



## Jean O'Halloran

July 4, 1951 - January 20, 2022

Jean O'Halloran, 70, passed away suddenly in Atlanta, GA on January 20, 2022. She is survived by her devoted husband, Ron Picker, and two children, William Lynch and Mary Inman and husband Jeff. She is also survived by one sister, Elizabeth Fraser; four grandchildren; Connor Lynch, Olivia Wine, and Maddox and Wyatt Inman; and several beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Daniel O'Halloran, and two sisters, Mary Abigail Buxton and Laurie Gifford.

Jeannie was born on July 4th, 1951 in Bethesda, Maryland to William and Ruth Renwick O'Halloran. She earned her undergraduate degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College, and after graduation worked as the Director of Community Service for many years. During her time at Wesleyan, Jeannie was an invaluable asset to the students she worked with, and thought of them as her own family. She then earned her Masters in Social Work from West Virginia University, after which she worked mainly in community-based mental health in rural West Virginia. After closing her private practice, Jeannie began a career with the VA Medical System, first in Beckley and then in Clarksburg, WV. She was an advocate for her Veterans, and a valued mentor to her co-workers. After retiring in June of 2020, she and Ron moved to Newnan, Georgia to be near her daughter Mary and her family.

Jeannie was an idealist who lived by a unique code. She believed in helping

everyone she could, but also expected people to help themselves. She will be remembered for her quick wit and sometimes questionable sense of humor, and also for the warmth that she spread to everyone she met.

A celebration of Jeannie's life is being planned for later in the year.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

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# Tribute Wall

LK

“ Jean was a great help to my mother, April Keating, when April first started having babies and needed support. My family still talks about Jean to this day. We send our deepest condolences.

Laura Keating - April 16, 2022 at 10:37 AM

MO

“ I was saddened to learn of Jean's passing. We became friends through Facebook. Jean followed my nature and wildlife photography and over the last few years bought several of my photos. We had friendly messages back and forth. I regret never having met her in person. My love and condolences to her family and friends.

Michael Oberman - February 08, 2022 at 02:02 PM

KC

“ Our prayers goes out to William, all the Family and Friends. It was a pleasure to have known Jeannie. To laugh with her, and watch her teach my daughter in home bound. Rest In Peace

Karen and Orville Collins - January 27, 2022 at 02:57 PM

JF

“ I worked with Jeannie for several years at the VA in Beckley. She would always have a smile on her face and brought a smile to mine as well when I would see her. She definitely was an advocate for our veterans . I was sad to see her move to Clarksburg, but we kept in touch on Facebook. Fly high sweet Jeannie. You touched many lives. Rest in Peace my friend. Janie F.



Janie Flanagan - January 26, 2022 at 11:11 AM

HB

“ I was a former supervisor of Jeannie at the VA in Clarksburg. My condolences to all of her family, friends, and former co-workers.

Heather Brown - January 22, 2022 at 06:56 AM

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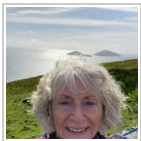
“ I worked with Jeannie at Children and Youth in Buckhannon. My condolences to her family

Carleen Firl - January 21, 2022 at 10:14 PM

JG

“ Jeannie was my grandsons other grandma !! I knew her before I did her kids lol  
I want to express my deepest and sincere condolences to Willy Mary and Connor !!  
Plus the other family members ❤️

Jeannie Gregory - January 21, 2022 at 09:31 PM



“ I met Jeanie when we both worked at TriCounty in Rock CAve. In her usual forthright manner, she instructed me in the many aspect of social services. She was particularly proud in the attainment of a mental health services grant (along with Carla Waldo) that opened up the field for those in need at TriCounty.. She was a strong advocate for many children and families. She was so proud of her family and always spoke lovingly of her children and Ron her husband. I will miss her many pithy remarks on the state of the world.

Faith Moore - January 21, 2022 at 08:57 PM

AM

“ Jeannie was the best kind of people. She will be greatly missed in this world.

-Amy Burgess LaSota

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Amy - January 21, 2022 at 08:37 PM

JC

“ Jeannie was my freshman advisor in the fall OG 1990. I was completely lost and unprepared for college life or the move away from home. I am from Maine, a fact that was not lost on Jeannie; she had been there and had warm memories.

Jeannie glommed onto me immediately and opened her home in Buckhannon as well as Druid's Hollow. Many of my friends from that time remain so today; we shared a few meals at her home as well as at the local restaurant.

With the advent of social media, we were able to reconnect. We have engaged in many conversations and debates and she was a passionate advocate for her beliefs. She was a member of a group I founded a couple years ago that focuses on finding small gratitudes in our daily lives.

Jeannie may well have been my first true adult friend. I feel like she sought to find the best in all of us young adults; certainly not always an easy task.

I am saddened for this loss; not just for myself and her family, but for everyone she fought so hard to foster with tireless support.

This is an amazing soul and I am proud to have known her.

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Justin Cross - January 21, 2022 at 06:22 PM

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“ Jeannie was significant to me in so many ways and there for me during college at WVWC. Had it not been for her wonderful and insightful mind, and yes, questionable sense of humor which I adored, I probably would never have even entertained the idea of having children. I'm am deeply saddened by this loss especially for her children and grandchildren. She fiercely loved her children and I can only imagine how wonderful a grandmother she made. She was a strong role model for me in 1989-1992 while I was in college completing a degree. She is loved and will be forever held in my heart. Thinking of each of you. I'm genuinely sorry and so sad for your loss of this incredible mom, wife, grandmother, friend, mentor, woman—person. 🧡

Novella Woodrum Thompson

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**Novella Woodrum Thompson** - January 21, 2022 at 05:40 PM

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*My beautiful colleague, I know you lived life to the fullest, especially when you were with those you loved. I have many books you sent to me, words of wit and wisdom. Thank you form making me a better person and health care provider. I am so happy our paths crossed while caring for our Veterans/ I know many loved ones are greeting you. I love you Jeannie. Theresa*

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**Theresa** - January 22, 2022 at 05:54 PM