



Joann Wennerberg Valliant

October 11, 1931 - April 18, 2018

Joann Wennerberg Valliant of Corsica Neck, Centreville, MD, died peacefully at home on April 18, 2018. She was 86 years old. Mrs. Valliant was born on October 11, 1931, to Dr. Gunnar Wennerberg and Ethel Bacon Wennerberg in San Diego, CA.

Mrs. Valliant grew up in Winnetka, IL, and traveled frequently as a child, her father Dr. Wennerberg, being a U.S. Navy Captain, and Oral Surgeon. She spent a portion of her childhood in Peking (now Beijing) and Shanghai, China, then being covertly transferred to Manila, Philippines, during the Japanese invasion of China. Mrs. Valliant graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Valliant excelled in the arts in oil painting and studied under Carmen Davis in Easton, MD. She enjoyed painting and taught art at The Gunston and Kent Schools.

Continuing her fondness of travel as an adult Mrs. Valliant traveled frequently with her husband to Eastern and Western Europe, the British Isles, Russia, Central and South America, and the Portuguese Islands. A favorite destination while raising children was the Coast of Maine. Classical music and opera were also lifetime passions, sharing the love of music with her late husband, James Wilmer Valliant.

Mrs. Valliant married James Wilmer Valliant of Centreville in 1958 and settled down in Centreville. After moving to a lovely woodland property on the Corsica River with her husband and growing family, she survived her husband James' (Jimmy's) obsession/passion with his holly, azalea, and rhododendron gardening, and his learning and caring for his subjects.

Mrs. Valliant is survived by her three children; six grandchildren, Bruce J. Valliant, and his wife, Mary Ellen, Mary Reed Valliant and her husband Ridgely Kelly, John Valliant, engaged to Virginia Page Cushing; Alexander G. Rogers, Philip G. Valliant, James H. Rogers, Mary Shea Valliant, Benjamin S. Valliant and Patrick Egan Valliant. She had no siblings. Mrs. Valliant was preceded in death by her husband in July 2017.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on April 26 at St. Paul's Parish, in Centreville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions should be made in Mrs. Valliant's memory to St. Paul's Parish, PO Box 278, Centreville, MD 21617.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joann Wennerberg Valliant*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joann Wennerberg Valliant*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joann Wennerberg Valliant*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

EC

“ *Our sincerest condolences to you John, and your family. May time and wonderful memories assist you in your loss.
Earl Chambers and family.*

Earl chambers - April 25, 2018 at 06:32 PM

HV

“ *I loved Joann. She was not always easy but once you bypassed the tough parts you were able to see her passion, and joy for life. On many occasions I would go to her defense telling all, and I say this with a light heart, "That's why the term Navy Brat was invented." I so enjoyed listening to her rich experiences of traveling, and felt sorry for China who took her teddy bear when she and her family had to be evacuated Out of the blue she would share how much she loved her grandchildren, family, and friends. My prayers are with all who loved her, and may time heal the pain and sorrow. Love, Helen Valliant*

Helen I Valliant - April 21, 2018 at 07:09 AM

RP

“ *Royden & JoAnn Powell lit a candle in memory of Joann Wennerberg Valliant*



Royden & JoAnn Powell - April 19, 2018 at 04:06 PM

MC

“ Scot and I have the entire Valliant Family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss. We pray for healing and comfort through the beautiful memories of Mrs. Valliant.

Maureen Chapman - April 19, 2018 at 10:39 AM

BL

“ Beth (Fuchs) Lacey lit a candle in memory of Joann Wennerberg Valliant



Beth (Fuchs) Lacey - April 19, 2018 at 10:15 AM

LP

“ Reed and family: Thinking of you in our prayers and thoughts in the loss of your mother. Blessings are with you and may her memories help you each day. God bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary



Lynda Palmatary - April 18, 2018 at 10:43 PM

DC

“ David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Joann Wennerberg Valliant



David and June Clark - April 18, 2018 at 09:51 PM