



## Jean Wight Rosahn

August 29, 1918 - May 19, 2008

Jean Wight Rosahn, 89, died Monday May 19, 2008 at Ledgecrest Health Center of Kensington, CT. Jean, the widow of Dr. Paul D. Rosahn, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, the daughter of the late William Derwin Wight and Elsa Symonds Wight. She attended the Barstow School in Kansas City and graduated in 1939 from Smith College. She moved to Connecticut in 1954 where she taught French at Avon High School until 1959 when she married Dr. Paul Rosahn.

After Paul's death in 1980, Jean became an avid traveler exploring sparsely populated areas of northern Canada, encountering polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba, and seals, by dog sled, near the Arctic Circle. In the 90's decade, Jean shifted her focus to ocean travel on freighters with her longtime companion, Sydney Mitchell of Nova Scotia. She and Syd managed to do several Atlantic crossings to Europe and the Mediterranean, once stopping at the Azores on the return leg. They also made at least two trips through the Panama Canal, one visiting Pitcairn Island en route to Australia and another to the western coast of South America.

In 1975, Jean donated 32 acres of family property to the Province of Nova Scotia in honor of her parents. It is now known as the Wight Nature Preserve in Hubbards, Nova Scotia. At home, she created the Berlin Medical Aid Fund in 1987, to assist the Berlin, CT VNA in attending to those in need but without

health insurance.

Jean is survived by her nephew, Craig Patterson and his wife Anne of Prairie Village, Kansas and her three grand nephews, Eric Patterson and his wife Megan of Tiburon, California; Andrew Patterson of Edgerton, KS; and Mark Patterson of Durham, North Carolina.

There is no public funeral service or calling hours. Burial will be in West Lane Cemetery, Kensington, CT. Memorial donations may be made to The Barstow School, 11511 State Line, Kansas City, MO 64114 or to Fidelco Guide Dog, 103 Old Iron Ore Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by "clicking" GUESTBOOK at the bottom of the page.

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“ *The Berlin VNA Staff and Board of Directors are very saddened by the death of Jean. She was a neat person who was very diligent to her commitment to the VNA. Jean and Dr. Rosahn established the Medical Aid Fund which we do rely on throughout the year to assist patients and residents in the community without Medical Insurance. We will miss her.*

*Thank you Jean for all you did for the residents of Berlin, Ct.*

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**Berlin VNA** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM