

Jane Bronson Cartano



Jane Bronson Cartano died May 1, 2005 in Bellevue at the age of 84 after a long illness with Parkinson's.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, John Daniel Cartano; their seven children, Julie Rourke (Robert) of Bellevue, WA, David Cartano of Los Angeles, CA, Robert Cartano (Maureen) of Seattle, WA, Anna Gascoigne (Robert) of Lynnwood, WA, Helene Marcellia (Jeffrey) of Bellevue, WA, Margaret Hewes (Richard) of Portland, ME, and Joan Savard (Steven) of Bellevue, WA. She had 13 grandchildren, Kyle and Tyler Rourke, Joe and Jill Cartano, Angela Aichinger, Alicia Lydick, David Gascoigne, Geena and John Marcellia, Jane and Julie Hewes, and Katie and Jack Savard. She also had three great-grandchildren, Daniel, Evelyn and Elaina Aichinger. She was preceded in death by her sister, Louise Bulman of Maryland.

Jane was born on February 5, 1921 in Las Cruces, NM to Florence Delaney Bronson and David Edgeworth Bronson. Her father was the Editor of the Las Cruces Sun News. She graduated from Loretto Academy in Las Cruces in 1938, and went on to graduate with honors with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from New Mexico State in 1942. During her college years she held various campus leadership positions, had the lead in two plays and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She earned a Masters of Science degree in Nutrition from Iowa State University in 1944.

A position as Chief Nutritionist for the Washington State Dairy Council brought Jane to Seattle where she soon met local attorney John Cartano. After a whirlwind courtship, they married in Las Cruces, NM on November 1, 1946, and settled in Bellevue to start their family.

Jane was active in the East Lake Washington Home Economists, the Dr. James B. Eagleson Guild of Children's Hospital and Medical Center, the Seattle Tennis Club, and supported her husband John's many political and civic activities. She and John enjoyed dancing with the Arcadian Dance Club. She volunteered for a number of years to bring bread from a local Bellevue bakery every week to the Union Gospel Mission in Seattle.

Jane was a very devout Catholic and an active parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Bellevue, WA. All seven of her children graduated from Sacred Heart School.

She enjoyed playing golf, skiing with her family, gardening and traveling all over the world. However, her greatest passion was cooking delicious meals for her family and friends. As a special tribute, her daughter, Margaret Hewes has compiled a cookbook entitled, *Just Like Mother's*, featuring Jane's memorable recipes for her delicious cooking.

Jane spent her last afternoon in the company of her husband and several of her children and grandchildren. She was even treated to a visit to a nearby park. She faced her 20 year struggle with Parkinson's with dignity, courage and a positive attitude. She derived great strength from her Catholic faith and the loving support of her husband and family. She was known by all as a very caring individual who never complained and always had a kind word for everyone she knew.

The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. Remembrances may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, Washington State Chapter, PO Box 75169, Seattle, WA 98725-0169.