



Jean M. Kratochvil

December 5, 1932 - September 22, 2021

Jean Marie Kratochvil, 88, died peacefully September 22, 2021, at her daughter's home. She was born in Newberry, MI, on December 5, 1932, to F.J. (Pat) and Marie (Surrell) Taylor.

After graduating from Newberry High School, Jean attended St. Lawrence School of Nursing in Lansing and Northwestern Michigan College, where she received a degree in nursing.

On September 17, 1952, at St. Gregory's Church in Newberry, she married Dr. Richard Kratochvil. They owned and operated Grand Traverse Veterinary Hospital.

A fifteen-year volunteer at the Tri-County Health Department, Jean also served on the NMC Nursing Advisory Board. She was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, where she served as Eucharistic Minister.

Throughout Jean's life, she enjoyed many athletic activities, such as tree climbing, ice skating, basketball, jogging, skiing, tennis, square dancing, and golf. In later years she enjoyed knitting, reading, and walking.

Jean is survived by her five daughters Ann (Tom) Post, Sue (Bernie) Moritz, Carol Kratochvil, Nancy Hogue, and Marie (James) Petges; grandchildren, Benjamin (Liz), Michael, Natalie (Bobby), Evan (Jen), Katie, Peter, Shannae, Marcus, Jenny, Tony, Rachel, Kyle, and Chris (Melissa); great-grandchildren James, Perla, Frances, Lucille, Davis, Devan, Sable and Skyler, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Dick, her brother Tom, and her grandson, Marquice.

A memorial service honoring Jean's life will take place Saturday, Oct. 9, 11:00AM, at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 10:00AM and continue until the

time of service. Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City. The family kindly asks that masks be worn to help ensure the safety and well-being of all who attend.

Jean's family is grateful to Hospice of Michigan and Jean's special caregivers.

Please consider memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan, 10850 E. Traverse Hwy. no 1155, Traverse City 49684, online at <http://www.hom.org/donations>, or to The Father Fred Foundation, P.O. Box 2260, Traverse City 49685, online at fatherfred.org/how.

You may share a memory or condolences on Jean's tribute page, <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 04 at 03:53 PM



“ Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of Jean M. Kratochvil. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. [Click here to view selections on our website](#)

Send Flowers - September 23 at 02:00 PM



“ Alan Clarke lit a candle in memory of Jean M. Kratochvil



Alan Clarke - October 10 at 08:35 AM



“ Chris and Melissa Petges purchased Lantern Bouquet for the family of Jean M. Kratochvil.



Send Flowers - October 08 at 12:38 PM



“ In Our Hearts Lavender was purchased for the family of Jean M. Kratochvil.



Send Flowers - October 05 at 11:12 AM



“ "Jean and her beloved husband Richard have been our neighbors since we moved to beautiful Bay Valley Drive in 1988. They have been the kindest and best friends anyone could ask for. They loved pets and wildlife as much as we did and delighted in telling us about the fawns and baby foxes they saw out their wonderful sunken kitchen window.

Jean and I often walked our dogs together in recent years and had some beautiful experiences. Once we saw a huge number of monarch butterflies hatching near the golf course. Another time a startled doe leaped across the road in front of us leaving her bewildered fawn behind. The fawn, evidently mistaking Jean's white slacks for its mom's white tail wobbled up to Jean and followed her across the street to find the doe.

Jean was so proud of her big beautiful family and often showed us pictures of everyone. She also showed us the amazing family history albums researched and assembled by (I believe) her nephew. It would be hard to imagine a more perfect life and love story Jean and Dick lived together. We will miss them terribly, but we know Jean is so glad to be home in Heaven with her beloved Richard and her much loved brother and parents and grandson."

Pat Partridge, Jess, Dave, Will, and Kona

Pat Partridge - October 04 at 05:43 PM



“ Pat Patridge, Jess, Dave, and Will purchased Small Vase Bouquet with Glass Cross for the family of Jean M. Kratochvil.



Send Flowers - October 04 at 04:41 PM



“ Dear Ann, Sue, Nancy, Carol, Marie, and families-my earliest memory of meeting your mom (and dad) was when Ann and I lived in an apartment on Front Street. I 'think' we did laundry at your house a time or two (!), and they were always gracious and kind to me! I also remember that they gave us a crock pot for our wedding, which I used for many years. I've enjoyed hearing all the family stories over these many decades via Ann, and am grateful that your parents were a little part of mine. I'm sure your dad is glad to have her back! May you find comfort in knowing that, and that she is in the arms of our God. Sending love and hugs, Karen Weber Davey

Karen Davey - September 26 at 04:28 PM



“ Bill and Michelle Mack and family purchased Joyous Garden for the family of Jean M. Kratochvil.



Send Flowers - September 24 at 01:20 PM



“ Sad to hear of Jean's passing. She and Dick were great neighbors of ours since we moved to Bay Valley Drive in 1994. We had some nice conversations with her this summer when she got out to take walks. May she rest in peace. Dave & Lynn Swan

David Swan - September 24 at 06:55 AM



“ My condolences to Jean's family. Such a kind, gracious and friendly lady.

bonnie young - September 23 at 08:10 PM



“ Condolences to Jeans family from uncle George Great sister-in-law Enjoyed many good visits over the years George McManus Jr

George McManus Jr - September 23 at 07:29 PM