



Jeanne Marie Smith

August 9, 1929 - December 28, 2024

Jeanne Marie Smith, formerly of Cambridge, MA, passed away on December 28 in Sarasota, Florida. Born on August 9, 1929, she had recently celebrated her 95th birthday. However, consistent with her wishes, her family will continue to report her age as 39.

Born in Buffalo, Jeanne graduated from the Buffalo Seminary and earned a full scholarship to Cornell University. She later spent time in Brooklyn and Cleveland, before settling in Massachusetts and spending many years in Needham, Duxbury, Dorchester, and Cambridge.

She worked as a real estate agent for many years in Cambridge, and developed an encyclopedic knowledge of the geography and history of Harvard Square. Her deepest personal passion was for crossword puzzles, which she did daily in either The New York Times or Wall Street Journal for many decades. She insisted on doing her puzzles only in pen, but enjoyed entertaining her grandchildren by calling for help with clues.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, Marie (Stone) and Nicholas Smith; a brother, Nicholas Smith; her husband, Ronald Schwartz; and her longtime partner, Brian Thomsitt.

She is survived by her two children, Catherine Cotton and her husband

Harvey, and Nicholas Schwartz; two grandchildren, Benjamin and Eli Cotton; a brother, Paterson Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of Jeanne's life in the Boston area at a later date.