



## Gerda von Jeetze

October 7, 1927 - July 17, 2015

Gerda von Jeetze, 87, of Chatham, NY, passed away peacefully at home on the morning of Friday, July 17th, with her family at her side.

Born on October 7, 1927, in Rostock, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Martha (Schemel) Babendererde.

Gerda dedicated her life to founding and establishing the work of Camphill Village communities for persons with disabilities in the United States. She was also an amazing mother for her six daughters.

She is pre-deceased by her sister, Ortrud Burchardt of Germany.

Gerda is survived by her husband, Hartmut von Jeetze, her daughters Johanna Steinrueck of Minneapolis, Renate Varriale of Kinderhook, Barbara Paulsen of Aarhus, Denmark, Bridget von Jeetze of Chatham, Thea Garvie of Ghent, and Frances Kane of Minneapolis, as well as 16 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be at home in Chatham between 2-4 pm on Saturday, July 18th and Sunday July 19th. The funeral service will take place on Monday July 20th at 11am at Camphill Village, Copake, NY. Funeral arrangements will be with Bates and Anderson.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I never had the pleasure of meeting this lovely woman. However, I am a friend of her daughter, Bridget and can speak to the devotion she had for both of her parents but especially her mother, Gerda. I'm hopeful that her passing will heal with time but that the lasting memories that you all have of her will help you in your grief.

*Fondly, Harry*

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