



Jean Audrey Mathis

January 29, 1933 - November 5, 2020

Jean Audrey Mathis, 87 year old resident of Liberty, MO, formerly of Royalton, MN, passed away Thursday, November 5, 2020, due to congestive heart failure. A funeral service will be held for Jean in the spring of 2021.

Jean was born on January 29, 1933 in Jeffers, Minnesota to the late Orville and Adona VanNorman. Her early years were spent in the Windom, MN area, where she won a State Spelling Bee competition. In her teenage years, her family moved north to the Long Prairie area. As a young woman, Jean was united in marriage to Roger Schwanke. This union blessed her with 5 children. Although this marriage did not last, she was forever grateful for the children that came from it. Later, she was united in marriage to Lawrence Mathis. The couple made their home along the Mississippi River and were blessed with 2 children. In the early 70's, Jean went back to school and graduated from St. Cloud Technical School with a certificate in Office Administration. Jean worked for Helmer B. Dale, DDS as an office manager for over 20 years. She loved this job and only missed work when she was in the hospital for colon cancer, which she battled and won! Jean had a love for the outdoors. She enjoyed both flower and vegetable gardening, her nightly bike rides, and sitting outside in her back yard. Jean loved reading, doing puzzles, and baking. She loved holidays because it meant a house full of excitement and baking a huge variety of Christmas cookies and candies that she loved to share with everyone. She had a compassion and quality about her that made her a friend

to all that she met. Jean's biggest love was her family. The love of spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren was what occupied the biggest space in her enormous heart.

Jean is survived by her children, Susan (Michael) Andersen of Apple Valley, MN, Michael (Delores) Schwanke of Little Falls, MN, Richard (Kristen) Schwanke of Little Falls, MN, Sandra (John) Morgan of Roaring Spring, PA, Jacquelyn (Timothy) Shoemaker of Liberty, MO, and James Mathis of Bismarck, ND; siblings, Gerald (Carol) VanNorman of Long Prairie, MN, Shirley (Jerry) Markkula of Sebeka, MN, Larry VanNorman of Swanville, MN, Dale (Deb) VanNorman of Browerville, MN, Joy Schooler of Hutchinson, MN, and Bruce VanNorman of Browerville, MN; grandchildren, Angela, Jens, Lacie, Travis, Tyler, Michael G., Ginger, Nick, Nate, Noah, Richard, Jr., Arik, Hannah, Toby, Stephanie, John, Jr., Scott, Christopher, Michael P., Mason, Maeghyn, Emma, James, Jr., and Alex; great-grandchildren, Ian, Ryan, Dominic, Elsie, Ben, Nora, Jordis, Rylee, Maisie, Kelsie, Dylan, Dalton, Lilliana, Adrian, Liam, Carter, Jaxson, Ashleigh, Logan, Gavin, Gwenavere, Mayvis, and Meredith and numerous nieces and nephews.

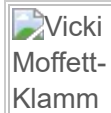
Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Adona VanNorman; husband, Lawrence Mathis; son, Robert Schwanke, and brother-in-law, Richard Schooler.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Audrey Mathis*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Dear Jacqui and extended family,
We were so sad to hear about Jean. We have such fond memories of our visits on Sundays at church in Brandon. She was a sweet soul and loved her children and grandchildren. May you all have wonderful memories.*

Vicki Moffett-Klamm - November 19, 2020 at 12:43 AM



“ *Jean was always a gentle, caring person with a positive attitude and always a smile for everyone. It was a blessing to have her in our lives. Cherish the wonderful memories
God Bless
Karla Dale*

Karla Dale - November 11, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ *Jean was a kind and caring person with a calm inner strength. I will always remember her warm smile and helpful nature.
Prayers and Peace ,
Lorelei Dale Rivers*

Lrivers - November 11, 2020 at 12:11 PM

LD

“ Jean was a caring person with a ready smile and a good friend of our family.
Professionally she was always efficient, helpful and friendly with a positive attitude that patients and staff appreciated. She faced cancer with courage and deep faith..
Her love of family and friends was an inspiration. Prayers and peace

God bless,
Lucy Dale

Lucy Dale - November 11, 2020 at 11:46 AM

DJ

“ I was a patient at the dental office Jean worked at. She was such a sweet lady.
Sincere sympathy to all the families; Rest in Peace.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - November 10, 2020 at 11:31 PM

TP

“ Aunt Jean she inspired all of us to be loved, funny, carrying and most of all how to be your self. She was a great women an loving mother. My thoughts an prayers go to her brothers, sisters, an to the Mathis family. love you Aunt Jean.

Terri Lynn Patnode (Markkula) .

Terri Patnode - November 10, 2020 at 05:34 PM

RS

“ Jacqui and family, prayers to you and your family. Blessings to all.

Rozanne Sobania - November 10, 2020 at 03:38 PM

DH

“ I work at Liberty United Methodist Church in Liberty MO. I remember seeing Jean at church on Sunday mornings. She always sat a couple rows in front of the children's corner! She would talk about her family holidays and wishing she could still work in her garden. She had the prettiest yellow jacket she would wear, especially in the Spring. I'll miss seeing her and talking with her! Lovely lady!

Dalynn Hayakawa

Dalynn Hayakawa - November 10, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Thoughts and hugs to you Jacqui!



Vicki Fellows - November 08, 2020 at 01:17 PM