



## Jane Ellet Hukill

February 12, 1933 - May 23, 2026

"She was a force." Her family described her as confident and no nonsense; fierce and feisty; generous and steadfast; but also, sassy. She threw herself into her community at all phases of life.

At college, Jane Serena Ellet studied English, pledged the Tri-Delta sorority and was an avid fan of University of Michigan football team. She met her future husband Bob Hukill at the University of Michigan. As a young Mom of four children at Chadds Ford Elementary School, she led the PTA, taught Sunday school and was active in scouting. Later, as a professional librarian, she developed a modest library in a small colonial farmhouse into a modern campus facility at Brandywine College. She earned a Master of Library Science at Villanova and retired as Director of the Delaware Campus Library of Widener University. Jane was involved with college accreditations through Middle States Association, served as a member of the American Library Association, the Delaware Library Association and Tri-State College Library Cooperative, and the Wilmington Institute Library Long Range Planning Committee.

As she entered mid-life, she embraced continual life learning programs beginning with Elderhostel and continuing with Washington College Academy of Life-Long Learning in both administrative and teaching capacities. In the

late 1980's, she studied emergent scholarly initiatives for addressing lifestyle desires and needs of seniors. She became a founding member of HomePorts in Chestertown and chaired the Heron Point board of directors. She also served on the Board of Peninsula United Methodist Homes (PUMH) and the ACTS Heron Point of Chestertown. She was active as both as a fundraiser, volunteer and board member with Chester River Health Foundation and the Chester River Health System. She supported the Mainstay. Jane valued education and acts of giving back. She was a member of the Kent School Board of Trustees, Horizons, and Children's Home Foundation. She was active with Christ Church IU vestry and was registrar of the parish. Jane received the Washington College President's Award for her exemplary record of sustained and acknowledged contribution to the quality of life in Chestertown, Kent County and Washington College,

Jane loved her life in Kent County, Maryland where she settled with her husband Robert Peverley Hukill, Sr. after her children were grown. Together, they boated all over the Chesapeake Bay until he died in 1994--when she downsized to a smaller boat which she could handle singlehandedly. She transitioned from tennis to golf. Soon, she found ways to integrate golf into her charitable work and instigated the Pink Polar Bear tournament benefiting breast cancer. She was very proud of being the club women's 9-hole champion in 2008. In time, her four children married and had children of their own adding nine grandchildren to her family. In recent years, twelve great grandchildren have called her "GGMom."

She is survived by daughters Peverley Hukill (Jon Spain) and Elizabeth "Bid" Hukill, and Timothy Hukill (Robin Law). Her son Robert P. Hukill Jr. predeceased her. Her grandchildren include Robert Peverley Hukill III "Robbie" (Bethany Morris) Taylor Behrends Hukill (Courtney Van Dyne), Katie Carlson Hukill, Sydney Frances Schreppler (Thomas Barter), Hayley Ellet

Schreppler Peters (John Peters), John Joseph Schreppler (Cricket Slattery), Kerry Elizabeth Spain (Wade Rittler), Jon Buchanan Spain, and Carly Elizabeth Weeks (Jonathan Thomas). Her great grandchildren are Robert Peverley Hukill IV, Graham Morris Hukill, John Joseph Schreppler "Jack" IV, Jane Ellet Schreppler, Bee Faix Schreppler, Peverley Ellet Peters "Peppy," Russell Ellet Peters, Otis Sydney Barter, Phoebe Frances Barter, Cameron Lane Hukill, Palmer Rae Hukill and Ocke Behrends Hukill.

Throughout her life, Jane had an affable dog by her side. She was in her element amidst the happy chaos of generations of family assembling at her home on Still Pond for holidays and extended weekends. Guests often brought their own dogs, friends and favorite recipes to the music and merriment. She loved to laugh--frequently prefacing her story with "it was hilarious." Her dock always had small flotilla tied to it during the summer; and her driveway was filled with a myriad of vehicles. She was adamant that she would stay in her home until the end. She succeeded.

