



Mary Deane Boisseau

December 31, 1935 - February 15, 2012

Mary Leigh Deane Boisseau, 76, of 3240 Drury Lane, Danville, VA, died Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at her residence after a decline in her health since May of 2011. Mrs. Boisseau was born in Danville, VA, on December 31, 1935, a daughter of the late Jennings Kenneth Deane, Sr. and the late Nannie Leigh Viar Deane. She had lived most of her life in Danville, VA, and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She had retired after 33 years as a teacher at various grades. Prior to her retirement she taught as a College Professor at Southside Virginia Community College, in Keysville, VA; at George Washington High School, Cedarbrook Elementary School and Westend Elementary School in Danville, VA. She had been a Genealogist since 1976 and a member and officer of the following lineage organizations, the Dorothea Henry, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Colonist, Daughters of Colonial Wars, Sons of Daughters of the Pilgrims, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Society of the Decendents of Washingtons Army at Valley Forge, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century, Jamestowne Society, U.S. Daughters of 1812, Colonial Dames of America, Flagon and Trencher, Society of the Magna Charta and the First Families of Virginia. She was formerly married to Willie Edward Boisseau, Jr., now deceased. Survivors include two sons, John Michael ?Mike? Boisseau, and wife Pam Walker Boisseau, of Chesapeake, VA; and Willie Edward ?Eddie? Boisseau, III, and wife Teresa Marie Galeano Boisseau, of Pasadena, MD; four grandchildren, Leslie Anne Boisseau and

Landon Walker Boisseau of Chesapeake, VA; Danielle Marie Boisseau and Emily Anne Boisseau of Pasadena, MD; a nephew, Kevin Mark Deane, and a niece, Karen Annette Deane Tennant. In addition to her former husband, she was predeceased by a brother, Jennings Kenneth Deane, Jr. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. from Trinity United Methodist Church with the Reverend Charles Wickham and the Reverend Mark Deane officiating. A reception in the Church Fellowship Hall will follow the service. At other times the family will be at the residence. Also, they suggests memorials may be made to Peninsula Young Life, 2800 Harpersville Road, Newport News, VA, 23661-2322, Chesapeake Young Life, 173 Mount Pleasant Road, Chesapeake, VA, 23322, the Schoolfield Museum, West Main Street, Danville, VA, 24541 or to the charity of your choice. Wrenn-Yeatts, Westover chapel is respectfully serving the Boisseau family.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ I met Mary Leigh when we worked together organizing/chartering the Virginia Piedmont Company, Jamestowne Society in 2000. She has been a dear and dedicated friend to me since 2000. She always had a hug for you. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her in all the lineage societies. God Bless and Keep each and every one in God's hands. Carolyn K. Farmer Houston, Texas

Carolyn K. Farmer - February 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Mike & Eddie our deepest sympathy to you and your families. God give you a special grace to carry you through all that has happened. Thought of you all through the years. God bless you in this time of sorrow

Billie Jo & Roger Magers - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Mary Leigh was a wonderful supporter of DAR Service for Veterans for many years and will be greatly missed. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Elizabeth Berry - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Mary Leigh, a beloved and gentle soul, was an inspiration for all of us who value our ancestors and heritage. She must be enjoying her homecoming in heaven.

Rachel Hill - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Mike and Family, I extend my deepest sympathy at the passing of your mother. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Jesus will carry you through this valley. You are not alone. Your colleague and friend, Jane Ellsworth

Jane Ellsworth - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sincere condolences to the Boisseau family. Mary Leigh was such a dear friend to all who knew her, and I am saddened by such a loss.

Johnnie R. Skinner - February 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Ms Boisseau was my sixth grade teacher at Westend Elem about 51 yrs ago. She was one of my two favorite teachers for all the yrs I attended school. I will never forget her, how good she was to me & how much she taught me. I still have her school picture from that year. She had one son back then & she had me watch him when she took our entire class to her house. He was adorable, so cute & so well behaved. I remember she told me she did not speak "baby talk" to him. If babies could learn baby talk, then they could just as easily learn "adult" talk. I agree! Wish I had known her after I became an adult. She touched so many lives in a positive way. God bless; my prayers are with each of you.

Teresia Hull Hawkins - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Mary Leigh was a wonderful person and a dear friend. I will miss her so much.

