



Jean N. Curran

September 18, 1932 - February 10, 2018

Jean Shirley Niver Curran, 85, of Churchtown, New York passed away on the 10th day of February, 2018.

She was predeceased by her parents, Harold and Myra (Leach) Niver, her brothers Kermit Niver and Keith Niver, her sister Linda Niver Hanlon, and her son Brian L. Curran.

Jean is survived by her husband Leo L. Curran, Jr.; her brother Kervin Niver; her daughters Linda Curran (Shawn Shea), Annmarie Malysz (Marshall Malysz), Janelle C. Pozza (Nicholas Pozza) and Virginia Curran; grandsons Brian L. Curran, Jr. and Eamonn Curran; and great-grandchildren Brian Leo Curran and Morgan Curran.

Jean grew up on the Niver family farm in Ancram, NY. She graduated from high school at the age of 16, entering nurses training at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson, NY shortly thereafter. She returned to nursing when the eldest of her five children became a teenager. It is a testament to Jean's determination that she passed the state nursing exams despite the passage of 13 years of advances in medicine, healthcare, and technology. She worked as an RN at the hospital in Catskill, NY and her pride and joy was her blue 1969 Ford Mustang with a V8 engine that she put to good use coming home at 1:00 a.m. after doing patient charts. Jean was ahead of her time: after working in the hospital setting for several years, she transitioned to provide in-home hospice care (before the word "hospice" even existed) with her referrals coming by word-of-mouth.

Jean also participated in the original Harvard Nurses' Health Study, a key long-term study on women's health started in 1976.

Jean and Leo would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 24, 2018.

Jean departed in the way that she lived her life: on her own terms. She requested that there be no extraordinary measures to prolong her life and no services.