



## Jeanette Kaufmann Riedy

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Jeanette was born in Kansas City, Missouri, between the World Wars of the Twentieth Century and during the early years of the Great Depression. Her parents, Agnes and Harry Kaufmann, were of German ancestry. Her father Jewish, her mother Catholic. While fully embracing their Jewish heritage, the family was a part of Visitation Catholic Church in Kansas City.

Jeanette had a twin sister, Joan, and three other older siblings. Her oldest brother Harry Jr., a journalist, died as a soldier during World War II. Gertrude, her older sister, was an artist and a teacher. Sigmund built a business and raised a family on St. Simons Island, Georgia, while Joan raised an active family of eight in Denver.

Her father, Harry, was a well-known music impresario in Kansas City during the days of big bands. He died in 1954. Agnes managed their home and family at 27 E. Concord providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere for her active family. She was a story-book grandmother to her grandchildren and passed away after living near Jeanette for many years.

Jeanette attended Bryant Elementary and Southwest High before attending and graduating from Kansas City University. After college, she was introduced to her future husband, a tall, dark and handsome man from Milwaukee. She became Mrs. N.J. "Knobby" Riedy on April 25th 1953 and soon moved to Milwaukee.

Over seven years they had four children, and at the time of her death seven grandchildren and one great grand-child. Her children, Avi, Nobby, Mary, and Jane, were with her at the time of her death in Annapolis at Jane's home. She enjoyed staying part of the last few years with her daughters Jane and Mary in Maryland and on Cumberland Island, Georgia.

Jeanette and Knobby were lifelong sweethearts; Jeanette's love for him never ceased even after his death in August of 1995. After fourteen years in Milwaukee, they moved the family to Georgia and then North Carolina. In Asheville, NC they settled in, purchasing a business that allowed Knobby to be at home evenings, becoming members of their

church, joining the country club to play golf and tennis. Jeanette lived in Asheville for fifty-years, a place she had first visited in the 1940s, travelling there by train and overnighing at the Battery Park Hotel.

Jeanette enjoyed good health, and over the past two decades she travelled widely, often with her children. Among the many places she visited were New York City, Hawaii, Alaska, and California. She maintained strong and loving relationships with her grandchildren who adored her. She volunteered at her church, St. Eugene, and the Lewis B. Rathbun Center, enjoyed playing bridge, reading and being part of the Chatmore Club. Jeanette was an active and cherished member of the Creekside community in Asheville where she had a home for the past two-decades.

Jeanette is remembered for her loving spirit and generosity, the twinkle in her beautiful blue eyes, her fabulous wit, her love for her family, and the openness with which she approached every human relationship. She was a lovely woman and a role model for many young friends. Her strength of character and gentle way was an inspiration. She will be missed, but she will remain in the hearts of all she touched.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am on Saturday, March 30 at St Eugene Catholic Church, 72 Culvern Street, Asheville. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00 - 10:45 am. Burial will be immediately after the service at Lewis Memorial Park, 415 Beaverdam Road, Asheville.

Memorials may be made to Hospice or the Lewis B. Rathbun Center, or your favorite charity.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., is handling arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family through the website, [www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com)

# Events

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**MAR** **Family will Receive Friends** 10:00AM - 10:45AM

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St. Eugene Catholic Church

72 Culvern Street, Asheville, NC, US, 28801

**MAR** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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**MAR** **Graveside Service** 12:00PM

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Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road, Asheville, NC, US, 28804

# Comments

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“ I just today learned of Jeanettes passing..I kept up with her for a long time and when Vic got sick I lost touch with her.  
She was such a beautiful person inside and out. We had some good times with both Jeanette and Knobby..  
Vic passed 5 yrs. ago the last of June.  
Jeanette inspired me in so many ways. I loved her and will have memories always.  
Love and prayers to all of her family.

**Effie Fisher** - May 03, 2019 at 12:57 PM

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“ Dear Avi, Nobby, Mary, Jane and your families  
Thinking of you all and holding you in my heart as you farewell your beautiful Jeanette.  
To me, she was kind, gracious and lots of fun to be with. The world won't be the same without her. Sending you love and my deepest sympathy.  
Gail Hammond (from Australia)

**Gail Hammond** - March 30, 2019 at 06:11 AM

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“ I am so very sorry to learn of Mrs. Riedy's passing. Our families have been life long friends and I have many great memories of both and Mr. Riedy. She was a great lady and I will miss her very much. Sending love and prayers to all of the family.



**Jacquie Smith** - March 29, 2019 at 08:50 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeanette Kaufmann Riedy.



March 29, 2019 at 04:58 PM

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“ So sad to hear of her passing. She was a lovely, gracious lady and I know how terribly she will be missed. Glad to know she and the Big Nob are together again.

**karen langshaw** - March 29, 2019 at 09:37 AM

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“ I am saddened to hear of Jeanette’s passing. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort in these difficult days.  
With deepest sympathy. Amy Johnson

**Amy Johnson** - March 27, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ Knobby and Jeanette and Peg and I played bridge together, often at their house, one evening Knobby proudly showed us this new wrist watch he bought really cheap It was a Longine and he was so proud, As I examined it I asked Knobby how to spell Longine and that is how he spelled it, I eyed the watch and said Knobby this one is spelled Longine?? With his permission I popped the back of (which immediately sprang into a curved part), to forevermore resist my efforts to reassemble, we all eyed the inside of a watch with amazement, there were practically no parts inside. This remained a source of god humor kidding for the rest of Knobby's life, We loved those two.

**bob adams** - March 28, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ Jeanette was a wonderful and faithful volunteer at The Rathbuncenter Center for several years. I so enjoyed her spark and kind spirit. We all benefitted from having her as a friend.  
Ann Whisenhunt

**Ann Whisenhunt** - March 28, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ Dear Riedys,

My deepest sympathy to you all on the loss of your mother. My thoughts are with you in this time.

Chuck Enman

**charles enman** - March 29, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ To the family of Mrs. Riedy,  
My family was sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Please accept the condolences from some "friends on Concord" in Kansas City, MO. My family moved to Concord in 1953. I was just a young child; however, none of us could ever forget the Kaufmann family and especially Mrs. Kaufmann. Mrs. Kaufmann was always so kind to the many neighborhood children. I do remember our mom and dad telling us how Mrs. Kaufmann had lost a son in WWII and that he was a journalist.  
My sister bought the "Stone's house" on East Concord, which happens to be next to our family home, which my mom still owns.  
You brought back sweet memories of the Kaufmann family and the wonderful block of Concord.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely, Nancy Nestor Hand

**Nancy N. Hand** - March 31, 2019 at 08:55 PM