



Jean Marie Davidson

June 10, 1952 - June 28, 2020

Davidson, Jean Marie

age 68, passed away at her home in Edina, MN on June 28. She was born on June 10, 1952, in Minneapolis to Carroll and Mildred (Sather) Davidson. She attended Edina schools, graduating from Edina High School in 1970. Jean went on to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and graduated in 1974 with a major in PE and Health. In 1988 she earned her Masters Degree in School Counseling from SCSU. Jean devoted her professional career to public education. She taught health, PE and coached in Atwater for 14 years. She then served as school counselor in Windom (2 years) and continued her counseling career at Hopkins High School for the next 24 years until her retirement. Her students benefited from her vast knowledge of post-secondary education options, her advocacy and wise counsel, and her ability to instill confidence. One of the mantras that defined her was "Progress, not perfection." Jean built many strong relationships with students and colleagues, always willing to go the extra mile to assist, advise and connect on a personal basis. Jean was a welcoming hostess who loved to cook and bake. She is fondly remembered for her Swedish meatballs, flatbread, and trays of Christmas goodies. Jean was active at her beloved Mount Olivet, particularly in the music department, taking great pride in singing in the Senior Choir. She served a few years as a cook at the church's annual summer camp (Cathedral of the Pines) at Lutsen. She could always be counted on for bringing food,

making goodie bags for the choir during Holy Week, and helping out with the Rally Sunday potluck. Her interest in music was evidenced early on, playing clarinet in her high school and college bands. Later she participated in the Hopkins Community Band after returning to live in Edina. Photography was another of Jean's passions. She frequently snapped pictures at family gatherings and enjoyed sharing them with the attendees. The North Shore was one of her favorite locales to capture some extraordinary landscape and wildlife photos. Jean's wide array of interests also included golfing, pottery class, and traveling extensively (China, Europe & many states). Jean's greatest gift, however, was her genuine interest in people and her uncanny ability to draw out what others needed to express. She'll be remembered for her quick wit, generosity, and her kind and compassionate spirit.

Jean is preceded in death by her father, Carroll, and her mother, Mildred and many aunts and uncles. She is survived by several cousins, as well as countless friends.

Memorials will be given to Mount Olivet's Music Department.

Private services will be held at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave. S., Minneapolis on July 10 at 11:00 a.m. Friends may sign a register book immediately following the service from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the church main sanctuary entrance. Service will be live streamed on Jean's webpage on the Washburn-McReavy web page. Interment follows the service at Lakewood Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service of Jean M. Davidson in memory of Jean Marie Davidson



Washburn-McReavy - July 09, 2020 at 03:06 PM

DA

Jean loved flowers and beautiful music, both of which are here...R.I.P., Jean; we feel privileged to have had you in our lives.

Donna Adams - July 10, 2020 at 12:15 PM

MR

Jean I will miss you at church, singing with you in the soprano 2 section. Thank you for talking to me and sharing your days together and you are amazing!! I will miss singing with you. Thank you for the wonderful memories In the senior choir. I'm so so glad I meant you. I love how we got to share our music at mount Olivet together on Thursday and sundays and holidays together. I'll miss you, cooking for the choir and all the nice snacks between services. :) thank you jean for all your love for the church. I'll make sure that will never stops here at mount Olivet. :)

Rest In Peace.

My thoughts and prayers to her family as well as all of us who got to know her as well as I did.

Melissa Robb - July 10, 2020 at 10:45 PM

JF

“ I was a student at Atwater when Jean taught PE. I like to think we were friends by the time I graduated high school, she was so easy to talk to! We even exchanged letters often throughout my college years and somewhere along the line we stopped. I'm 52 now, just came across some cards from her and thought I'd go online to look her up and found this. I'm 3 months too late to tell her how important she was to me. I'll look her up in heaven, she is surely there. God bless you, my friend.

Janel Frarck - September 30, 2020 at 12:29 PM

JK

“ I used to sing in the Senior Choir with Jean and remember her fondly. She was fun and welcoming, with a big smile always. Even when I stopped participating because of travel, she would still invite me back every time she saw me even years later. I'm so sorry to hear she has passed, I send my condolences to all who knew and loved her.

Julie Karlson - July 12, 2020 at 01:16 PM

LA

“ Jean was a dear friend and colleague at HHS. We started there the same year and retired one year apart. She was a dedicated, good humored, woman of integrity. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Lisa Ashley - July 11, 2020 at 12:22 PM

DD

“ Jean was such a lovely lady that was always welcoming, inclusive, smart as a whip, engaged, genuinely interested and in control. Jean would ask me about my kids and their plans before I really even knew she knew my name. She would be the person I would look to if there were ever an emergency, a problem or how many rows we were in for choir. You will be greatly missed dear Jean, smile at us from above and help us stay in tune #sopranosrule. Well done good and faithful servant.

Debbie Danich - July 10, 2020 at 11:42 AM

MS

“ Jean was a trusted colleague and more importantly a good friend. I respected her professional opinions and valued her loyal friendship. She will be missed by many. Heaven is a better place with Jean's addition. Mary Slinde

Mary Slinde - July 10, 2020 at 11:09 AM

AJ

“ A few years ago, Jean learned that a friend and I were interested in attending the Christmas at Luther concert. Jean encouraged us to make the trip to Decorah, and even bought us tickets to make sure we could attend. She was so proud of her alma mater, as she was of her church, Mount Olivet, and her workplace, Hopkins High School, and wanted to share these beloved places with her friends. Jean was a thoughtful, organized, positive, and generous friend. I miss her, and I know she will be missed by many others!

Amanda Jenkins - July 10, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ Will miss Jean's warm and caring presence.

Jerry Jirsa - July 09, 2020 at 11:33 PM

DH

“ I miss her smile. I miss her voice. I miss her confidence. I miss Thursday rehearsals because when I saw Jean, I knew everything was okay. Such a lovely lady.

Dave Haberle - July 09, 2020 at 04:09 PM

KH

“ Jean and I were colleagues in Residence Life at Luther - that goes way back! I was blessed to visit with her a year ago at a Luther luncheon and was delighted to experience the same outgoing and personable woman I knew so many years ago. Her thoughtfulness and caring nature will live on with me.
My sympathies to her family. I know there are wonderful memories shared by many which will help ease the transition of grief.
Kate Haugen

Kate Haugen - July 08, 2020 at 05:00 PM

MS

“ It was a gift to be in Living the Message Bible Study at Mt. Olivet for years with Jean. She was a cherished part of the group. She always brought great insights and encouraged others to share their viewpoints. I especially appreciated the twinkle in her eye, her quick smile, and her compassionate engagement with all of the others. She will be enormously missed.
Blessings,
Marilyn Sharpe

Marilyn Sharpe - July 08, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Jean was my godmother and always sent unique, fun Christmas gifts! I specifically remember a year when she sent a package with a Minnesota theme including pasta in the shape of the state. :) She was also the one who taught me how to make a grilled cheese sandwich and helped spark my love for fresh peaches.

Paige Moore - July 08, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Davidson.



July 07, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



John Sather - July 07, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ *A number of years ago while on business in Minneapolis I visited Jean Marie and brought a peach pie to have with coffee and do a little cousin catching up. Every summer when peaches would come into season, Jean Marie would bake a peach pie and send me a picture saying she always remembered the great time we had and how we enjoyed that peach pie! How sweet! John Sather - California*

John Sather - July 07, 2020 at 03:16 PM