



Jean Marie Carpenter

October 30, 1927 - May 22, 2025

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Jean Marie Carpenter, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 97 on May 22, 2025.

Jean was born on October 30, 1927, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Margaret Barbara (Dougherty) and Earl Monroe Backer. She grew up in North Minneapolis and graduated from Patrick Henry High School in 1946. After high school, she worked at Dayton's Department Store, a well-known retailer in downtown Minneapolis.

On August 7, 1948, Jean married Donald Earl Carpenter. Together they opened JeDon's, an antique shop in Minneapolis named after both of them. They shared a passion for restoring and selling antique furniture and collectibles. After their divorce in 1984, Jean continued her work in the antique business under her own name-Jean's Antiques-which she operated independently for many years. Her talent, dedication, and love of history left a lasting impression on her customers and community.

She is survived by her three children: Richard J. Carpenter (Pat Kessler) of Minnetonka, MN, Sherry J. Carpenter of Brooklyn Park, MN, Timothy J.

Carpenter (Leanne) of Mesa, AZ. She is also survived by her grandson Kameron M. Carpenter of Maple Grove, MN and many extended family members and dear friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, June 19th at 11:00 AM (visitation 10-11 AM) at St. Philip's Lutheran Church located at 6180 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley, MN 55432. A luncheon will follow at the church and the occasion will conclude with a graveside service at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, 5125 West Broadway Crystal, MN 55429.

If so desired, memorial gifts may be made in Jean's name to Animal Humane Society, 845 Meadow Ln N, Golden Valley, MN 55422 or the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Minnesota, 1919 University Ave. W., Suite 400 St. Paul, MN 55104.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip's Lutheran Church
6180 NE Highway 65
Fridley, MN 55432

Church Service

JUN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

JUN 19. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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6180 NE Highway 65
Fridley, MN 55432

Graveside Service

JUN 19. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall

LM

“ I just found out about Jean's passing. I am so sad that I missed her funeral.

I met Jean in 1998 when we were both dealers at The Artique on Jackson Street in Anoka. She was always so cheery, upbeat and fun to be around. We continued our friendship when the shop moved into the big, white house on 3rd Ave. I remember that she would walk to the shop from her apartment in rain, sleet, and snow. She was always on time! We would run into each other over the years and always have a good chat. She was such a wonderful person. ❤️ My condolences to her family friends.

Linda McBride - September 11, 2025 at 09:39 AM

FH

“ From Eric, Kelly and Devin Hills purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jean Marie Carpenter.



From Eric, Kelly and Devin Hills - June 18, 2025 at 08:54 AM

FH

“ From Eric, Kelly and Devin Hills planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Marie Carpenter.

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TB

“ *The Federici, Painter, and Bissen bunch purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jean Marie Carpenter.*



The Federici, Painter, and Bissen bunch. - June 18, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean Marie Carpenter.

June 18, 2025 at 12:27 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Carpenter.*



June 18, 2025 at 12:27 AM

MJ

“ *Mark Nunemacher and Steve Jensen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jean Marie Carpenter.*



Mark Nunemacher and Steve Jensen - June 17, 2025 at 05:17 PM

NF

“ Jean was our mom Donna Merricks (Dougherty) cousin. Mom and her were very close even into their older years. Jean was the sweetest, kind human being. Us kids always got excited when we knew Jean was coming, she always made you laugh. The Merrick family will miss her so much.

Nancy Marko (Merrick Family) - June 17, 2025 at 04:31 PM

NM

“ Nancy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Marie Carpenter.

Nancy M. - June 17, 2025 at 04:16 PM

JC

“ Jim and Peg Chapman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Marie Carpenter.

Jim and Peg Chapman - June 02, 2025 at 05:38 PM

JC

“ Jim and Peg Chapman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jean Marie Carpenter.



Jim and Peg Chapman - June 02, 2025 at 05:38 PM

PC

“ Jean I will miss you so much! It was so fun doing the estate sales with you and the gang and we almost always getting lost going home because neither one of us were direction savvy. This fun lady was one of a kind with the sweetest smile and contagious laugh. Rest in peace Jean. I love you my sweet friend!



Peggy Chapman - June 02, 2025 at 05:17 PM

CH

“ Love that girl ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ . We had many fun times doing estate sales together with Jean, Diane Hahn, and Peggy Chapman. You will be greatly missed, Sparkles!!

Carol Hawkinson - May 30, 2025 at 05:40 PM

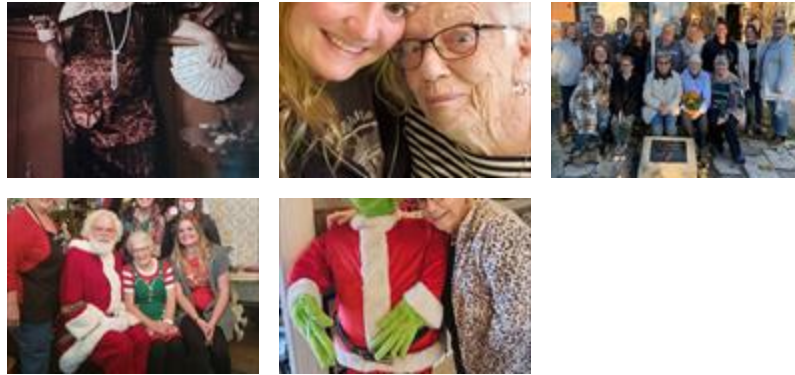
MM

“ My sweet Jean, I'm so freaking lucky to have known you for the past 37 years. Your kindness, sparkle, stories and love will forever live in my heart. You were one of my favorite friends ever and you loved me like I was one of your own. The hugs, kisses, laughs and memories we shared will help me through this incredible sadness. I love you Jeannie and I miss you so much.

Missey Metz - May 29, 2025 at 01:32 PM

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Missey Metz - May 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM

JT

“ *She really is a gem!!! I'll never forget our breakfasts at Sparky's, all her fun stories, and her contagious laugh. I'm so glad I got to know her well over the years. She will be dearly missed!* ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Jeremy Thouin - May 29, 2025 at 11:15 AM

RO

“ *It is such an honor to have had Jean in our lives. I so enjoyed learning from and working with her, having lunch with her and Sherry, or just sitting together in her apartment. She was a great visitor and the kindest, funniest person. She touched so many and will be deeply missed.*

Robyn - May 29, 2025 at 09:58 AM

BL

“ To me you will always be Momma Jean! You were filled with spunk, laughter 😂 and fun!
My many memories of you are a blessing. Love ❤️ and Kisses from your Barbie ❤️

Barbara Lee - May 29, 2025 at 09:29 AM

KF

“ Jean aka auntie was the best she lit up any room she was in . I was her favorite niece just ask her other niece Kelly lol.

Kerry Carol Federici - May 29, 2025 at 08:31 AM

PO

“ Patrick Olson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Marie Carpenter.

Patrick Olson - May 28, 2025 at 10:23 PM

PO

“ Patrick Olson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jean Marie Carpenter.



Patrick Olson - May 28, 2025 at 10:23 PM

PK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Pat Kessler - May 28, 2025 at 06:51 PM