



## Jean Brown Gillespie

May 3, 1940 - March 9, 2014

Jean Brown Gillespie of Chestertown, MD, died on March 9, 2014, at her home. She was 73.

She was born in Ridgley, MD, the daughter of the late Eugene and Laura Quimby Brown. Jean was a graduate of Sudlersville High School and attended Chesapeake College. She worked as secretary to the president of Sudlersville Bank until 1969.

She married Edward Stevens Gillespie on June 28, 1969.

Jean was very active in the Chestertown Garden Club. Her passion was growing and showing roses in which she won numerous blue ribbon awards in flower shows. She and her husband traveled extensively, including spending many winter months in Barbados and Florida. Jean was also active with the women's golf association at Chester River Yacht and Country Club, Chestertown, and San Carlos Country Club, Fort Myers, FL. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and was known for her contagious laugh and wry sense of humor. She will be missed by many, and mostly by her beloved husband, Edward.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Mary Elizabeth Evans and her husband Leonard of Chestertown, Todd Stevens Gillespie and

his wife Julie of Chestertown, MD, James Edward Gillespie and his wife Erin of Chestertown, Deborah Gillespie Gazzo and her husband John of Warwick, MD, Stevens Victor Gillespie and his wife Patricia of Charlotte, NC; along with fifteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Carlton Brown and his wife Ellen of Bridgeton, NJ, and Linda Berwick and her husband Walt of Selbyville, DE; and a sister-in-law, Margaret Gillespie Albertsen of Chestertown, MD. One son, the late Richard Baxter Phillips, Jr., predeceased her in June of 2012, along with two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2014, at 1 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call on Saturday, March 15 from 7-9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Chester River Hospital Auxiliary Nurses Scholarship Fund, 100 Brown Street, Chestertown, MD 21620, or American Cancer Society Tribute Giving, 8400 Silver Crossing, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

MAR 16 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - April 04, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ *Jean Brown Gillespie*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Jean Brown Gillespie*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jean Brown Gillespie*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Ralph And Sara Buckel lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



**Ralph and Sara Buckel** - March 17, 2014 at 11:09 AM

CO

“ *Conniewise lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**conniewise** - March 15, 2014 at 05:52 PM

LC

“ *Sorry to hear this. When Tracie Coleman Gunther and I were selling Electroluxes, we went to see Eddie & Jean to see if they would buy one. Of course, we started down the road to their house, which suspiciously got narrower and narrower. Halfway through we realized that we were on the golf cart path on the golf course in mom's brown Ford Torino stationwagon. It was too late to go backwards so we hurriedly cut across the first available space in between houses, and sure enough the yard we cut through was Jean's and Eddie's. We ventured on bravely to ring their bell...Eddie was incredulous - watching it all from his kitchen table as he choked on his breakfast and Jean was roaring with hysterics. Very forgiving people - they bought a vacuum cleaner and made our day. They also supported me later when I travelled with Up With People. My parents thought a lot of both Jean and Eddie. My prayers are with the family; she was a wonderful lady.*

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**Liz Clements** - March 13, 2014 at 08:19 AM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Marie Usilton** - March 12, 2014 at 06:03 PM

CJ

“ Cheryl Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie



Cheryl Jacobs - March 12, 2014 at 12:36 PM

FD

“ Frankie And Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie



Frankie and Jane Dill - March 12, 2014 at 07:09 AM

MH

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Jean. My sincere condolences to the family and may God bless you and keep you all.



Martha Roe Herman - March 11, 2014 at 09:26 PM

GS

“ Miss Jean I remember bowling on Wednesday morning. We had a blast

Grace Slagle - March 11, 2014 at 08:16 PM

GS

“ Grace Slagle lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie



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**Grace Slagle** - March 11, 2014 at 08:15 PM

VR

“ Valerie Reihl lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie



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**Valerie Reihl** - March 11, 2014 at 07:55 PM

LH

“ Laura And Dennis Hermann lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie



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**Laura and Dennis Hermann** - March 11, 2014 at 04:33 PM

KP

“ *Mary Beth was one of my first friends as a teenager. When they lived in MILLINGTON (now my uncle lives in that house)..she invited about six girls to watch the Miss America pageant. I remember her mother as beautiful and most fashionable. That was nearly 40 years ago, I remember the party she threw for us, letting us wear some of her beautiful clothes. She was so elegant, funny and nice. So sorry for your loss Mary Beth, I love having this memory of her and you. Karen Marvel Powell*



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**Karen Marvel Powell** - March 11, 2014 at 03:42 PM

SD

“ *Sheila Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Sheila Dlugoborski** - March 11, 2014 at 03:39 PM

CW

“ *To all the Gillespie Family:  
George and I are so sorry for your loss. Jean was the life of the party. She loved all her family. May her legacy live on in each and everyone of you. Sending lots of prayers to all of you as you go through such a difficult time.  
George and Candy Wilson*