Nancy Swanson McCachren - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“*Mary Leigh was an unusually wonderful person, always smiling and offering a word of encouragement. She was so much fun to be around . . . a blessing to each society that she served . . . a tireless worker for whatever project she was undertaking! She shall be missed by her many, many dear friends. We loved Mary Leigh so very much!*”

Robin Towns - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“*Mike, I am saddened by your loss. it is most difficult to say goodbye to Mom. I am glad that you could be there to encourage her. she is now in a place where she can encourage you, once again. we will be pleased to see you when you are available.*”

Dale Baugh - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“*God Bless all. I only met Mrs. Boisseau a few times but her family has always been very close to me. My prayers are for them as well.*”

Mark Sprinkle - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“*Mary Leigh will be missed from all the organizations that she was involved with over the years. She was always one of those special people in life made you smile every time I was around her. God Bless you all - you and your family are in my prayers.*”

Carey Brace - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Mary Leigh was a wonderful friend. I am very appreciative of genealogy help she gave me and for her great support in The Jamestowne Society when I was its governor. My sincere condolences to each member of her family.* Jim owen

James J. Owen - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ It was my joy and privilege to have known Mary Leigh since we were about twelve years old. Our friendship has been present with its joys and laughter, twists and tears throughout many eventful years. We had a bond forged with music, sports, spoken and written word, working on the newspaper in high school, selling record numbers of bags of potato chips for Y Teens, loving to dance always as if no one were looking, early passion for learning and knowing we were college bound, wrapped in an eye for irony, amusement and reasons to laugh. She is one of the few people I know who crammed into one lifetime a family, (of which she was very proud), learning to belly dance, trying her hand at driving an eighteen wheeler, teaching from elementary school through college level, reading the full output of dozens of mystery writers, while managing the money of the concessions stand of the local high school and taking active part in an unearthly number of organizations and maintaining a legion of friends. Bless her as a multi-tasker extraordinaire. She stayed with me for a week before Christmas. It was a time full of talk and remembrance and cheer. She had already begun to have trouble swallowing and though I think we both privately knew this was not a positive thing, we shared times at church and my friends. The time we had was precious, always and this time, especially so. She was looking forward to being back at Eddie's and knew that Mike was coming also. She told me of her determination to make oyster stew on Christmas Eve, "just as I have done since I was sixteen". She did. I have always loved her courage and focus...and her special laughter. I shall miss her. She is now a member of the advance welcoming committee and doubtless has found an organizational meeting so she can lend a hand. The important thing is that she has been freed from a body that cannot be well. Blessings to all of her family and friends. Fran Bell Simms

Fran Bell Simms - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Boisseau Family... we are thinking of you and sending prayers of strength and peace. Love, The Peters Family Dan, Sandra, Brad and Christopher*

Sandra Peters - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Dear Mike and Eddie and families- I read about your mom and the contributions she made during her life and am grateful she was among us. While it is a time of loss, it is also a time to remember the good things in life. I think I only met her once but was also reminded of good times in our younger years at Lake Gaston with the two of you and wanted you to know you are remembered in thought and prayer as well as a donation to Chesapeake Young Life. Blessing to you and yours. JoLynne*

Jo Lynne Robins - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Mike, my condolences to you and your family. Your in my prayers.*

Jeff Eelman - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ *Mike & Eddie...over the past two years I probably spent 10 hours with your mom talking about the family and our common geneology. They were the best 10 hours I have spent in years and only wish it could have been more. We spoke about the "promise of eternal life" at our last meeting in Chesapeake and agreed it is the hope in Jesus Christ that sustains us. God Bless you and your family. Your mom certainly blessed me...In Him...Cousin Tommy*

Thomas I (Tommy) Viar - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Pam & Mike, We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Our parents are irreplaceable, especially our Moms. We Pray that Peace will be with you however through this sad time, knowing that a loving God is who called Mary Leigh home. We love you both, Debbie & Dan.

Debbie & Dan Hickok - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to a friend or relative of Mary Leigh Deane Boisseau.

February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Mike, Pam, Leslie & Landon, You are all in our prayers. We are sorry for your loss and know that your mom & grand mom is dancing with Jesus. Words cannot begin to express how you are feeling right now but know that you are in our thoughts. Love you guys,

John, Luanne, Sean & Justin - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Boisseau and Deane family. God Bless, Brian & Rebecca Benz

Brian Benz - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you all during this most difficult time! "And He will raise you up on Eagle's Wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND" Love, Paul, Steph and Allie

Paul, Stephanie and Allie DeSimone - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Mary Leigh was always such a dear presence wherever and whenever we met. The Regent's Club will miss her this Spring and we all will miss her at State Conference. My sympathy to her dear family for the loss of this light.*

Jane Snider - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I served with Mary Leigh in a number of societies and always found her pleasant to be with. She had a sharp mind and often was called on for special activities or to present a program.*

Doris L. Cocke - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Mary Leigh's faith in God and love of country were truly inspiring. She led a faithful and committed life of service, and she was an encourager by word and deed. I will truly miss you, dear lady. I offer heartfelt condolences to her family of which she was immensely proud.*

Anne Farley - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Memories of love and friendship are treasures to carry until we meet again. To the family...you have given such wonderful care and my heartfelt sympathy to each of you.*

Judy Edmonds - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Mary Leigh was my DAR friend and I will miss her very much. We always had fun at State Conference and continental Congress. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. I will light a personal candle on Saturday and she will be remembered at The memorial Service at State Conference in March.*

Terry Arnold - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Dear Family of Mary Leigh, We will miss her and her encouraging words and generous heart. Mary Leigh was also a champion for America and its veterans and active duty. God bless, Carla*

Robert and Carla Odom - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM