



Mrs. Jean Collins Hysler

March 8, 1932 - April 14, 2020

Jean Collins Hysler, 88, died Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at her residence. A private service will be held for the family.

Jean was born in Everett and raised in Somerville, Massachusetts. She graduated from Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing, Boston, Mass., obtaining a Registered Nursing degree. After moving to Albany in the mid-Fifties, Jean began her nursing career at Phoebe Putney Hospital. She worked there for over thirty years, primarily in the operating room, where she ultimately becoming the OR manager. She was a member of the Association of Operating Room Nurses for a number of years.

Jean, a devout Catholic, attended St. Teresa's Church from the time she arrived in Albany, where she was a member of the Disciples in Mission Bible Study.

Jean, as a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, held every office in the organization at various times during her forty-plus year membership.

As a volunteer, during retirement, Jean served at Birth Right counseling unwed mothers. She also volunteered at her beloved Phoebe Putney as a member of the Golden Key Club bringing a smile and a little comfort to patients she visited!

Survivors include her children, Brian Tison (Kelley) and Julie Johnson, her step daughter, Sandi Johnson, 6 grandchildren, Shelly Rich (Kevin), Anne Marie Tison, Melissa Medders (Chris), Zach Johnson (Jessica), Jay Tison and Hunter Johnson (Michael), 6 great grandchildren, Jake Medders, Reese Medders, Waylon Medders, Hattie Jane Johnson, Charlie Kate Rich, and Mazie Rich, a brother in law, Mike DeBenedetto, several nieces and nephews, a loving care giver, Kaneshia Wafford, along with all the appreciated staff at Phoenix of Albany as well as caregiver, Qwajalein Guest.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Virginia Collins and her husband, Charlie E. Hysler, Jr. and her sister, Virginia "Dixie" DeBenedetto

Memorials may be made to Neighbors in Need, 2005 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Albany, GA 31701.

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Comments



“ Jean was a beautiful lady both inside and out. I learned to love her when she was an RN, then when she retired she started volunteering for me visiting Golden Key members one day a week. When she had trouble getting her diabetes regulated, I so admired her spunk in telling the doctors she would do what ever it took to get it fixed. Eventually she had to go to Emory. One day after volunteering Jean was in the hospital because as she told me, "this tree jumped out in front of my car, now the children say I cannot drive anymore!" I told Jean we would just find someone to take her where she wanted to go so one of the sitters who had been with my mother started going to Jean's house 1 day a week to take her shopping, get her hair done etc. When she moved into the nursing home I visited her several times, but she was unable to communicate with me. It was very sad as she had been such a great lady. Thanks so much for sharing her with me for so many years.
Bland Cleesattle

Bland Cleesattle - April 19 at 09:41 PM



“ Jean hired me in the OR in 1983. She ran a tight ship and was the best manager I have ever had. I will always remember her laugh and her Boston accent!

Judy Lumpkin - April 16 at 08:35 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jean Collins Hysler.



April 16 at 10:42 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jean Collins Hysler.



April 16 at 08:43 AM



“ Our family has always called Jean, MeMa along with our daughter-in-love, son and grandchildren. Our visits with her were always around Jake, Reese and Waylon’s birthdays. But our last visit with her was on Thanksgiving around 3 years ago. I am truly grateful we shared that Thanksgiving together with Chris and Melissa. It is a visit that will be forever in our hearts. MeMa knew how to make you feel loved. We will miss her.

Neil and Debra Medders - April 16 at 08:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jean Collins Hysler.



April 15 at 05:50 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Jean at PPMH. She was an excellent nurse. She was a great role model for nursing students and novice nurses. Prayer for Jean and her family.
Joan Darden PhD, RN, ANEF

Joan Darden - April 15 at 05:18 PM



“ We lived next door to Jean and Charlie for many years, and absolutely adored both of them. Jean was such a compassionate person who always shared her heart and time with others. It was evident when talking to Jean of her love for her family. Macy and Molly enjoyed going to Ms. Jean's and seeing her Boston Terriers through the years. She was always so cheerful!
Praying for peace and comfort that only He can provide.

Joy Bowles and family

Joy Bowles - April 15 at 05:14 PM



“ What a great time we had working together in the operating room at Phoebe. You were always so much fun to be around. And who can forget that Boston accen.

Rita Strickland

Rita Strickland - April 16 at 09:40 PM



“ To Brian and Julie: You may not remember me, but I worked with your Mom at PPMH way back in 1967-1972. I am Helen Mock Smith. I knew both of you as children. I knew your grandmother when she lived with your family. I visited your Mom out at the assisted living home, but unfortunately she did not know me. Your Mom trained me as a new nurse graduate in the operating room. She was an amazing nurse, teacher and leader. She cracked the whip too! I learned many things from her which I will always hold dear to my heart. I send my condolences to you and your children for the loss of a wonderful person. How I wish we could console one another at this time but we cannot. You are in my prayers during this trying time. I am so happy you brought her home so all of you could be with her and she didn't die alone in a hospital or a facility. She is resting in the arms of God with no more earthly worries! I grieve with you for the loss of a dear friend and mentor. God Speed!

Helen M. Smith - April 15 at 04:01 PM



“ I am thankful to have known Jean. We spent many Friday nights at dinner with the Friday night ladies at various restaurants. She and I became good friends. I am so sorry for your loss. And I will miss her too. Lynne Moore

Lynne Moore - April 15 at 06:41 PM



“ My deepest sympathies. Jean was a wonderful person, kind and caring. She helped train me at Phoebe from 69-74. May your hearts be comforted with beautiful memories of her. Judy Bragg

judy bragg - April 17 at 08:42 PM



“ To Jean's Family

Jean was the most loving, kind and compassionate person as well as nurse. She was loved and respected by all who met her. Doctors, nurses, patients and their families all received comfort as well as exceptional care from her. She brought out the best in her staff, supported their personal as well as professional growth, and was always very efficient but pleasant and uplifting. Her love of God showed in everything she did. She is one of those people you meet that you can tell really, really cares about the person she is with. We always felt the love of God and the peace of Christ come through every encounter with her. We know the Angels welcomed her home. God greatly blessed the world through Jean, and we are sure she is there with Him now.

Dr. Michael and Sylvia and Angela Szpak



szpak - April 15 at 03:57 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your passing! May God continue to bless you family beyond measure!

Brenda Darbyshire - April 15 at 03:23 PM



“ Brian, Julie and family, I am sending love and prayers to you during this difficult time! I was so blessed to work with your Mother in the O.R. at Phoebe for a lot of years! She was a great nurse!!! As you know, she and I have been friends for about 50 years. She had a heart of Gold! I loved her dearly! Due to my own health issues I have not been able to see her for quite a while! My tears are flowing! May God bless each one of you! I am with you in thought and prayers!!!

Sandy DeLozier - April 16 at 07:36 PM