



## Jean Louise Larson

June 2, 1926 - December 22, 2023

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1926-2023

Jean Louise Sandberg was born to Randolph and Eva Sandberg on June 2, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois. She was an excellent student and skipped two grades. Her favorite school years were at Lucy Flower Technical High School for girls. After graduation Jean rode the el train with her father to work each day. She worked as a secretary for a stock broker. In 1950 she went to a young adults Christian Leadership camp in Estes Park, Colorado. There she met a dashing young Minnesota farm boy named David Larson. Dave was so lovestruck that he moved from Minnesota to Chicago where he got a job and began courting Jean. They were married June 23, 1951.

After the birth of their first two children, Nancy and Tim, the family moved to Minnesota. Jean was ready to leave the big city behind, so they found a home in the quiet suburb of Minnetonka. More children were soon added, Steve, Mark, Sharon and Marlene.

They attended First Covenant Church until they were driving their kids downtown too often and so they began attending Minnetonka Community Church. After they retired Jean and Dave moved to Excelsior Covenant

Church. Over the years she volunteered to teach Sunday School, help in the kitchen, make blankets to donate and teach daily vacation Bible school.

After Marlene began school Jean took a job as a playground lady, moved up to cafeteria lady, and eventually became secretarial assistant to the superintendent of the Hopkins Public Schools.

In her free time Jean enjoyed knitting, reading books, and spending time with family and friends. She donated many knit hats to missions and hospitals. Since she was a big fan, she never missed a Twins game.

On December 14, 2023 Jean's growing weakness caused her to fall. She spent two days in the hospital and then went home to live with Nancy until she slipped quietly into heaven on December 22, 2023. In her last days she often said that her prayer was that if God could use her she would gladly stay, but if her work was done she looked forward to the adventure of discovering heaven.

Jean is preceded in death by her husband Dave and brother, John. She is sorely missed by her six children and their spouses, seventeen grandchildren, and nineteen great grandchildren.

A Memorial service will be held Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

Rice Lake Bible Chapel

8801 Rice Lake Road

Maple Grove, MN

A light supper to follow.



# Cemetery Details

## **Fort Snelling National Cemetery**

7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Richard A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Louise Larson.

Richard A. - January 03, 2024 at 02:26 AM

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“ I met Jean through her daughter, Sharon. She exuded kindness and love, always inquiring about my family and showing a genuine passion for connecting deeply with others. She was the heartbeat of her family. Her gentle spirit will endure through her wonderful children and the lives she profoundly impacted during her time here.

Darcy Dober - December 27, 2023 at 11:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean Louise Larson.



December 27, 2023 at 11:11 PM

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“ Memorial gifts can be sent to Samaritan's Purse.

Nancy - December 27, 2023 at 09:59 AM

DA

“ We are David and Angela. We did not know Jean directly, but we are neighbors and friends of her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Mark. Mark and Nancy are two of the kindest, warmest people we've ever known, and if Jean was anything like them we have no doubt she was a truly wonderful person. Our condolences to Nancy, Mark, and other family.

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**David and Angela** - December 26, 2023 at 06:06 PM