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Section: Obituaries

BETTY JANE JOLLY, 87, of NEPTUNE

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BETTY JANE JOLLY, 87, of NEPTUNE, passed away Saturday, May 31, at her home. Born June 9, 1920 in Detroit, Mich. to William A. and Jessie P. Sweetland, she was raised in Belmar and graduated from Asbury Park High School. She attended Drexel University and worked as a dietitian at Women's Medical College in Philadelphia. Betty served as a flight inspector for the U.S. Navy during World War II and was subsequently employed at Hoffman LaRoche. Married to Herbert J. Valentine in December 1945, she lived in Clifton for 27 years and raised a family there. She later married Nelson Jolly in 1977 and moved to Galena, Md., where she helped to establish a rose farm, personally hybridizing and developing a variety of new roses. Betty was past president of the Jersey Shore Rose Society and attained the distinction of Master Rosarian. She worked as a rose consultant at Sickles Market for 10 years in the summer months. In addition to sharing her love of roses, she donated numerous years to the Visiting Nurse Association through her work at the Thrift Shop in Manasquan.

She was predeceased by her parents; and her brother, William A. Sweetland Jr. She is survived by her sister, Jessie Innocenti of Barefoot Bay, Fla.; her sister-in-law, Shirley Sweetland of South Jordan, Utah; and her children and their spouses, Robert and Pat Valentine of Garfield, Barbara and Angelo Battistuz of West Long Branch, and Bonnie and Robert Albanese of West Milford. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Tammy, Brian, Chris, Sharon, and Alyssa Battistuz, Lisa Doiron, Laura Patten, Dominick Albanese, Jennifer Price, and Debra Valentine; her great-grandchildren, Caroline and William Doiron, Jake Battistuz, and Aiden and Conner Price; and her nieces and nephews.

...Notes of condolence can be emailed to the family at JMFH2652@aol.com.