



Jean Brannon Mills

November 27, 1933 - February 11, 2022

Dorothy Jean Brannon Mills, 88, of Mooresville, North Carolina, was reunited with the Lord and her loving husband Paul in Heaven on February 11, 2022. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Receiving of family and friends will be from 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM at the Cavin-Cook Chapel, with the service following at 2:00 PM. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home is located at 494 E Plaza Dr, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Born on November 27, 1933, she joins her parents Maude Mae McClure Brannon and Goley Robert Brannon in Heaven, as well as her siblings, Carmel Collins, Garnell Gabriel, Frank Brannon, Aliene Clodfelter, and Max Brannon.

Jean always made sure that everyone she met felt welcomed, received a smile and warm hug, and knew the love of Jesus. Her talent in bringing people together was evident early on. Throughout high school, she was involved in countless clubs and societies, including being named Carousel Queen, NC Girls State, and was voted "Best All Around" by the Mooresville Central High School Class of 1952. Following her graduation, Jean worked as a secretary at Prudential Insurance Company, at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Charlotte, and as a Real Estate Broker.

She married the love of her life, Paul, in 1954, and the two of them created a beautiful community wherever they went. After time in Nashville and Charlotte, they returned to Mooresville, built a home, and filled it with children, love...and Christmas decorations. Jean loved every holiday, but Christmas was special. Her family will hold tight to memories of her final "Christmas Around the World," a theme that had even gained local fame and involved each child's room being decorated to reflect the customs of a different country.

It should come as no surprise that the woman who gave Mrs. Claus a run for her money, opened House of Flowers in 1973, which eventually became Jean's Hallmark Shop. Together with her partner in business and in life, Paul, they ran the family shop for over 20 years. Whether it was someone searching for a particular Hallmark ornament, a child seeking a Smurf, or a husband in desperate need of a last-minute Valentine, they could count on Jean. She always considered the shop her ministry.

But her most important job was spreading the love of Christ. Jean and Paul were leaders in the congregation of First Baptist Church of Mooresville. Jean served as the Women's Missionary Union Director and as a member of Youth and Leadership Nominating Committees. She also taught Sunday School for kindergartners, college students, and the "Partners in Christ" couples class. But perhaps one of her most recognized roles was that of reenacting the notable Southern Baptist missionary, Lottie Moon. She considered it a privilege that she and Paul were able to serve on the core team that began The Cove Church in Mooresville. Through it all, she was a fierce prayer warrior.

She took pride in sharing her faith with the next generation, carefully selecting a Bible verse for each grandchild, which they memorized and recited at family gatherings. These verses have served as a source of strength and a reminder

of her love, and the love of Christ, to each of them as they have grown and begun families of their own. She prayed for each member of her family by name each night, and made it a priority to attend every grandchild's football and soccer game, ballet performance, and piano recital she could.

Truly an angel among us, she will be greatly missed by her children: Paula Mills Little (Gray), Leslie Mills Bruner (Jerry), Jennifer Mills Barnes (Eric), and Paul Grey Mills Jr. (Jennifer); her grandchildren, Ben Little (Meg), Andy Little (Courtney), Owen Bruner, Clay Bruner, Scott Bruner, Chase Bruner, Abby Bruner, Zach Barnes (AnnMarie), Tiffany Barnes Massey (Derek), Alexandria Mills, Paul Grey Mills III, and Grant Mills; and her great-grandchildren, Rosalee Little, Eowyn Little, Noah Little, Tucker Massey, and Lennon Grey Turner.

For those who favor a memorial contribution in lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Wounded Shepherds Ministry, 6608 Yacht Place, Hickory, NC, 28601.

<http://woundedshepherdsministry.org/> Wounded Shepherds is a non-profit ministry to pastors and missionaries in crisis that Jean and Paul encouraged their daughter and son-in-law to begin.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB 15. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

FEB 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Graveside Service

FEB 15. 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM.

