



## Jeanne E. McKinney

July 25, 1927 - September 26, 2014

Jeanne Elizabeth McKinney (nee Rice), Realtor, Business Woman and a longtime resident of Middletown, PA, died on Friday September 26th, 2014 at the age of 87.

Jeanne was born in Selinsgrove, PA to the late William O. and Mary(Freed) Rice; graduate of Selinsgrove High School and Beauty School in Philadelphia. She was always proud of her Snyder County roots, tracing her lineage to the Middleswarth family who arrived in America in 1690. She married Jackson Wallis McKinney after his return from serving in WW II under General Patton's Infantry. He suffered a combat injury and was awarded The Purple Heart. Upon their move to Middletown, she followed her love of hair design and fashion, opening up a Beauty Parlor and Jeanne's House of Fashions in her home. Always stylish and cutting edge, she had a loyal following. Upon Jack's untimely death at the age of 46, she found herself entering a new chapter as a Realtor.

In the early 70's there were few women in the Real Estate business, and after completing her licensure to become a Realtor, she affiliated with Mary K. Vandenberg Realtors in Harrisburg. Jeanne really found her niche...."she loved finding a couple their first house"...which led to moving up to the next house! She was passionate about real estate, working tirelessly day and night for her clients. Jeanne teamed up over the years with many companies to include, Detweiler, Coldwell Banker and others. She accumulated her own

portfolio of properties to include multi-unit buildings, historically significant properties in Middletown, and a cottage in Mt. Gretna.

Along with real estate, Jeanne had entrepreneurial endeavors to include Concepts Unlimited, an upscale hair design business in Harrisburg. Her main interest was always her children and family. Her home was always a central place for family and friends to get together. Her cooking and attention to detail always made for a memorable occasion. After retiring from real estate, Jeanne, as Jeanne would be, purchased a property in Florida and did alone for a while....experiencing life for herself! After her return, she devoted her energies to her children and grandchildren...for which they are richer for it. Jeanne was also a Member of DAR, Eastern Star, Middletown Historical Society, Queen Esther Class at St. Peter's, among other many other interests.

She was the love of the late Jackson Wallis McKinney who died on October 3rd, 1971. Jeanne was the wonderful, caring and devoted Mother of Dennis A. McKinney(Linda), Maureen McKinney Higgins(Joe), Rodger F. McKinney(Lauren), and the late Jack Craig McKinney; cherished grandmother of Jason, Joshua, Patrick, Courtney, Andrew, Jason and Jessica; also survived by 7 great grandchildren; loving sisters in law, Judy Wile(Dave) and Judy Billow; and many nieces and nephews.

Her Funeral Service will be held on Saturday October 4th, 10:30 AM in St. Peter's Lutheran Kierch, corner of Union and High Sts. Middletown Pa, where the family will receive guests after 10 AM. Her burial will follow in the family plot in Liverpool, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Benevolent Care Fund at Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St. Middletown, PA 17057

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Lutheran Kierch  
Corner of Union and High Streets  
Middletown, PA 17057

# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Jeanne



Rodger - June 15, 2024 at 08:17 AM

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“ She was an amazing lady and devoted mother.

Rodger McKinney - November 21, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeanne E. McKinney.



October 03, 2014 at 09:22 PM

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“ Fly high to the golden gates of heaven, spread your wings you beautiful angel. I love you.

Katelyn Sowers - September 26, 2014 at 04:48 PM



“ To everyone in the McKinney Family, her friends, & relatives, I am so sorry for the loss of Grandma Jeanne. I will always remember her as a strong, independent lady. Being a step-grandson, I am honored to have known Grandma Jeanne. I am grateful for Dennis, being a wonderful son and father to my sister and I., which brought Grandma Jeanne into my life.

*My favorite memory is introducing Grandma Jeanne to the internet and sharing with her technology that we all now take for granted. I hope she enjoyed all the free tech support. Grandma Jeanne also helped me with my interest in Finance during college. She imparted knowledge and wisdom that I use often.*

*May she transcend to heaven to join her Husband in eternal happiness and rest.*

*Lots of Love,  
Jason S.*

*"In the night of death, hope sees a star, and listening love can hear the rustle of a wing." - Robert Green Ingersoll*

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**Jason Sowers** - September 26, 2014 at 01:52 PM