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Evelyn Jean Ring of Dartmouth died on November 13, 2021 at the age of 92. Born in Dartmouth on October 2, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Leo Burton Horne and Sarah Anne Horne (nee Warnell).

Jean was an independent, determined, and resourceful woman who loved her family, music, and travel. At the age of 18 years old she was named Miss Dartmouth Natal Day and not long after she and Don were married at Christ Church in 1948. She was a graduate of the Maritime Academy of Music and had perfect pitch. Jean taught private piano and voice lessons in her home for over 25 years, full time. There was hardly a time when she left her house that she wasn't stopped by a previous student to remind her that she had given them lessons. In Jean's spare time, while raising her eight children, she was the first President of the Jeunesses Musicales Dartmouth Branch, and later sat as the Provincial representative on the National Board of Jeunesses Musicales.

Jean was the founder and first President of the NS Registered Music Teachers Association and the first Provincial Representative and Secretary of the McGill Conservatory Music Centre in NS. She was Chair of the Halifax-Dartmouth United Way Campaign and a member of its Public Relations Committee. She served as a director on the Board of the NS Synchronized Swimming Association, Treasurer of the Crichton Park Horticultural Society, Vice-President of the Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; and was a member of the committee to develop a plan for the Christ Church Bible Study. Jean was never one who stayed still for very long. She also helped her husband Don with starting his career and would promote his artwork and ideas. Jean stood up for what she believed in no matter what or who tried to dissuade her and taught her family to do the same. She loved puzzles, cards, reading, and knitting but could never tell a joke properly and used to laugh at how bad she was at it.

After the children left home, Jean could be found walking everywhere, going to church, enjoying book signings, and concerts. She especially enjoyed travelling and visiting far off places and seeing almost every continent except two. Jean visited China, Japan, Russia, and Hong Kong (her favourite) many times. She flew to the most northern destination Air Canada flew, Resolute Bay. She went to Thailand, Australia, and Hawaii to name but a few places. She enjoyed taking cruises on the Queen Elizabeth II and a very special one to the Caribbean with her daughters for her 60th birthday. She met a lot of interesting people and was able to have conversations with anyone she saw. On one trip to Japan, she met the Deputy Prime Minister whom she later became pen pals with. On another trip to LA, Jean met and started having coffee with a woman who owned the restaurant Jean visited every morning. The lady found out Jean was a music teacher and asked if she would like to attend a reception and meet the band that the restaurateur was hosting that evening. The band turned out to be Pink Floyd. She told her family later that they were very nice men. She loved attending concerts like seeing the world-renowned Arthur Rubenstein in NYC (whom she met personally), experiencing the opening of an opera in Italy; the symphony in London; and the art

galleries in Paris. She went to China and saw the Great Wall; and to Russia before it opened to the world.

In her 70's and early 80's Jean would take the bus over to Halifax to attend a fitness class at the YMCA and head to the library to find a hidden treasure that was yet to be discovered. Jean finally slowed down in her late 80's and early 90's and eventually moved into Oakwood Terrace in Dartmouth where she became part of their exceptional and loving care.

She is survived by her eight children, Bob (Dianne nee Letcher) New Glasgow, Dennis (Donn Sabean), Janet (Peter Randall), Dawna (Doug Tupper), Bruce (Janice Glenn), Debbie, Mark (Anne nee Forbes), Barry (Kathleen Sorensen) all from Dartmouth/Halifax; eleven grandchildren, Kelli Janson (Oliver), Chad Randall, Natalie Price (Greg), Ryan Ring (Bonna), Harlow Ring (David), Laura Tupper-Ring (Adam), Rod Tupper-Ring (Kathleen), Jessica Ring, Andrew Ring, Liam Ring, and Evan Ring; and seven great grandchildren, Peter Janson, Nathan Janson, Kieran Price, Emma Randall, Bryten Ring, Cayden Ring, and Dylan Pohl.

She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Donald W. Ring and her only brother Victor Kitchener Horne.

Jean was very proud of all her family, and she will be missed.

A visitation will be held Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at A. L. Mattatall's Funeral Home, Dartmouth. As per her request, there will be no funeral. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christ Church of Dartmouth or Banook Canoe Club.