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Jean Marie Cody, age 89, passed away peacefully on November 2, 2022. She was born July 20, 1933 to Orville and Marcella Roeder in Bellevue, Iowa. After graduating from high school she received her nursing degree from St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. She spent her career caring for others - first at Sister Kenny Institute and the Veterans Hospital in Minnesota then at Ayer Hospital in Massachusetts. Upon returning to Minnesota she worked at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale. Most of her career was at now closed St. Peter State Hospital where she was acting director of nurses for a time. She then finished her nursing career at Glen Lake Geriatric Hospital and Faribault State Hospital. In retirement she developed the Sandcastles program for children in families of divorce in cooperation with St. Michael's Church in Prior Lake. She also spent many years traveling across Minnesota with Cody Rides.

She met her husband Merritt at a young adult "Saturday Nighters" group. They were married for 67 years and had 5 children: Steve, Cheryl, Tom, and the twins Dwight and Mike.

Jean was a kind, caring, and thoughtful friend to all she met, and maintained

the little sparkle in her personality over her entire life. She liked to read and sent many newspaper clippings to family with a note that typically read, "I thought you would be interested in this." When younger she was a knitting instructor and continued to knit for many years. Always an active person she was on the high school girls basketball team and enjoyed spending time outdoors. When she had arthritis in her thumb her instructions to the doctor were "just make sure I can cross country ski after this." She had a knack for choosing thoughtful gifts and books for others that were just what they needed even though they didn't know it.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents Orville and Marcella (Sally) and stepfather (Joe Gonner) and son, Tom. She is survived by her husband, Merritt, children Steve (Marcy and 4 grandchildren), Cheryl (Tim and 3 grandchildren), Ruth (widow of Tom and 2 grandchildren), Mike (and 4 grandchildren), and Dwight (Deb and 2 grandchildren). She has 9 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Prior Lake on Friday, November 25, 2022 with visitation at 1:00 pm and Mass celebrated at 2:00 pm with Father Tom Walker. The Mass will be live-stream for those unable to attend (<https://stmichael-pl.org/>). A reception will follow in Archangels Hall.

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Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Michael Catholic Church
16311 Duluth Avenue Southeast
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ Leon & Darlene & the Cody Family from West purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jean Marie Cody.



Leon & Darlene & the Cody Family from West - November 23, 2022 at 02:53 PM

SW

“ My deepest condolences to all of you! Jean was definitely a “second” mom to me and she treated my kids like her own grandkids. I will definitely miss her. I have great memories of going to Jean and Merritt’s home for Sunday breakfast, or lunch, and having waffles on a stick 😊 One other dear memory was helping with Cody Rides! God bless 🙏

Scott Welsch - November 20, 2022 at 11:08 PM

SG

“ I have always had so many fond memories of Jean and her family. First in Brooklyn Center, MN down to St. Peter at their delightful and charming A frame house.
I am so sorry to learn of her passing, she was so wonderful and such a compassionate role model for many! My prayers to Merit, Steve, Cheryl, Mike and Dwight on your loss.
I lost my Mom last year at the age of 89 on the 2nd of July. Ironic as it is, it seems somewhat symbolic of two wonderful women going to Heaven on the 2nd's of their chosen months.
Rest in Heavenly Peace Jean, God bless your family as their new normal begins missing you but forever loving you.
Sandi "Graving" Gossen

Sandi "Graving" Gossen - November 20, 2022 at 09:18 PM

CQ

“ She was one of the pioneer nurses that help my dad forge the foundation for MVSAC in the 60s; changing lives and expectations of many institutionalized persons with intellectual disabilities. Our families were close during that time--later--when working at Oak Terrace, a nursing home in Glen Lake, she and I worked together. We found common ground immediately--our views toward a residential model versus a medical model for aged persons with histories of ID and mental illness represented a paradigm shift in "how" you "treat" people.

As a Program Director in that facility, I found her a safe island during that 'storm.'

She was one very special person.

Much love Merrit, Steve, Cheri, Mike and Dwight. And not forgetting Tom, RIP,

Charlene K. (Turnbull) Quade - November 19, 2022 at 10:13 AM

AM

“ I Will forever have the Christmas ladel story Grandma! You were handing out a bunch of kitchen supplies and I dared (6 year old) Laura to scream out " I WANT THE LADEL" We will miss you forever ❤️ -The McCrackens

Amy - November 18, 2022 at 07:35 AM

MA

“ Michele, David, Sharry, Toun, Angelica purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jean Marie Cody.



Michele, David, Sharry, Toun, Angelica - November 17, 2022
at 05:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Cody.



November 15, 2022 at 07:45 AM

BW

“ My condolences to the Cody family, I have thought of you often over the years. Jean was an amazing person and will be missed.

Bobbi Woelpern - November 14, 2022 at 02:07 PM

SH

“ My condolences to the Cody family. Jean was an amazing woman. Always kind. Hold all of the wonderful memories close to your heart as there are many.
Sincerely
Shelly Herrmann (Lee Cody's Mom)

Shelly Kay Herrmann - November 14, 2022 at 11:04 AM

TD

“ 14 files added to the album *Jean Cody Memories*



Timothy Deets - November 14, 2022 at 10:42 AM

TD

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Timothy A Deets - November 14, 2022 at 10:17 AM