



## Mrs Jeanne Thompson Stephenson

September 11, 1920 - March 26, 2023

Jeanne Thompson Stephenson passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2023. Mrs. Stephenson (nee Thompson) was born September 11, 1920 in Bay City, Michigan. She moved to Baltimore in 1956 and lived in Roland Park for many years, until moving to Broadmead in Cockeysville, MD. She was a resident there for over 32 years. Mrs. Stephenson will be buried in Bay City, and a private family ceremony will be held for her.

Mrs. Stephenson graduated from Vassar College in 1942. During World War Two, Mrs. Stephenson served in the Army Special Services and traveled throughout the Pacific theater, performing in the musical "Oklahoma". After the war Jeanne lived in New York City, and briefly danced with the Martha Graham company, before becoming a teacher. In 1955 she married James Henry Stephenson II, a noted Baltimore architect who was a founding member of the Cochran, Stephenson, and Donkervoet (CS&D) architectural firm. Mr. Stephenson preceded her in death in 1989.

Jeanne was active in her church, Brown Memorial Presbyterian, and later enjoyed attending Ashland Presbyterian. She had a life-long love of dance, music (especially jazz), literature, and movies. She loved her summer vacations in Maine, at Saddleback Lake & Mt. Desert Island, and she was always ready for a game of cards (particularly Hearts). She was a voracious reader and enjoyed being a member of the book club at Broadmead. Her favorite author was Henry James, and she was expert on his works. She was also a member of the Hamilton Street and L'Hirondelle clubs in Baltimore.

Jeanne was a generous, loving, soul and a wonderful mother to her sons James Henry Stephenson III (who preceded her in death in 2020), and Paul Thompson Stephenson. She is survived by her son Paul Stephenson, her daughter in-law Helen Stephenson (nee Mattson), her five grandchildren, Thomas R. Stephenson, Christopher J. Stephenson, Peter T. Stephenson, Nina Stephenson, Carl Stephenson, and her nieces and nephew, Judy Taylor (nee Wells), Betsy Oliver (nee Wells) and Peter Wells.