Memorial Service, Saturday May 30, 2026, 10:00am, 25328 Lambs Meadow Road, Worton MD

Reception immediately following service--Chester River Yacht and Country Club, 7738 Quaker Neck Road, Chestertown MD

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Church I.U. (Episcopal)  
25328 Lambs Meadow Rd  
Worton, MD 21678

## Reception

MAY 30 (ET)

Chester River Yacht & Country Club  
7738 Quaker Neck Rd  
Chestertown, MD 21620-4707  
(410) 778-3818

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Jane Ellet Hukill*



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**Luisa's Cucina Italiana** - June 01 at 11:14 PM

ND

“ *The ladies of the Children's Home Foundation remember Jane with great fondness. She was a fierce advocate for students, both traditional and non-traditional, from Maryland's eastern shore in their attempt to gain further education and skills to compete and survive in today's world. Jane's enthusiasm and professionalism will be missed.*

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**Nance duPont** - May 31 at 08:36 AM

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“ *I had the great pleasure of having Jane as a neighbor. Jane always had a wonderful way about her easy to be around . Always had a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed. Barry and Nancy Conner*

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**Nancy Conner** - May 30 at 09:41 PM

“ My memory of Jane Hukill goes back to her days at Brandywine College, which later became a campus of Widener University. The date was spring of 1974, I believe, and I was a freshman at Brandywine and worked part-time in the campus library under Mrs. Hukill. One night, there was an arson fire in my dorm. We all evacuated safely but the arsonist was never caught and there were continued "prank" calls that the torcher was coming again. We were evacuated due to fire alarms multiple time. The smell of smoke remained around the campus, even though the dorm which had the fire was emptied for the remaining of the year and we were moved to the other dorm across campus.



Needless to say, this "country girl" had never experienced anything like all that and I was a wreck each night. I feared going to sleep, thinking that the dorm would be torched. Mrs. Hukill saw that I was struggling and kindly invited me to her home for a long weekend to be away from campus and recuperate myself and settle my mind down. Just being away and in a home filled with love and kindness did the trick and I was pretty much back to normal.

I have always remembered that kindness, and regret that I never realized that the Jane Hukill in Kent County, MD was the same woman I had worked for, since I live in neighboring Queen Anne's County.

This is not about me, but wanted the family to know the impact she had a young college student many years ago. She is remembered fondly by me.

My condolences and prayers to all,

*Billie Pelke Carroll, class of 1975 Brandywine College*

LS

“ I took a few classes with Jane at WC-ALL. Jane was every part the cheeky, wise and good humored leader of the class discussions. I loved her classes and knew I was in the presence of a very cool woman!  
Sail on Jane .... You rocked !!

Liz Smith - May 28 at 06:07 PM

MR

“ Maryann Ruhermund lit a candle in memory of Jane Ellet Hukill



Maryann Ruhermund - May 28 at 03:33 PM

MR

Ruehrmund...

I had the absolute pleasure of working with Jane for 15 +/- years as the executive director of the Chester River Health Foundation and Chief Development Officer for the system... and whole-heartedly agree with: "She was a force.....confident and no nonsense; fierce and feisty; generous and steadfast; but also, sassy. She threw herself into her community at all phases of life."

Most of all, she was a good friend who intensely loved her family and community. She will be missed.

Maryann Ruehrmund - May 28 at 03:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jane Ellet Hukill.*



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May 28 at 02:28 PM



“ *Brenda Rocconi Gallegos, Carl Gallegos purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jane Ellet Hukill.*



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**Brenda Rocconi Gallegos, Carl Gallegos** - May 28 at 09:43 AM



“ *Jane was definitely a warm and loving person. I knew her from the Hospital Auxiliary and from Home Ports. We should all strive to be a kind, non judgemental and caring person like Jane. That would touch Jane's heart. She was generous with her talents and efforts for whatever cause she enjoyed being a part of. My sincere condolences to Jane's family. May she always be remembered for her sincerity.*



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**Rita and Eddie Kulley** - May 28 at 08:40 AM



“ *Savory Snack Gift Box was purchased for the family of Jane Ellet Hukill.*



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May 27 at 02:58 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this news.....Jane was a lovely, kind and generous human...the very best kind! Her legacy should make her loved ones so very proud. Prayers for all who loved herxoxo Libby Rice*

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**Libby Rice** - May 27 at 11:26 AM



“ *Marian Wyble lit a candle in memory of Jane Ellet Hukill*



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**Marian Wyble** - May 27 at 09:15 AM