



## Jean H. Donaldson

October 23, 1924 - February 24, 2023

Jean H. Donaldson, 98, of Estero, Florida, passed away Friday, February 24, 2023, at her home. She was born October 23, 1924, in Mer Rouge, Louisiana, to Benton and Amy (Wilson) Hornbeak, the only girl among five brothers. After making homes in Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Florida, she became a resident of Estero in 2016. Survivors include her three children, Nancy Marsh of Estero, Thomas R. Donaldson of Wilmington, North Carolina, and Lyn Donaldson of Estero; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas M. Donaldson, her Hornbeak brothers, James, Max, Richard, Cal ("Ted"), and Alan, and her son-in-law, Greg Swift.

Jean loved people, birds, books, and cake. She spent many family vacations at Myrtle Beach, and enjoyed travel to National Parks with Tom and her children. She also took solo adventures by train across the U.S. and Canada. Her best trips by far were those to visit her "kinfolks".

Jean attended Louisiana State Normal School in Natchitoches with an eye on becoming a teacher, but left early during World War II to move to New York. While always putting family first, she managed a varied career that included working in a bank, assisting disabled and orphaned children, serving as docent at the museum of North Carolina History, and working for Coach Jim Valvano at NC State University. She and Tom shared enjoyment of sports, and

they both learned to fly airplanes at a young age. During high school, Jean received an award for the most athletic female in the history of the town. She was loving and enthusiastic, joyful and devoted.

A visitation with the family will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 1:30-2:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, Florida 34134, with the service at 2:00 PM. Private burial will follow at the Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Audubon Society.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

## Funeral Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean H. Donaldson*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jean H. Donaldson.*



March 04, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jean H. Donaldson.*



March 03, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *Kathy, Gayle, Tammi, & Carol purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jean H. Donaldson.*



**Kathy, Gayle, Tammi, & Carol** - March 01, 2023 at 10:55 AM