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**Candy Wilson** - March 11, 2014 at 02:50 PM

SU

“ *Susie lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Susie** - March 11, 2014 at 02:37 PM

JB

“ *Joyce & Wayne Bradley lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Joyce & Wayne Bradley** - March 11, 2014 at 10:12 AM

VD

“ *Vicky Downes lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Vicky Downes** - March 11, 2014 at 08:42 AM

 Cheryl  
Hurt

“ *Such a wonderful lady. I have many fond memories of her and think of her often. She will be missed.*

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**Cheryl Hurt** - March 11, 2014 at 08:11 AM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - March 11, 2014 at 07:51 AM

TR

“ *Tina Raleigh lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



Tina Raleigh - March 11, 2014 at 07:50 AM

SH

“ *Shelley And Ed Hillyer lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



Shelley and Ed Hillyer - March 11, 2014 at 06:41 AM



“ *I have many fond memories of times with the family. Miss Jean was always at the heart of them. My prayers for the family are that the void she has left in your hearts will be filled by the many memories including the love she had for each of you.*



Nancy Coleman - March 11, 2014 at 05:48 AM

DS

“ *Debby Schelts lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



Debby Schelts - March 11, 2014 at 05:42 AM

DS

*So sorry to learn of this loss. She will be missed by her many friends. Treasure the good times. Keeping all in my prayers.*  
Debby Engrem Schelts

Debby Schelts - March 11, 2014 at 05:43 AM



“ *I'm so very sorry to hear this. Lots of great memories of wonderful times with her. Thinking of you all.*

Retha Arrabal - March 11, 2014 at 04:34 AM

MT

“ *Melissa Thomas lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



melissa thomas - March 10, 2014 at 09:56 PM

PE

“ *Peggy States Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



Peggy States Edwards - March 10, 2014 at 08:03 PM

PE

*Eddie and family: I was so sorry to hear of Jean's death. What a beautiful lady she was. I know there are so many memories in your hearts that will live on forever. I am proud to say I have a few. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I will always remember her for her beautiful smile, never saw her without one. I pray God will be with you all during this difficult time. Love to all. Peggy States and Carlton Edwards*

**Peggy States Edwards** - March 10, 2014 at 08:07 PM

LC

“ *Luisa's Cafe lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



**Luisa's Cafe** - March 10, 2014 at 07:30 PM

JB

“ *Eddie and all her family, I was so shocked to learn about Jeannie.....she will be missed! Sending prayers your way!!!!*



**Joyce Benton** - March 10, 2014 at 06:09 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



**Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell** - March 10, 2014 at 05:53 PM

GW

“ *Ginger Wheat lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**ginger wheat** - March 10, 2014 at 04:56 PM

GC

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville** - March 10, 2014 at 03:41 PM

JD

“ *Julie Donovan lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Julie Donovan** - March 10, 2014 at 03:17 PM

DH

“ *Denise Hepbron sent a virtual gift in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Denise Hepbron** - March 10, 2014 at 02:17 PM

DJ

“ *Donna Jamar lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Donna Jamar** - March 10, 2014 at 02:11 PM

GC

“ *Guy & Susie Comegys lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Guy & Susie Comegys** - March 10, 2014 at 01:45 PM

HH

“ *Harriette Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Harriette Hall** - March 10, 2014 at 01:34 PM

DI

“ *Debi & Craig Ingram lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Debi & Craig Ingram** - March 10, 2014 at 12:07 PM

SM

“ *Susan Martinez lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Susan Martinez** - March 10, 2014 at 10:06 AM

DF

“ *Donna Herr & Family lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Donna Herr & Family** - March 10, 2014 at 10:05 AM

MW

“ *Marian Wyble lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Marian Wyble** - March 10, 2014 at 10:03 AM

CP

“ *Chris & Danielle Pierzynski lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Chris & Danielle Pierzynski** - March 10, 2014 at 09:45 AM

EP

“ *Eddie Price lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**eddie price** - March 10, 2014 at 09:38 AM

WM

“ *Wayne Merchant lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**wayne merchant** - March 10, 2014 at 08:26 AM

JB

“ *Jack And Anne Bigelow lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Jack and Anne Bigelow** - March 10, 2014 at 06:43 AM

TG

“ *Tony And Donna Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Tony and Donna Gibbons-Neff** - March 10, 2014 at 06:31 AM

RJ

“ *ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**ROBBIE-ROBIN JOINER** - March 10, 2014 at 06:19 AM

FD

“ *Franklin And Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Franklin and Jane Dill** - March 09, 2014 at 09:54 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Charles & Donna Edwards** - March 09, 2014 at 08:24 PM

BB

“ *Bill & Eileen Brice lit a candle in memory of Jean Brown Gillespie*



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**Bill & Eileen Brice** - March 09, 2014 at 08:12 PM