



Jane Eva MacCabe Kelly

November 3, 1924 - November 6, 2022

Jane Eva MacCabe Kelly, of Tuftonboro, NH, and Gladwyne, PA, died November 6, 2022. She was 98 years old. Jane was the beloved wife of W. Thomas Kelly (deceased) for 61 years and adored daughter of Thomas B MacCabe (dec) and Eva Yost MacCabe (dec) of Philadelphia, PA.

Jane, born 11/3/24, grew up in the Mt. Airy/Chestnut Hill area of Philadelphia. She attended Green Street Friends and The Stevens School, graduating from Colby Junior College (now Colby-Sawyer College) of New London, NH, and The University of Pennsylvania. Jane's childhood and teen years were filled with summers in Ocean City, NJ, trips to Wolfeboro, NH, and travels around the country with her mother. She would regale us with stories of their summer adventures from Canada to San Diego in the late 30s/early 40s. Jane, known in her younger days as the "Belle of Chestnut Hill", met Tom Kelly after WW 2 through friends. Jane always would say that "I never waited

for a man
to call me, until I met your father". They would marry in June 1949. Their
marriage was
blessed with one son and three daughters over the course of the next decade.
Their life
together would take them to Irvington, NY, and Shaker Heights, OH, before
returning to
Devon, PA, in 1962. Early summers for the family were spent between Cape
May, NJ,
and Wolfeboro, NH. In 1970 the family moved to "Mill Run" in Paoli, a historic
home, built
in 1726, with extensive gardens and situated just above the Great Valley Grist
Mill on
North Valley Road. They would live there for the next 25 years before moving
to a
year-round lake home, Wingate Landing, on Lake Winnepesaukee in
Tuftonboro, NH,
designed by their son-in-law, Robert B. Graves. NH would remain their
primary home
through their remaining years, with local residences at Inverary in Villanova,
and The
Tedwyn in Bryn Mawr, finally moving into Waverly Heights in Gladwyne in
2007.
During her years in Philadelphia, Jane, who loved all music, was an active
member of
The Junior League Larks, a volunteer group of women who would visit
retirement
homes and other venues to sing for the residents. She served on The
Women's
Committee of the Philadelphia Orchestra for a number of years and was a
long time

subscriber to their concert series. Until age 96 she would insist on driving herself to the concerts in the city. Jane studied horticulture at the Barnes Foundation in Lower Merion and was an active member of garden clubs in Philadelphia and Wolfeboro, NH. She was a member of The Questers, a group dedicated to keeping “history alive” through the study and preservation of antiques, and playing bridge was a lifelong passion. Jane was always happy to set up or join a game and she was still playing bridge well into her 90’s.

Jane and Tom had a wealth of friends and stayed in touch with many of them for many years, though living miles apart. Jane enjoyed international travel through the years, visiting countries from Scandinavia to the Far East with her husband, and, in later years, with her friend and companion Tim Lewis. Jane was a member of St. David’s Episcopal Church (Radnor) since 1962. There she found comfort in the music and services. She took pride in driving herself there each Sunday for services until the Covid shutdown in 2020, when in-person services were curtailed.

Jane was a member of the Merion Cricket Club and The Acorn Club for many years and

remained a member of The Bald Peak Colony Club in Melvin Village, NH, until her passing.

Jane is survived by one son, Thomas Kelly (Carolyn) of Portland, OR, and three daughters: Linda K. Graves (Robert) of Wayne, PA; Barbara K. Little (Richard) of Beecher, WI; and Suzanne K. Moreland of Wayne, PA. She has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren: Major (P) Robert B. Graves, Jr (Abby, Thomas Graves, Henry Graves) of Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Kathryn Kelly Graves (Patrick Nowack) of Huntington, NY; Willam Thomas Kelly (Sephira, Tomas Kelly, Sienna Kelly) of Gualala, CA; Phillipa A. Kelly of London, UK; Gabrielle L. Kelly-Friedland (Jeremy Friedland, Theodore Friedland, Winifred Friedland) of Seattle, WA; Tara Crowne-Kelly (Charles Safley) of Seattle, WA; Jane M. Wojcik (Troy) of Plymouth Meeting, PA; Hanna L. Moreland, of Basalt, CO. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Patsy W. MacCabe of Wolfeboro, NH, and brother-in-law, Donald R. Evans, of Honeybrook, PA, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, Jane was predeceased by her brother, Thomas B. MacCabe, Jr. (Gayle), and sisters-in-law Anna Maria K. Clark and Elizabeth K. Evans. Jane was also predeceased by a long time family friend

and, in
later years, companion, Thomas (Tim) H. Lewis. Both widowed, they
continued to find
joy and adventure in life through their shared love of travel, music, dancing,
and the
Philadelphia Orchestra.

Jane lived a long, full and blessed life. She lived independently until just
shortly after her
96th birthday and only stopped her driving when her declining cognitive
abilities forced
her to do so. An impeccable dresser, she loved a good party and good friends,
but it
was her time in NH at the lake, enjoying her family and visits from friends,
where she
was most "at home". She will be deeply missed and ever appreciated for all
that she
brought to our lives and the lives of those who knew her.

The Kelly Family would like to extend their deepest thanks and appreciation to
the
incredible staff of Waverly Heights for their friendship and care of our parents
through
the years. More recently, we want to thank Sandra Bobb, mother's companion
from
Waverly Care, and the entire staff of Devonshire - nursing, medical
assistants, support, therapy, dining services - for their kind and devoted care of
our
mother during her time there. Your deep caring and concern will always be
remembered.

Her Memorial Service will be held on Saturday May 13th. at 11 AM in the Chapel of St. David's Episcopal Church, 763 S. Valley Forge Rd., Wayne, PA , with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of our mother can be made to Colby-Sawyer

College, 541 Main St., New London, NH 03257, attn: Peg Andrews,

Advancement

Office or Tuftonboro Firefighters Association, PO Box 437, Melvin Village, NH 03850.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. David's Episcopal Church
763 South Valley Forge Road
Wayne, PA 19087

Tribute Wall



“ *Janice Tillmann lit a candle in memory of Jane Eva MacCabe Kelly* ”



Janice Tillmann - April 02, 2023 at 03:49 PM