



Jeanne Poland

February 5, 1941 - January 16, 2026

Jeanne Poland, age 84, passed away January 16th, 2026, at her residence in Hudson, New York. She was born to be an artist on February 5, 1941, in Woodhaven, NY, to the late Margaret Arthen and Arthur DeLoca.

Those who knew “Jeanne from Queens” will remember her whimsical energy, feistiness, playful sense of humor, unwavering generosity, deep rooted creativity, and appreciation of artists from around the world. She had a rare gift for finding the art in everything and leaving a lasting impact on all who crossed her path. We will all miss her beautifully written calligraphy sentiments for all of life’s special occasions.

Outside of her artistic endeavors, Jeanne found joy in traveling, spending time with family, her church, and connecting with other creatives.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her partner, Donald J. Smith; brother Arthur DeLoca.

She is survived and missed by her children, Quenby (husband Michael) and Owen (wife Emily); grandchildren, Annika and Oliver. She is also survived by sister Virginia, brother Paul (wife Penny), sister-in-law Joyce, and nieces and nephews: Jonathan, Meredith, Lauren, Dana, John, and Peter. She also leaves many other family members and friends who will sadly miss her. Jeanne grew up in Queens, NY with her two brothers and sister. She attended

Our Lady of Wisdom High School. She played drums, trombone, classical guitar and sang as a cantor. At 16, she entered the Convent of the Daughters of Wisdom, choosing the name Sister Virginia Mary of Christ.

After the convent, Jeanne attended undergrad and grad school at Wisdom College, where she earned a BA in Art. She later attended NYU, earning a Master's in Art Education and a professional diploma in education administration. Jeanne went on to teach art/calligraphy/graphic design/photography in the NYC and Long Island school systems for 30 years, retiring in 1996, and founding her own graphics studio. She taught students from all over the world.

Roller skating was another passion, where she was well-known at Laces rink in Long Island for her dance moves and spandex ensembles.

In 1968, Jeanne met her first husband, John Poland, on the subway. They welcomed kids Quenby and Owen Poland.

In 1988, Jeanne met her partner Donald Smith in Wisconsin. They traveled all over together, enjoying frequent trips to Arizona, Maine, Newport, RI, and Utah to see Don's family. They started and ran a multifaceted art and digital business and hosted the Vibrant Channeled Creator poetry blog. Jeanne and Don were loving and supportive partners to each other. In more recent years, they enjoyed the comforts of Hudson and spending time with local friends and family.

SERVICE INFORMATION

A service will be held at Christ Church Episcopal in Hudson, NY on March 21st at 10:30 am. A Celebration of Life reception will follow immediately after the service at Christ Church.

Christ Church Episcopal location: 431 Union Street, Hudson NY 12534

Website: <https://christchurchepiscopalhudson.org/>

Flowers are welcome and may be sent to Christ Church Episcopal. If you would prefer, memorial donations may be made here:

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Hudson, NY