



Jean Parsons Baiden

August 28, 1943 - August 8, 2020

Jean Parsons Baiden died Saturday, August 8th, 2020 after a 24-year battle with metastatic breast cancer. Born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, she was the daughter of Lena Belle and Vernon Edwin Parsons and a 1961 graduate of Fayetteville High School.

Jean has been an active member of the Greenville community over the course of her decades here. She helped found the Metropolitan Arts Council, was a member of the Greenville Junior Women's Club, was recognized as "Woman of the Year" from the National Federation of Women's Clubs, and was a longtime volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County. Jean's commitment to the development of the Cancer Survivors Park in Greenville and her participation on the initial capital campaign helped launch the project. Jean faithfully served two church congregations in the Greenville area. As a 34-year member of Taylors First Baptist, she co-founded the wedding committee and led senior high school youth groups. As a member for the past 11 years of John Knox Presbyterian, Jean served as an elder, and as chairwoman of the Christian Ministry and Outreach, wedding, and bereavement committees. For 54 years she helped brides and grooms plan their special day as a wedding and etiquette consultant.

Jean is survived by her husband of 54 years, Arthur Hamilton Baiden III MG AUS (Ret.), her daughter Annalynn Barnett Baiden, her son A. Hamilton

Baiden IV (Dawn), and brother Donald Edwin Parsons (Cressie). She cherished her three “grandgirls”: Skylar Serge, Mia Serge, and Lili Baiden. Jean was predeceased by both of her parents and her son-in-law, James Earle Barnett Jr.

Jean successfully battled this terrible disease for so many years in part because of the cutting-edge care she received from the Prisma Health Cancer Institute and, in particular, Dr. Larry Gluck. The family would also like to thank Interim Hospice and Upstate Living Water for the outstanding care and comfort they provided in her final days.

A Memorial Service will be held on August 27, 2021 at 3 PM at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Cancer Survivors Park Alliance; P. O. Box 9428; Greenville, SC; 29604.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **27**. 3:00 PM (ET)

John Knox Presbyterian Church
35 Shannon Dr.
Greenville, SC 29615

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Art, we are broken-hearted to hear of Jean’s passing. We’ve always felt so fortunate to claim the two of you as friends. Prayers for strength and peace for you and all your family during this difficult time. Much love, Tina & Joe Ballew

Tina Ballew - August 14, 2020 at 06:19 PM

JG

“ I met Jean when she was hosting Doncaster events at her home. What a lovely lady she was and I enjoyed getting to know her over the years. My health has prevented me from seeing her over the last few years but I was fortunate to have her as a friend. Will keep your family in my prayers in the days to come. Mrs. Jerry Gaines

Jerry Gaines - August 14, 2020 at 09:00 AM

JG

“ Mr. Baiden, Annalynn and Hamilton,
So sorry for your loss. Mrs Jean was a true southern lady that always made me feel at home when I stayed with Hamilton on many furloughs from The Citadel. She was always smiling and the sweetest lady ever. She hugged me like a long lost son at a Citadel Brigadier Auction probably 15 years ago even after not seeing me for over 15 years. It’s was like we never missed a beat a truly awesome lady. Lots of love, hugs and prayers to you especially during your time of grieving.

Jody Green - August 11, 2020 at 09:06 PM

EH

“ Mrs. Baiden was a beautiful, classy lady. Impeccable in manners and style. Sending you all our love - Ellie Hodge and family

ELLIE HODGE - August 11, 2020 at 03:27 PM

AL

“ Art, Annalynn and Hamilton,
Phil and I are so sorry for your loss of Jean. She was such a dear friend for so many years. She was literally the one who opened the door to our lives together as our wedding director in 2004. We think of the thousands of lives she helped at church, through weddings and through her work. We are so thankful for her being in our lives for so many years. We have shared so many wonderful memories together at The Citadel! She was so much fun to be with, honest, genuine, straightforward and funny! We will remember her as a woman who was beautiful inside and out and as one who was incredibly resilient. We'll remember her as someone who made our lives so much better! Heaven has truly gained a shining star and a great organizer! We will miss her terribly. We have prayed, and will continue to pray, for all of you and your family.
Sending our love,
Allison and Phil Love



Allison Dean Love - August 11, 2020 at 11:52 AM