Glenwood Memorial Park

Tribute Wall

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



michael roberts - February 15, 2022 at 05:59 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Roberts - February 15, 2022 at 05:48 PM

CJ

“ *Cindy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Jean Brannon Mills*



Cindy Jacobs - February 15, 2022 at 10:43 AM

CM

“ One of the sweetest souls I have ever met. Always a smile, always a hug .A gentle spirit to all. I am extremely grateful to have know this exquisite lady. Prayers.



Cynthia McLaurin - February 14, 2022 at 09:04 PM

TJ

“ The Jutes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jean Brannon Mills.



The Jutes - February 14, 2022 at 08:30 PM

RM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, Representative Mills. May God give your family peace knowing that your Mother is in His loving arms.
Pat McElraft

Representative Pat McElraft - February 14, 2022 at 03:25 PM

CB

“ Candace Barefoot purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jean Brannon Mills.



Candace Barefoot - February 14, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Brannon Mills.*



February 14, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *I remember going to Jean's Hallmark when I was little, and Jean would let me put stuffed animals on "layaway" with my allowance. I have so many memories of that shop buying Smurfs or cards and her hugs! So sorry for her loss, but rejoice in knowing where she is. Such a good woman! Love to Gray and his family.*

Rob Reading - February 14, 2022 at 08:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean Brannon Mills.*



February 13, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jean Brannon Mills.*



February 13, 2022 at 03:35 PM

SM

“ We lost an Angel on earth and heaven gained one! Don and I have so many wonderful memories of Jean and Paul! We will definitely miss her so much! Our prayers are with all! 🙏❤️ Suzanne and Don

Suzanne Markofski - February 13, 2022 at 11:58 AM

CB

“ Leslie, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family now and in the days to come, Grace and Peace, Charles and Miriam Bounds 🙏




Charles and Miriam Bounds - February 13, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean Brannon Mills.



February 13, 2022 at 09:26 AM

 Leila Hobbs

“ My sincere condolences to Jean's family and friends. Paul was my landlord at one time and of course memories from when they ran the shop next to what was then Revco on Main Street. When my parents did their weekly grocery shopping and I was old enough to wander off, I would sometimes go to their shop. Jean was always a sweet lady and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



Leila Hobbs - February 13, 2022 at 07:53 AM

SA

“ *Such a sweet lady! Always smiling! Keeping you all in my prayers. I know we will see her again one day. May God keep you wrapped in His loving arms during this difficult time. With love, Star Coone Atherton*

Star Atherton - February 12, 2022 at 09:39 PM

DM

“ *Donna McDaniels lit a candle in memory of Jean Brannon Mills*



Donna McDaniels - February 12, 2022 at 09:23 PM

SA

“ *She was a beautiful, sweet lady; Always loved to see her, when she visited, she is rejoicing with Jesus, loved ones and friends. Paula, she and you look so much alike, that everyone will see her, when they look at you.*

shirley allen - February 12, 2022 at 08:26 PM

PL

Thank you so much, Shirley. That means a lot to me.

Paula Little - February 13, 2022 at 04:52 PM

JM

“*Paula, Leslie, Jennifer and Grey,
When I heard of your mother's passing tonight, I immediately thought of how loving she was and how welcoming she was, inviting our youth group on many Saturday nights to your home. I know she extended that love to all she met. I then listened to many of the old songs that we all sang together in the 70's at your home and pictured her in the kitchen making snacks and smiling. May loving memories help ease the pain and God's comfort & peace surround you, as God most definitely holds your mom and dad, now and forevermore.*

Joy Maddrey Miller

Joy Maddrey Miller - February 12, 2022 at 08:14 PM

JA

*To The Mills Family:
So many memories growing up with you all! Enjoyed visiting with your family after church on Sunday's along with my Dad! You all are in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless! AI and Jennifer Eakle*

Jennifer and AI - February 12, 2022 at 09:12 PM

ES

Jean has been an 'angel among us 'for many years. Memories of Jean being the prayer warrior as she loved and prayed for our families. But, her ministry as she worked at Jean's Hallmark, never ended.

We were so blessed to know and love Jean Mills.

Eddie and Phyllis Stubbins - February 12, 2022 at 09:48 PM