



Jeanne R. Dean

March 30, 1926 - November 29, 2019

Jeanne R. Dean died on November 29, 2019 at her home in Cold Spring, with family by her side.

Jeanne Roedell Dean was born on March 30, 1926 to Clare (Guggisberg) and Clarence Roedell in Minneapolis, MN. Her home on Logan Avenue South was defined two blocks away by farmland, where her mother would send her to get eggs from the farmer. Minnehaha Creek was nearby, as was a wonderful hill that was used for sledding as well as skiing on wooden skis.

After graduating from college Jeanne worked at Dayton's in Minneapolis. She was part of their interior design training program and was promoted to the highest level in the program. She remembers that Mr. Dayton instructed them that the lower level was never to be called the "basement" but instead the "downstairs store".

On September 15, 1951 Jeanne married Samuel Mairs Dean; both attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota. The day after they were married, they packed up their old Studebaker and drove to Mexico City where Sam had a job selling and building printing presses. Jeanne learned Spanish well, and much of this was due to her spirit of adventure. She would go to the market and ask each vendor "what is this called?" She loved Mexico, with its bright colors, wonderful food and gracious people.

Jeanne was known throughout her life for her spunky spirit, her timeless classiness, interior design skills as well as her superb entertaining and cooking of fine meals. She was known to host large parties with amazing grace as well as beautiful presentation. She had a good sense of humor, was open to others' opinions and was a kind person.

After living in Mexico and Venezuela, Sam and Jeanne returned to the United States. Jeanne worked as an interior designer in the Chicago area as well as in Westchester County NY. She was active in the community clinic in Ossining NY and loved being part of medical outreach. She was a member of PEO Chapter DT in St. Cloud as well as being a

PEO in New York.

Sam and Jeanne took on the challenge of restoring old homes. They restored two precolonial homes, one of which had been severely damaged by frozen pipes. They also restored a Victorian home that had been neglected as well as a converted barn. Every home they lived in, Jeanne brought charm and beauty to the place.

Sam and Jeanne returned to Minnesota in 2006.

Jeanne is survived by her children Samuel Dean Jr.(Janice) and Jennifer Dean Dwyer (Jim). Four grandchildren: Emeric (Amanda Ressler); Erin (Lane) Trisko, Lauren, John (Natalie Keane) and 5 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Samuel, two sons David (7 months) and Peter (4 months). Also preceded by many beloved dogs; Jeanne had a true affinity for all animals, and they brought her such joy.

Many thanks to all who provided love and care to Jeanne, especially Jill and Sara from Home Instead, as well as Centra Care Home Care and Hospice staff who provided care with insight and integrity as well as human dignity and respect.

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at the Wenner Funeral Home, Cold Spring. Visitation at 2:00, service at 3:00, lunch to follow at Jeanne's home. All are welcome.

No memorials are expected but if desired, would be appreciated to the Tri County Humane Society or the Cold Spring Library.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Service

DEC **15**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ I met Jeanne Dean not long after my Dad and I moved to Wheaton, IL from Green Bay, WI in the Fall of 1969, when I was a sophomore in high school. Sam, Jr. was the first person I met there, so I spent a lot of time at their house. When she found out my Mom was not at our home, she became one of a string of women who sort of took me in and treated me as their own. To this day, I remember her every time my wife and I go to our favorite Mexican restaurant where I always order Chicken Enchiladas Poblanos, with the chocolate mole' sauce. I first tasted them from her kitchen, and have loved them ever since. She was a remarkably sweet, kind and talented lady!

Ted Wagner
Wheaton, IL

Ted J Wagner - April 01, 2021 at 03:07 PM

NB

“ I first met Jeanne R Dean in 2009 at Jim and Jennifer's place in Cold Spring. She was so sophisticated and smart that I was attracted to her at once. During my time in St. Cloud, I often had opportunity to see her and always enjoyed her company. She was such a mesmerizing personality that she left an impact on whoever has known her even for a short while.

Being a PEO member, she was especially kind and thoughtful to PEO awardees. Since, I received PEO International Peace Scholarship in 2010. I personally witnessed, even at her age, she was always enthusiastic to take responsibilities of PEO. When I graduated from St. Cloud State University, and it was time to say good bye to the PEO sisters, they presented me a beautiful hand-knitted shawl. I still treasure this shawl which I found out Jeanne had knitted for me.

My family is so fortunate to have had the opportunity to know her. She will be fondly missed by me, my sons Tabeel and Sachal, and my husband Peter Jacob. May she rest in eternal peace.

Nabila Bhatti, Pakistan

Nabila Bhatti - December 07, 2019 at 09:36 AM

BT

“ Such a beautiful lady and kind soul, with great taste! She had a real gift with animals, and her connection with dogs was truly remarkable. Always fun to be with Jeanne, and a pleasure to be in her lovely gracious home. We will miss this fine woman. I am so glad to have had the opportunity to know her. She was a blessing to many during her long life, and was much loved.



Becky Terhaar - December 04, 2019 at 10:12 PM

AV

“ Grandma Jeanne was always very sweet and kind as I remember. I'm so glad to have known her, she lit up the room with her presence. It was great to have seen her again just a few years ago. And I remember even at her age she was so active, she had even made her famous angle cake and brought blueberries to brunch. She was always so caring and thoughtful. One day in the old duluth house, while I was at the piano, I saw her walking up the stairs just as the clock chimed and heard her hum in tune with it. I thought, what a happy soul! She was an inspiration. She will be missed dearly, but she is now with her parents, and Grandpa Sam, and all her loved ones that have gone to the other side. My sincere condolences to her family. Her love will always be felt in everyone's heart, whoever has known her, even if it were just for a moment in time.

Aditi Vanjpe - December 04, 2019 at 06:55 PM

JH

“ Dear Jennifer & Family,
My first meeting of Jeanne & Sam was at a summer picnic in your back yard on 19th & 2nd, in Duluth. Of course, Jeanne's vivaciousness drew me to her and a lengthy, lively conversation ensued. What travel stories & adventures she shared then as well as the few times I crossed her path in her Cold Spring home. And, the great hospitality and mixing of personalities at any Dean~Dwyer gathering makes me understand how you, Jennifer, became the amazing unifier, adventurer, and lover-of-life that you are. What a great legacy for Jeanne. May Peacebeinall for your family,
Jane Haubrich

Jane Haubrich - December 04, 2019 at 03:53 PM

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“ Jennifer, What an absolutely amazing Mother you had! Wow! May she rest in peace and may peace be in your heart with her passing.

Cindy Robertson - December 04, 2019 at 08:55 AM