



Jeannette (Poling) Homes, 103, of Staunton, Virginia, died peacefully at her home on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Jeannette's final days were spent in the loving embrace of her family and dear friends.

Born in Wheeling, West Virginia on June 2, 1921, Jeannette was the daughter of Ethel and Troy Poling. Jeannette was married for more than 60 years to the late Eugene Crosby Homes, a World War II veteran who created a prominent accounting firm in Washington, D.C.

Jeannette is survived by two children: Lynn Lyon (Christopher) of Albany, New York and Alan Homes of Staunton. She had one grandchild, Alexandra, of Seattle, Washington.

As a young woman, Jeannette moved from West Virginia to Washington, D.C. During World War II, she worked for the War Production Board and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. As a vital member of the war effort, Jeannette was invited for tea at the White House with Eleanor Roosevelt. Jeannette left government service to raise her family. After her children finished school, she resumed her work at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Upon retirement, Jeannette and her husband relocated to Staunton and built a house near the farm where he was raised.

Jeannette was blessed with great beauty. As a young woman in Washington, Jeannette encountered Orson Welles, then a young actor and director, at the Stage Door Canteen. Enamored, he pursued her. She was unimpressed and rejected him.

Jeannette loved her family deeply. She was especially dedicated to her husband, children and grandchild, and her devoted nieces and nephews. Always lively, she was an embodiment of a bygone era. She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Gifts in Jeannette's memory may be made to the Covenant Presbyterian Church Minister's Discretionary Fund, PO Box 2948, Staunton, VA 24402.



*Celebration of the Life
of
Jeannette Poling Homes*

June 2, 1921 – January 25, 2025

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP IN WITNESS TO THE
RESURRECTION AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
JEANNETTE POLING HOMES
June 2, 1921 - January 25, 2025**

February 1, 2025

11:00AM

PRELUDE — *It Is Well with My Soul*

OPENING SENTENCES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

**People: God's great mercy has given us living hope
by the Resurrection of Jesus.**

Leader: Today we mourn, but we mourn with hope
in God's sure promises in the risen Christ.

**People: May the God who comforts us in all our
sorrows grant us peace.**

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 275 — *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 103 (selected verses)
Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-30

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

John 14:1-6, 27
Philippians 4:4-9

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

MUSICAL REFLECTION — *In the Sweet By and By*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from Romans 14*)

**We do not live to ourselves,
and we do not die to ourselves.
If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord;
So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died
and lived again, so that he might be Lord of
both the dead and the living.**

COMMENDATION

PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER ("sins")

CHARGE AND BLESSING

RECESSIONAL — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*Following the service, friends are invited to join the family for a
luncheon to share food, fellowship, and fond memories at
Jeannette's home: 3500 Shutterlee Mill Road, Staunton.*

Pastor: John Peterson

Pianist/Organist: Seth Ward