



Vivian Lee Jennings

December 12, 1932 - December 8, 2022

Vivian "Vee" Lee Klockars-Jennings, 90, of Newnan, formerly of Merritt Island, FL, passed away suddenly at Piedmont Newnan Hospital on Thursday, December 8, 2022. She was born December 12, 1932, in New Haven, CT.

She is preceded in death by her husband William, and her daughter, Susan.

Vivian grew up in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. After graduation, she married William Jennings, who was enlisted in the Navy. After moving to several states, they settled on Merritt Island in 1963, where they raised their four children. They moved to Newnan in 2006 to be closer to their son, his wife, and a daughter, who were longtime residents in Georgia.

Vivian is survived by her son, Thomas "Tom" Jennings and his wife, Linda, of Senoia, and her daughters, Loren Jennings, and Melissa Jennings of Newnan.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

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Loren Jennings - December 17, 2022 at 02:41 PM

“ So it's taken me days to go thru 90 years of pictures & pictures & pick out some that represent Momma. Because you can't just go thru pictures, you have to LOOK at the too. I also wrote a brief bio/family history.

while doing all this & still processing that she is gone I got flooded with so many memories & of course needed the box of tissues.

Due to a change in my life circumstances I came back to live with my parents in 2011 after daddy's health declined, & he passed away, I wound up staying living with my Mom & sister. I can honestly say that there were times that we butted heads, Momma's sharp tongue, my hard headedness. But over time we seemed to gel more & more. Some would call me her caretaker, but I saw it more as I was her Companion-daughter. I was here if she needed me & knew when to let her be. She could take care of herself, there were just things she couldn't do anymore, she didn't drive, wasn't as tall or as strong as she used to be & that's what I took care of. I did the yard work & house work for her & in turn she kept me in food & vodka.! well, wine now.

We all had a great childhood, we had fun. She taught me a lot, my creativity & craftiness are thanks to her, yet she would still exclaim over my newest crochet/knit/sewn or craft creation. when I would come in from doing yard work or tending my garden, she would say I did TOO much.

when we were growing up She could be strict, had some rules that we had to follow, but I think they were a positive influence. I had a line I used sometimes these past few years, as she shrank, barely 5 ft now, someone would ask how tall she was & I would quip "when was I was a teenager, she was 6 ft. tall" some would get it & we would laugh. I do & am going to miss her very much.

I had this past 11 years of being able to say both "good morning & good night" to her & everything in between-"What should we have for dinner ?, who's cooking tonight, you or me?" "when's your next Dr. Appointment & do you want to go to the grocery store? or do you just want me to go?" I'm a pretty independent person, self-reliant not particularly needy, pretty capable of handling everything life has tossed at me so far. But this, losing her, is by far my biggest

challenge to my emotions. We were daily companions, sometimes chatting on & off all day & other times not actually talking for a few hours. If she needed me I was here, but she was also here if I needed her. Love you very Much Momma, Gonna miss you so MUCH.

Love, Loren Lee a.k.a. Spook

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“ Family History-

Moms' grandparents on her father's side were Swedish/Finnish Immigrants that came into Ellis Island in the late 1800's & settled in Connecticut. Her Mother's family from Colonial beach, VA. She said she was told her Maternal Grandmother made & sold Liquor out her back door & sometimes hosted card games. Her Father & Mother met in the late 1920's while he was in the Navy & had come to buy some alcohol. A few years after they married they moved to Portsmouth, N.H. & he worked in the Naval Yard as a Master Molder (Munitions). She was 1 of 5 children & they grew up in the 40's in & around the water, the docks & fisheries. When she met our Daddy, William he was active duty in the Navy. They married in 1950 & with his Military service moved thru several Northern states before spending time in Hawaii & then in early 1960's settled in Florida on Merritt Island where they raised their 4 children.

Our home was on the water, on a canal & we always had a boat. We spent most weekends & vacations going somewhere by boat. The Indian River, Banana River, Intracoastal, little Islands, Kars Park, Marinas all over the State of Florida. Most of their friends were also boaters with kids & trips were planned so they could meet or travel together, sometimes just "anchoring out".

We always seemed to have people in & out of the house, friends or family. There always seemed to be music playing on the reel-to-reel in the living room, might be Dinah Washington or Dave Brubeck or George Jones.

Mom not only liked to entertain, hosting many parties & get togethers thru the years, but she liked to "be Entertained"- Enjoying going to Fairs, Festivals, Stage plays, Movies, Music events- we went to Las Vegas several times, just for the shows. & I'm sure we had been to most Theme parks in Florida.

After 3 of 4 kids were gone from home, in 1977 she went back to school-Brevard Community College getting her GED. Later on studying for & getting her Real Estate License. When They left the house on the canal & moved to the North end of Merritt Island they got a pontoon boat & trailer which they enjoyed for several years so they could continue going fishing. In 2006 they moved to Georgia &

left the Florida lifestyle behind.

It's hard to sum up a life in a few words, my mother was the middle of 5 children & the last one left. She had a long & interesting life, the stories of growing up poor but happy in the 40's, using rations & buying "shorts" at the docks ("Shorts"-small lobsters-really considered nuisances to the fishermen) It used to be called Puddle Dock, but is now Strawberry Banks. After marrying Daddy, making our house a home wherever he was transferred to. Each of us were born in a different state.

Working at a young age to help out, learning to make do & make your own. Her father in later years was in a Sanitorium with lung disease & Crocheted beautiful purses. She was very creative & crafty, Making decor for the house, Halloween costumes & Christmas decorations. Crochet, Macrame, Knitting, Sewing & more. I thought she was very smart, she had a lot of knowledge & trivia in her head, she read the newspaper & did the crossword puzzle every day, watched jeopardy. While in these later years she could not be as physically active, her mind was still sharp.

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Vivian was such a classy woman, and so fun to be around. I'll always remember coming over to your house in Merritt Island and playing the organ you had in the room off the kitchen. To this day, I can still remember playing Beautiful Dreamer. Amazing what we remember from our childhood. I hope all of you are doing well. Lori Parker

Lori Parker - July 29, 2024 at 03:27 AM