



Jean P. Gemmell

February 10, 1930 - April 3, 2017

Jean (Perry) Gemmell, 87 of Hamden, CT. died after a short illness. She was born February 10, 1930 to the late Herman and Beatrice (Maxfield) Perry in New Haven. She grew up in West Haven and New Haven. She graduated West Haven High School and went to work in California in the insurance industry until she returned to CT. Jean loved movies and was a wealth of knowledge on movies of the 30's, 40's and 50's. She enjoyed doing art, especially illustration and looked forward to doing the crossword puzzles every day. She met and married the love of her life, Ian (Skip) Gemmell and they shared 56 years together during which they traveled the world, including Europe, the Caribbean, New Zealand and the South Pacific. She worked for Yale University in the Engineering and Applied Science Dept. Jean was active in promoting equality in the work force throughout her life. She helped organize the clerical workers at Yale to form the first union for clerical and secretarial workers at the University. She enjoyed new challenges and when she decided to leave an unsatisfying job while in Los Angeles she was actually told "You will never work in this town again!" found employment the same day as she returned home. She and Skip have two daughters, Sandy (Gemmell) Malia (George) of Goshen, CT., Laurie Gemmell (Merrie Petit) of Houston, TX, 3 grandchildren Katherine Malia, Matthew Malia, Lauren Malia-Eterginio (Matt) and great grandchildren Mason, Cadence and Loghan. Funeral services were held in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden with burial in Mt. Carmel Burial Ground. In lieu of flowers

contributions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place,
Memphis, TN 38105. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Mom was great person. Well ahead of her time. I remember the day I met her when I visited Sandy at her home in Ansonia. I will miss talking about old movies of the 30s and 40s with her. I will miss our visits when I stopped by her house and her apartment.
Love you Mom.

George

George Malia - April 06, 2017 at 08:26 AM

 Karen Perdue

“ Dear Laurie, we are all so saddened by your Mom's passing, but know you have wonderful memories of her very dull life. Please know you're in our thoughts and prayers. Much love from Karen and Kassie!

Karen Perdue - April 05, 2017 at 12:59 PM

LV

“ To Sandy and Laurie -
I am so sorry to read of Jean's passing. What a good, long life! It's been a long time since lunches at Sergio's.
Sympathy to all of you at this very sad time.
- Lorraine A. Velardi

Lorraine A. Velardi - April 05, 2017 at 09:02 AM

DG

“ Dear Jean's family-----I would like to send our sympathy to all of you. I have known Jean since meeting she and Skip in 1953, along with the rest of the Gemmell's when I became engaged to Pete. For a period of time Jean and Skip, Bud and Ruth and Pete and I lived in the apartment building on Ansonia Road. We spent many fun evenings together in those years. There was also a time when Jean, Ruth and myself took tap dance lessons (in the early 60's) and danced in a recital on the stage at Troup School in New Haven. What fun!!! I am glad that Jean had a nice long time to enjoy her grandchildren and great grandchildren....so special. I have pleasant memories of Jean and Skip and I want to extend my condolences to Sandy and Laurie and families from the other part of the Gemmell family.....Dot and cousins.

Dorothy Gemmell - April 04, 2017 at 06:25 PM