

Jean Lois Geitz Jennings

August 4, 1949 ~ June 7, 2024

Jean Lois Geitz Jennings, 74, of Salt Lake City, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024.

She was born on August 4, 1949, in Goodwater, Alabama, to Henry and June Monzin Geitz. Jean attained her undergraduate degree in economics from Purdue University and her law degree from Indiana University. She married and raised two children in Houston and then San Antonio, Texas. Jean practiced a wide array of law, including defense attorney work, family law, personal injury, and animal rights, and worked as a public defender in San Antonio. She was a passionate advocate for animal welfare, with a particular love for corgis, and was a proud member of MENSA.

Never one to back down from a good argument, Jean was a stellar debater which served her well in the courtroom. In retirement, she moved to Utah to be closer to her kids, though she would have preferred any beach along Florida's Gulf Coast. Affectionately known as Madre to her family, she had a great fondness for her grandchildren, her beloved corgis, and dirty gin martinis. While she enjoyed gambling at the craps table in Vegas, she also dedicated her time to volunteering for animal rescues and spent many years as a vegetarian, even dabbling in veganism.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her stepmother, Sally Geitz, and her two favorite corgis Trystan Braveheart and Streak of Luck.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Nathan Herkimer of Salt Lake City; her son, Samuel Jennings, and his girlfriend, Gaby Beltran, also of Salt Lake City; one brother, Jimmy Geitz, and his wife Alice; and two grandchildren, Wesley and June Herkimer.

A private memorial will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Humane Farming Association https://hfa.org/.