy.. I am happy and very blessed to have had you in my life. You made a big impact on my life and others. . You were always kind and always had positive things to say. I will miss you terribly. But... I know your at peace with your maker. God Bless You Jeanne... RIP... Your friend Gabby (NYOH)

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**Gab Ellers** - December 04, 2024 at 04:27 PM

RM

“ Our paths crossed many times around Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home. An honor to have been a small part of her beautiful personality. May we meet again in heaven. R. Curtis Mills, MD

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**R.Curtis Mills,MD** - December 04, 2024 at 12:24 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth Magliocca lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Wilkinson



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Elizabeth Magliocca - December 03, 2024 at 07:52 PM

LU

“ Such a beautiful sweet lady & will be missed by so many.



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Lucy - December 03, 2024 at 07:11 PM

JS

“ We talked a few times at her camp. She was delightful, always a smile.

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James L. Smith - December 03, 2024 at 07:00 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Jeanne's passing and am happy that she lived a long life and she knew how to enjoy herself. She often talked of family members and was busy visiting them out of state. I knew Jeanne through my Dad, Dale, who helped folks like Jeanne, Tim & Debbie Light, Dorothy Kruger, Gretchen Haight and Danny on Maple Avenue in Broadalbin with odd jobs in his retirement. Since my Dad passed away in late 2016, I remember many times helping him on his daily jobs when I was on lay off. Winter time kept us busy with shoveling Jeanne's walkways and the spacious deck in back. Memories are priceless so he many friends will be remembering her. Rest in Peace

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**Ian Zukswert** - December 03, 2024 at 03:10 PM

NP

“ Jeanne reached over and took my hand when I started to weep during Dorothy Kruger's funeral. That small act of kindness settled my emotions and I have always remembered her kindness to me in that moment. RIP, Jeanne. Norma Platt

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**Norma Platt** - December 03, 2024 at 11:09 AM

WC

“ The passing of this diminutive giant will leave a large hole in the fabric of our civic, religious, and moral community. As a former Mayor of Broadalbin, and a former Executive director of our local county United Way, it was my pleasure and privilege to work with Jeanne on many projects and committees. If there was a dinner at any of the local churches you would always see Jeanne, our own Energizer Bunny, serving food, clearing tables, or just otherwise lending a helping hand. As someone said, you always knew where you stood and if your opinion was contrary to hers, she would patiently explain why you were totally wrong. In the last few years we haven't had much contact, but just the mention of her name in conversation would bring a warm feeling to me . God bless you Jeanne and enjoy catching up with family and friends.

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**William Clizbe** - December 03, 2024 at 09:43 AM

YS

“ Your friends at SPN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeanne Wilkinson.

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**Your friends at SPN** - December 03, 2024 at 09:33 AM

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“ Your friends at SPN purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Jeanne Wilkinson.



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**Your friends at SPN** - December 03, 2024 at 09:33 AM

LE

“ *Lorraine Eglin lit a candle in memory of Jeanne Wilkinson*



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**Lorraine Eglin** - December 03, 2024 at 09:27 AM

NR

*So sorry to hear about Jeannie's passing. RIP and God Speed to an awesome example of dignity and class.*

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**Norman Reyome** - December 04, 2024 at 09:37 AM

LE

“ *Mrs Wilkinson was such a sweet loving teacher I had the pleasure of enjoying her teaching in the classroom at Broadalbin elementary school also thru the yrs with the many chats about family, school days, and pretty much "just catching up" with her at NLH gift shop, or few x at a school sports event her granddaughter was vs against my daughter in basketball we would run into each other briefly catch up or hello and how r u..I could go on but she left many great memories with me and will forever be remembered..  
May she rest in peace and enjoy her reconnection with her husband..hugs and prayers go to all her family*

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**Lorraine Eglin** - December 03, 2024 at 09:26 AM

SM

“ So very sad to hear this. I've known Jeannie for many years. She was such a gentle woman and a true sweetheart. My husband John stopped by to talk to her one day. He ended up coming home with some of the snow ball plants in front of her house and planted them. This was many, many years ago, and they are still beautiful. Every time I see them I think of Jeannie. prayers for her family and may she RIP.



Sharon Mench - December 03, 2024 at 09:14 AM

TV

“ Todd, Melissa, Charlotte, Von and Viv purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Jeanne Wilkinson.



Todd, Melissa, Charlotte, Von and Viv - December 03, 2024 at 04:19 AM

LL

“ I worked with Jeannie for many years in the School St. school. She was a true gem. May your memories bring you peace.  
Laurie Lawton



Laurie B Lawton - December 02, 2024 at 10:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeanne Wilkinson.

December 02, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Asymmetrical Cremation Arrangement- All White was purchased for the family of Jeanne Wilkinson.



December 02, 2024 at 09:33 PM



“ Jeanne was a friend from the 5400 community in Holmes Beach, Florida for many years. She was the voice of reason always, especially regarding Board meetings. I always respected her and will never forget her smile. She will be missed. My sympathy to her daughters and her extended family. Kass Fitzpatrick

**Kass Fitzpatrick** - December 02, 2024 at 08:58 PM