



Obituary

Died: Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Dartmouth – Jeanne M. (Meyer) Bird, 91, of South Dartmouth, died at home on Tuesday, April 7th. She was the wife of the late David Bird.

Born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, the daughter of the late Marten and Selma (Carlson) Meyer, Jeanne grew up in Wellesley, MA and was married to David in Munich, Germany in 1952. They lived overseas in Germany and Turkey, and later spent several years in McLean, Virginia, only to return to the Boston area to settle and raise their family. Living thereafter in both Cambridge and locally for the majority of her life, Jeanne came to permanently reside in South Dartmouth.

A graduate of Lasell Junior College, Jeanne was a talented dancer, artist, educator, gardener, herbalist, and self-educated naturalist. An avid reader, she was a life-long learner and, as a former ballerina and painter, she participated in and had deep appreciation of studio art of all mediums as well as the performing arts throughout her life. She volunteered for decades in support of many causes and organizations including her dedication as an honorary member of 50 years this year of the Herb Society of America having once served as editor of its annual journal, *The Herbarist*; teaching ESL to recent immigrants in Dorchester, MA; serving the Cambridge Boat Club as a member and annually participating in the production of the Head of the Charles Regatta; and, coordinating a Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) concert dinner series and curating the Cabot-Cahners art exhibits for the BSO.

Above all, she took great pleasure in the natural world. She cared greatly for the environment and the ways that plants, animals and humans live together and affect each other - including the land and the ocean with all living things.

She is survived by her son, Marten F. Bird of New Bedford, MA and grandsons, David, Paul, Billy, Nathan and Alex Bird; daughter, Rachel A. Bird Anderson of Minneapolis, MN, son-in-law, Randy Anderson and grandson, Jake Anderson; and son, Matthew G. Bird and grandson, Zachary Bird, as well as niece, Sally Pineau and nephew, Elliott Thomas.

She is predeceased by her husband, parents, sister and brother-in-law Sally and John Thomas, and her grandniece Amy Lanzikos.

Once free to gather publically, a memorial service to celebrate Jeanne's life will be planned for a date to be determined. Details will be shared once scheduled. A charity for memorial contributions will be forthcoming at that time.

Arrangements are with Machnowski Funeral Home, 472 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford. For condolences, visit www.machnowskifuneral.com.

Service Summary

Services are to be announced

Location: - *Not available* -

