



## Jean Blackman Todd

June 24, 1924 - February 1, 2013

Martha Jean Blackman Todd of Ruthsburg left this life on Friday, February 1, 2013. Jean charmed all those she met with her beaming smile, cheerful outlook, and capacity for fun. She was 88.

Jean was born June 24, 1924, in Clarksburg, WV, to the late, Judson Silas Blackman and Martha Carskadon Blackman. With her sister, Mary Blackman Brewster, the family of four moved to the Western Shore of Maryland when Jean was twelve. Graduating from Catonsville High School, Class of 1942, she then went on to the University of Maryland where she studied and enjoyed sorority life.

On February 12, 1949, she married Ben Sparks Todd and resided on the family farm at Lynch Cove. While raising their two sons, Jean explored many creative pursuits. Todd Brothers relocated to the Eastern Shore in 1966. Having enjoyed the craft of eggery while living in Dundalk, Jean pursued this further with a shop, "Busy Hands" for a short period in the mid-1970's. Those creations of Jean's eggery have been termed "museum-quality" when seen on exhibit. Also, Jean took painting classes and traveled about with like-minded friends painting, primarily, local buildings. Many of these are no longer standing. All this while traveling around the world with Ben to visit her sister at various locations where Mary's husband, Ambassador Robert Brewster, had been assigned.

Mrs. Todd was predeceased by her beloved husband, Ben. She is survived by her sister Mary of Washington, DC; her sons, Philip of Stevensville and Tom and his wife, Harriet of Ruthsburg; and numerous WV; and great nieces and nephews. She always enjoyed the company of her grandchildren, Mary Meghan of Edgewater and Ben and his wife, AnneMarie of Spring City, PA. Jean was especially delighted to be great-grandma to their three-year-old daughter, Carmella Marie Todd.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at 10:00 AM with a luncheon to follow. The internment at Todd's Inheritance on North Point Road at a later date will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions will be welcome for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 301 S. Liberty St., Centreville, MD 21617 or Todd's Inheritance Historic Site, c/o Carolyn Mroz, Bay Vanguard, 7114 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21219 with the sincere thanks of Jean's family.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
301 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Blackman Todd*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Jean Blackman Todd*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jean Blackman Todd*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I first met Jean at her craft store in Easton. Later she became a near by friend and we attended many Ruthsburg Women's functions together. She was one of the kindest and sweetest ladies I know. Ed and I are away right now but we send our sincere sympathy to her family and all her many friends.*

Harriet S. Caporin - February 05, 2013 at 12:47 PM



“ *Harriet S. Caporin lit a candle in memory of Jean Blackman Todd*



Harriet S. Caporin - February 05, 2013 at 12:42 PM

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“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of Jean Blackman Todd*



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**Brenda Beaver** - February 05, 2013 at 08:48 AM

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“ *Lynda And Gene Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Jean Blackman Todd*



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**Lynda and Gene Palmatary** - February 04, 2013 at 05:49 PM

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*To the Todd Family: It was always a great pleasure to chat with Mrs. Todd and she always had that special smile. She was in the room with my mother at Easton Hospital back in 2005 and they both enjoyed each mother so much. Ms. Jean will surely be missed by many and she is now at peace in heaven with our Blessed Savior. Blessings and prayers to your family. Lynda and Gene Palmatary, Centreville.*

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**Lynda and Gene Palmatary** - February 04, 2013 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Jean Blackman Todd*



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**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - February 02, 2013 at 10:35 AM