



Jean B. Rohrer

January 15, 1935 - September 17, 2022

Jean B. Rohrer, 87, of Hershey, passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2022. She died peacefully in her sleep. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Dr. George Victor "Vic" Rohrer.

The fourth child of Scottish immigrants, Jean was born in Henrietta, Oklahoma, on January 15, 1935, the daughter of the late James and Christine (Guthrie) Blair, originally both from the Glasgow area. Her brothers were Gavin (Guy), Robert (Bobby), and James (Jimmy) Blair. She is survived by her loving sister Christine (Blair) Jones, of Raytown, MO.

Jean grew up in Henrietta, the daughter of her coalminer father and homemaker mother. She graduated from Henrietta High School and proudly wore her high school ring, even into her later years. As a young girl and woman, she was an accomplished artist and loved to draw portraits and still lifes in pencil and chalk.

She met her husband Vic when they both were attending Oklahoma State University in the mid 1950's. They married in 1956. After graduation they started their family in 1958 and raised their four children in Oklahoma City until relocating to central Pennsylvania in 1971, when Vic was recruited to the Department of Radiology at the newly opened Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

As avid animal lovers, our parents imparted this love to each of us. Our mother kept a meticulously detailed list of all the family pets. There was a total of 33 different pets, including horses, ponies, dogs, cats, three white mice,

and a Cecropia moth named Michael. She was especially fond of cats - strays or otherwise - and had 15 felines throughout the years, the last being her beloved tuxedo female, Fifi.

After the children were out of the house, Jean went back to school at Penn State Harrisburg and got her bachelors in Political Science. She was always interested in local and national politics and participated on Lebanon County campaigns and committees, as well as with the League of Women Voters. In 1996, our mother planned, organized, and booked a family trip to her ancestral home of Scotland. We stayed on a huge old estate with curved stone staircases, music rooms with instruments and tall high ceilings, a dining room with the longest table we had ever seen, and a cozy kitchen that became the center of socializing. All her living siblings, their spouses, as well as our entire immediate family gathered and had a very memorable time exploring the gorgeous terrain.

Surviving are her four children, Laura Charelian, wife of Michael of Annville, Elizabeth Rohrer of Grantville, Todd Rohrer, husband of Loretta of Harrisburg, Jon Rohrer, husband of Kathryn Gordon of Camp Hill. Her four grandchildren include Samantha Blair Charelian, Claire Rohrer, Sagan Rohrer, and Cory Coolidge. The most recent addition to the family, Samantha's boyfriend of 3 ½ years, Peter, has been such a joy and a comfort to us at this time, with his strength and shared love for our mother, Jean.

A great cook, we will never forget all the countless meals our mother made over the years, especially her Scottish spare ribs and our Dad's favorite apple pie. Mom loved bird watching and horticulture, always felt that family was number one, and we feel the same way about her. We will miss her more than words can say.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Special thanks to Spang Crest of Lebanon for their support, professionalism, and care. Creamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Annville, is handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers our mother would say the best way to honor her would be to get out and vote in every election!

Tribute Wall

AA

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Rohrer's wife Jean. I worked with Dr. Rohrer for many years at the Lebanon Valley General Hospital in Lebanon. He was recruited by Dr. Lottie Varano to provide coverage for our X-ray department. The employees of the X-ray department had several summer parties at the Rohrer farm and we always paid our annual Halloween visit to your beautiful farm home. Your mother was an absolute delight -- greeting us and making us feel at home and providing us with wonderful food. I left LVGH in 1989 but did see Dr. Rohrer several times after that and twice ran into him and Jean at the Hershey Pantry. Both your parents were just 2 great people and I often thought of them. I do remember your whole family -- you were all just young kids at the time. My heartfelt sympathy -- you have lost a wonderful mother.

Alice Albert - September 25, 2022 at 04:50 PM

CK

“ I first met Jean when I was at O.U. just after she and Victor were married. I was not surprised that she was also a student in the medical field. He had aspired to that when we were just kids. She was a rock for him as she has been for the family. She will be missed by all. Charlene

Charlene Kendrick - September 21, 2022 at 01:50 PM

AA

I forgot to share that one of your mother's kittens came from me. He was a yellow kitten who came into our house as a stray but we could not keep him. Your dad and mother came to our house to pick him up on a Sunday evening and we had a delightful time visiting until they took the kitten home with them. I forgot his name -- it could have been butterscotch, or buttercup or something like that. However, I saw you parents a few years later and they shared with me that the cat had died of feline leukemia. Nice to know that your mother kept a record of all her pets and that my kitten would be on that list. She must have loved them very much.

Alice Albert - September 25, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jean B. Rohrer.*



September 20, 2022 at 10:58 AM

GW

“ *The best damn goose...and the only goose I've ever eaten! Thank you Jean for an unforgettable goyishe Thanksgiving. Glenn Wein*

GLENN WEIN - September 19, 2022 at 10:12 PM