



Jeanette "Janey" Griffin Tull

May 7, 1927 - March 6, 2024

Jeanette "Janey" (Mermoud) Griffin Tull, 96, of Grandview, Missouri, died Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Jeanette "Janey" (Mermoud) Griffin Tull was born May 7th, 1927, in Monett, Missouri, to Jules Frederic "Fred" Mermoud and Willa Ophelia (Henbest) Mermoud. She graduated from Monett High School and attended The University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Janey had fond memories growing up in Monett on the family's dairy farm. She always called her father her special "guardian angel." Her father became successful in his pursuits as a retail dairyman, featuring Guernsey milk products. Janey enjoyed feeding and working with the animals, especially going places with her father to help others in the area with their livestock and crops. The Mermoud family was actively involved in the community, school, and church. Janey would recount stories during World War II when the family would often meet the trains that traveled through Monett with servicemen on their way to basic training, and distribute milk bottles to the soldiers from the family dairy farm. Because gas was rationed during the war years, Janey lived in town during her high school years and supplemented her income by working at the drug store and the shoe store. In 1943, she was selected as "Miss Monett."

In 1947, she married G. Chandler "Chan" Griffin, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II. They lived in Cassville, Missouri, for five years and forged their careers. Chan was a teacher and elementary school principal; Janey

worked in retail sales and as a bank bookkeeper. They moved to Kansas City in 1953, then to Grandview in 1954. Chan worked as a school principal and Janey worked as a district secretary in the administration offices of Center School District. Chan passed away in 1963. With her deep faith and resiliency, Janey stayed active in her career and the community. In 1964, Janey began working as a clerk in the administration office of the Hickman Mills School District. She served as Building and Grounds Secretary until her retirement in 1991.

A dog lover and fancier, Janey was the owner and breeder of a kennel called "Chandler's Cockers" for eight years. From her efforts, fine champions were produced. She served as a clerk officer and President of the Heart of America Cocker Spaniel Specialty Club of Kansas City.

In 1967, Janey married David L. Tull, who served in U.S. Navy in World War II. They had a wonderful life together while performing countless hours of community service. Dave served six years as Chief Protocol for the Richards-Gebaur Air Base Community Council. Janey enjoyed assisting him with his duties and together they supported veteran efforts.

Janey held several leadership positions on community boards and committees during her lifetime. In 1984, she served as General Chairman of the Missouri Educational Office Personnel Convention at The Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. Devoted to charitable works and the principles of patriotism, Janey was a life member of BPO of Does (KC Drove #74) and Missouri State BPO of Does. She served as Chairman of the 1982 BPO of Does Grand Lodge Conventions held in Kansas City. She was an active member of Pete Dover VFW and DEARS auxiliary of Elks Lodge 2088; life member of the auxiliary; National Home for children; DAV (chapter 2) Ladies Auxiliary.

Janey was a talented pianist, and continued to play the piano into her nineties. She enjoyed playing jazz and would improvise melodies on the keys. When visiting her in recent years, she performed for her nieces and nephews, and ended her performance with a smile and catchy phrase, "That's all, folks."

Janey was a lovely lady, always perfectly coiffed and elegantly dressed. She

was a friend to many who came into her sphere, offering a listening ear and encouraging words to lift others.

Janey was preceded in death by her husbands, Chandler Griffin (1963) and David Tull (2011); her stepdaughter Patricia Ann Karopchinsky; her parents, Fred and Willa Mermoud; her sister, Edith Callaway, and brother-in-law James Robert Callaway; her sister, Emmeline Mermoud; her brother, Jules Frank Mermoud, and sister-in-law, Marilyn (Hudson) Mermoud; her nieces Lynn Leonhardt and Phyllis Glasby; her nephews Ronald Jay Mermoud, James Robert Callaway, Jr., and Fredric Callaway. She is survived by her niece Jean (Mermoud) Pickett and nephew Jules Frank Mermoud, Jr.; her godchildren Alicia and Dustin Bigelow; her great nieces and nephews; and her step grandchildren, Ryan and Paul Karopchinsky.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to dear neighbors and friends Jackie and Marshall Bigelow for their compassionate care for Janey, especially over the past few years.

Embodying the philosophy of living life to its fullest, Janey's parting words on phone calls were always "take care of each other and don't forget to have some fun." Janey is now in heaven with her loved ones and undoubtedly sharing her musical talent at the piano by accompanying the celestial choir of angels.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the donor's choice.

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“ *I remember spending days with Uncle Dave and Aunt Janey as a child. Aunt Janey’s laugh was so full and fun. RIP*

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