



## Jean Gayle Kesler

September 1, 1947 - January 21, 2024

Jean Kesler (1947-2024)

Jean Gayle Kesler, 76, of Bloomington, MN passed away on January 21, 2024.

She was born in Winona, MN in 1947 to Orville and Solveig Byboth. Jean attended Winona Senior High before receiving her Bachelor of Computer Science degree, with honors from the University of Minnesota, Institute of Technology. Jean soon began working for what is now US Bank, as a programmer, managing features of the Hogan system. Jean took on many roles at US Bank including acquisitions, call center management, the Controllers team, and more. She was a Vice President and won the prestigious Five Star award, given to five impactful employees of excellence each year. Jean retired from US Bank in 2013. She enjoyed cooking and sharing her creations. She often would spend time with long-time friends or family over a good meal. She completed many DIY projects. She also loved traveling, a challenging puzzle, and would never miss a Gopher or Vikings football game.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Solveig (Williams) Byboth, and sister-in-law DeLores Byboth. She is survived by former husband David Kesler; brothers Dale Byboth, Lyle (Lori) Byboth; sisters Diane Webber,

Karen Olson; son Christopher (Michelle) Kesler; daughter Kimberly (Leroy) Jones; granddaughter Jessica (Tyler) Ballard; step-grandchildren Samantha Jones, Adrianna Jones, and Cody (Elizabeth) Jones; many nieces, nephews, step-great-grandchildren, and dear friends.

Please honor Jean by wearing your favorite sweatshirt/hoodie (MN team if you have one) to a celebration at Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Chapel in Bloomington on February 3 at 12:00 pm; 1:00 tribute, and lunch to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Mayo Clinic, "In Memory of Jean Kesler" for the purpose of "to support Dr. Irina Bancos' work on adrenal disorders in Endocrinology."

Donate online at <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC> Select OTHER to indicate Dr. Bancos' work, and select the box to make the donation a tribute, and fill in her name.

By phone: please call 507-284-2264 or 855-852-8129 (toll-free) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday.

Checks can be made out to Mayo Clinic and sent to:

Department of Development

200 First St SW

Rochester, MN 55905

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel  
9940 Bush Lake Road  
Bloomington, MN 55438

## Memorial Service

FEB 3. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

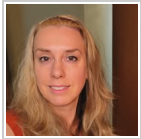


“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Jean Gayle Kesler in memory of Jean Gayle Kesler



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**Washburn-McReavy** - January 31, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ I had the pleasure to have Jean as my aunt. She was always generous, calm, sensible, had a good sense of humor, and was a good and loving person. I was lucky enough to go to a Micheal Buble concert with her once. Wish I got to spend more time with her over the years. She will be greatly missed!

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**Angie Byboth** - February 03, 2024 at 11:04 PM

DB

“ From brother Dale and WISCONSIN family.

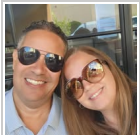
*I remember Jean for her gracious treatment when Jim and I would watch the Viking games in her living room...She always had "way to many" snacks like pizza, pie and ice cream, pop, etc....At the end of the game she would always send us home with most of the leftovers...Jean loved football ! Unusual for a woman.*

*Jean had a very generous nature both with her money and her time...I believe she gave her sister Karen a place to stay when Karen was looking for work in the Twin Cities...She was also very handy around her home...Jean built the deck on the back of her home in Bloomington...She shoveled snow and mowed the grass...*

*My son Jim and I went with Jean to a "Syttende Mai" (seventeenth of May) celebration in Woodville, Wisconsin celebrating our "Norske" heritage...Little Town! Big Celebration! Again Jean willing to spend her time with others...Jean was always willing to give of herself...She leaves a big hole!*

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**Dale Byboth** - February 02, 2024 at 12:18 PM



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**Kim Kesler Jones** - January 30, 2024 at 09:52 AM

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“ From your Wisconsin Kesler family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Gayle Kesler.

From your Wisconsin Kesler family - January 27, 2024 at 06:03 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Gayle Kesler.



January 27, 2024 at 06:03 AM

VJ

“ I had the pleasure of working for Jean at USB during the 1990's and early 2000's. I first worked as her secretary when located in the old Pioneer Endicott building in downtown St. Paul. I worked for Jean about 7 years—the best years for me at USB! I retired from USB in 2004. During that timeframe Jean encouraged and motivated me to go back to school and earn my 4-year degree. True to her word, once I finished promptly promoted me out of the secretarial field and into a job in her group that was so much more challenging providing me with the best opportunity I ever had at USB! She paved the way for me to have a better life on every level. I will never forget her kindness and her great sense of humor! She was the best of the best! Lucky me having her as my mentor and manager—her life well lived! My condolences to her wonderful family. Ginny Joseph

Virginia Joseph - January 26, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jean Gayle Kesler.



January 26, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ Jean will be sorely missed at our Brainerd get-togethers and Zoom calls. I enjoyed her smiles and laughter, sharing a room at Rutgers, and sneaking a cigarette while we both were quitting. I will miss you Jean! My condolences to her family.

Joan Musielewicz - January 26, 2024 at 03:57 PM



*That little stinker! Thank you, Joan.*

**KIM JONES** - January 26, 2024 at 04:18 PM



“ Aunt Jean will be very much missed. Such an extraordinary kind, smart and funny person. Things were always better when she was around.

John Byboth - January 26, 2024 at 02:36 PM