



## Mrs. Jeanne Wylie Crist

December 2, 1922 - August 3, 2022

Jeanne Wylie Crist, 99 years young, passed from this earth on August 3, 2022. A resident of Kimball Farms in Lenox for eleven years, she made many friends and was able to live near her daughter, Karen Crist Miller and her family.

Born on December 2, 1922, Jeanne was the only child of Hugh Wood Wylie and Nordica Root Wylie of Binghamton, NY. Her father rose through the ranks from pharmacy clerk to regional sales with Merck, Sharp and Dohme during the Great Depression and the family lived in Dearborn, MI before settling in Albany, NY.

Jeanne married her Albany high school sweetheart, Robert W. Crist ("Mike"), in 1947 after working with the Naval Department in New York City and Mike's service in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. Two sons were born in New York City before they settled in Westport, CT where Karen was born in 1956.

They resided in Westport for nearly 50 years before moving to Lenox in 2011 when Mike's health faltered. They were members of Saugatuck Congregational Church, loved walking Compo Beach and cherished many friends. In retirement they purchased a cottage on Lake Bomoseen in Vermont where Mike had enjoyed his childhood. Lee's Point was shared joyously with their children and grandchildren for swimming, boating, badminton, mini-golf, barbecues, board games and so much more. Jeanne and Mike also travelled extensively throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her husband, Mike, in 2011, her son, Robert Wylie "Lee" Crist (Darlene Trew Crist), in 1983 and son, Jeffrey Hugh Crist, in 2017. She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Matthew Miller), three grandchildren – Matthew Charles "Chas" (Ashley), Geoffrey Robert (Michelle) and Kathleen Wylie "Kaylee", and five great-grandchildren – Charley Grace, Nuala Allison, Declan Joseph, Wylie Hope and Penelope Dawn.

We are all grateful to the entire Kimball Farms community where Jeanne thrived in many activities and was well served as her health declined, including during the pandemic. Similarly, her care by the BMC medical staff and team was supremely competent and compassionate.

A graveside service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Westport, CT where she will be interred with her beloved Mike and two sons.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We lived next door to Jeanne and Mike in Westport for many years. They were kind and loving people, always working in their garden and enjoying the beautiful property they had. We enjoyed talking to both of them and hearing the stories of the traveling they shared. Jeanne always had a twinkle in her eye, and looked younger than her years. Years later, we went to visit Jeanne in Lenox which was fun and she seemed so happy to be near her daughter. Our sympathy to Karen and her family during this time.

*Heather and Colin Walklet*

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**Heather Williams Walklet** - August 08, 2022 at 12:33 PM

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“ I'll always remember Jeanne as a woman who engaged easily with all people. Beautifully dressed with a radiant smile and an interest in what was going on with everyone. Her Bomoseen stories hit home as we shared the same memories of a place so loved. My hello to Karen and family comes with sympathy and thankfulness knowing Jeanne. *Jim Whitman*

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**jim whitman** - August 06, 2022 at 08:03 AM

DK

“ Jeanne was so kind and welcoming to my mom at Kimball Farms, along with Karen who helped me navigate the living system there in the beginning. We appreciated it so much and it was very hard to watch both women decline as the years passed. I am sending prayers to Karen and Matt and their entire family during this difficult time. Even though you know it's the best thing, it still hurts so much.

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**Debby Kain** - August 06, 2022 at 06:08 AM



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