



Georgina "Jean" M. Wehlage

August 7, 1929 - October 26, 2020

Georgina "Jean" Marie Wehlage, 91 year old resident of Brooklyn Park, formerly of Pierz, MN, passed away Monday, October 26, 2020, at her residence. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 30, 2020, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN, with Father Kenneth Popp officiating. A visitation will be held from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M., on Friday before the funeral at the church. Burial will take place Friday after the funeral in St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery. The family of Jean asks those attending to please respect and follow COVID-19 guidelines with regards to social distancing and please wear a face covering.

Jean was born August 7, 1929 in Little Falls, Minnesota to the late Anthony "Tony" and Georgina "Toots" Rauch. She grew up on Pierz Fish Lake where they owned a bar, rented out fishing boats and pontoons, sold bait, and graded roads. She helped her dad by stocking coolers in the bar, catching and selling minnows, renting out the boats, and driving a tractor towing a road grader. She attended country school and went on to graduate from St. Francis High School in 1947. She worked at Munsingwear in Little Falls until she married Norb Wehlage on June 6, 1951. They moved to St. Cloud where she worked at the St. Cloud newspaper. In the late 1950's, they purchased a bar in Genola, Minnesota which was known as Crystal Bar, later renamed Norb's Bar. They had three children during that time, one son, Michael, and two daughters, Diane and Ann. Around 1963 they sold the bar and she became

the first woman bus driver in Pierz. She worked at the Falls Ballroom in Little Falls as a waitress for many years. During that time she also assisted Norb with his tax business. After Norb passed away she took over the business serving many clients in the community. She retired at age 89 and in 2018 moved to Brooklyn Park to be near her family. While in Pierz she was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Christian Mothers, American Legion Auxiliary, St. Joseph Church choir and the Pierz Library book club. For many years she helped out at the church bazaars and bingo nights. She enjoyed spending time with her children raising farm animals such as cows, ducks, guinea hens, geese, as well as dogs and cats. She supported her grandchildren by attending their sports games and joining them at school for lunch. A big part of Jean's life was spent having her family come to the lake on weekends where they all enjoyed pontoon rides, huge bonfires, making s'mores, and home-cooked meals. One of her passions was baking and she started a family tradition of making Sally Ann molasses cookies and pickled eggs every year at Christmas. She enjoyed gardening, canning vegetables, quilting, crafts, crocheting, and playing cards. She also enjoyed traveling and took many trips to Florida with her family, a trip to Hawaii and a trip to Germany with the Pierz German class.

Jean's memory will be treasured by her children, Mike Wehlage of Aurora, MN, Diane Johnson of Maple Grove, MN, Ann (Chuck) Litke of Maple Grove, MN; siblings, Shirley Randall of Aurora, MN; grandchildren, Ashley Decker, Adam Litke, Trevor Johnson, Justin Litke; great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Logan Decker.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Georgina Rauch; husband, Norb; brother, Fred Duke.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Pierz, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
68 North Main Street
Pierz, MN

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Georgina "Jean" M. Wehlage*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 30, 2020 at 08:09 AM

DJ

*This is sooo touching & beautiful... I simply can't stop watching it over & over again ❤️
I love u & miss u so much mom ❤️*

Diane Johnson - October 16, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *Georgina "Jean" M. Wehlage*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

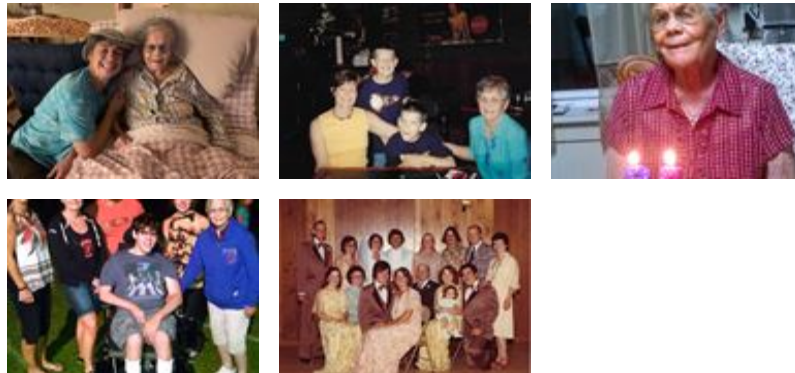
CK

“ *Deepest sympathy, Mike and family. I remember your mom (and dad) from school days. I was in awe of how your mom, so petite, handled that bus!*

Colleen Kastanek - November 01, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 30, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - October 29, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ Diane Walz lit a candle in memory of Georgina "Jean" M. Wehlage



Diane Walz - October 28, 2020 at 07:51 PM

BG

“ *Our heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family on the loss of our friend Jean. It was an honor to know her, and we, the Pierz Library Book Club truly miss her.*

Bev Gold - October 28, 2020 at 07:23 PM

KT

“ *Sending prayers to Jean's family*



Kelly Voltin Thomsen - October 28, 2020 at 06:48 PM

DJ

“ *Our sympathy's to Jean's family, what a lovely lady! We all enjoyed visiting with her. The Johnson family*



Dianne Johnson - October 28, 2020 at 05:00 PM

SN

“ *Steve and Sheri Nash purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Georgina "Jean" M. Wehlage.*



Steve and Sheri Nash - October 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM

NG

“ We had the pleasure of having have her be our girls bus driver, she was our neighbor and also remember her working at the ballroom She was very talented and smart. Our sympathy to her children and their families. Hugs

Natalie Gritzmacherr - October 28, 2020 at 12:07 PM

PS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jean at the Falls Ballroom in the 70's...She was the nicest lady and made me feel so welcome when I started at the Ballroom as a new waitress ! My sympathys to the family.

Pam Schilling - October 28, 2020 at 09:43 AM

ML

“ I have so many happy memories of Jean,her St. Bernard used to come over to visit,she was the kids bus driver,they loved her,I and my sister went to our first home interior party at her house.she was always so kind and friendly,,she was a wonderful lady

Margie Loidolt - October 28, 2020 at 09:07 AM

RK

“ Condolences to the family. Romelle Kurtz



romelle Kurtz - October 27, 2020 at 08:32 PM