

Jean Ruth Veltman

November 20, 1952 - October 23, 2024

Jean Ruth (nee: Fergus) Veltman, 71, passed away on October 23, 2024 at Ascension All Saints Hospital.

Jean was born on November 20, 1952 to James and Ruth (nee: Petoskey) Fergus. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, James Veltman, on August 9, 1975 at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

After graduating from J. I. Case High School, Jean went on to earn her bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh, and later her master's degree in special education from Lewis University. She worked for Racine Unified School District for nearly 40 years, retiring in 2014. Jean's lifelong commitment to her students will be felt for generations to come. Whether she was mentoring past students, dropping turkeys off on Thanksgiving, or presents on Christmas, Jean made the world a better place.

Jean had many passions in life, but family was always number one. She loved spending time with her grandkids and traveling around the world with her husband and children. In August of 2018, they took an unforgettable trip to Scotland, highlighted by visits with family in the Orkney Islands, stays in historic castles, and sightings of puffins.

Jean was a lifelong member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the Quilters Guild, S&B Heritage Heights, AAUW, and the red lip ladies. In her free time, Jean enjoyed quilting, seeing her children in Louisville, and playing pickleball.

Jean will be profoundly missed by her husband, James Veltman; children, Megan (Tyler) Cash and Matt (Brett Starbuck) Veltman; grandchildren, Ace and Avery; sister, Joan Fergus; brothers, Jim (Sue) Fergus and John Fergus; brother-in-law, Jerry (Janet) Veltman; and numerous other family members and dear friends.

She goes on to be reunited with her parents, James and Ruth Fergus; her brother-in-law, John Veltman; and her sister-in-law, Donna Veltman.

A memorial service for Jean will be held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. A visitation will also be held the evening before, on Friday, November 8, at Sturino Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holy Communion Lutheran Church's food bank and Mayo Clinic.

Jean's family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Ascension All Saints ICU doctors, nurses, and staff.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. 6th Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Ruth Veltman*



Sturino Funeral Home - November 02, 2024 at 05:44 PM

VC

Beautiful tribute to a beautiful soul ! Rest In Peace Jean .

Vicki Chavez - November 04, 2024 at 07:31 PM

CL

What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman. Family was everything to Jean. May she rest peacefully in the hands of our Lord.

Christine Lukasavige - November 06, 2024 at 02:38 PM

SL

Loving memories...May the love Jean brought to the world be felt deeply by all who knew her.

To my friend Joan...deep peace as you hold Jean's love in your heart.

Sara Lynch - November 08, 2024 at 08:18 AM

AA

“ *Dear Jim and Family, It is impossible to imagine all of you without Jean. We have so many memories, that bring a smile to our hearts. Please accept our sympathy for your loss, for it comes to you with all our love. Al & Angie Nelson*

Al & Angie - November 09, 2024 at 08:27 AM

AR

“ Angela R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ruth Veltman.

Angela R. - November 09, 2024 at 08:21 AM

GW

“ It is with our continued prayers that we offer our sincere sympathies to all the family of Jean during these difficult days. Your love and support for each other have not gone unseen and the strength you have shown throughout all adversity these past years during her illness have been a light to her. May you find that same strength now and with God's loving arms around all of you have peace. May God's grace be present now and in the days to come. Sincerely,
Gary and Kathy Wee

Gary Wee - November 08, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Ruth Veltman.



November 08, 2024 at 01:16 PM



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

November 08, 2024 at 01:16 PM

YF

“ Your MiD family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jean Ruth Veltman.



Your MiD family - November 08, 2024 at 08:50 AM

YF

“ Your MiD family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ruth Veltman.

Your MiD family - November 08, 2024 at 08:50 AM

SL

“ Condolences to Jean’s family. Although I never met Jean, I knew her through her dear sister Joan. I learned that Jean was a nurturing soul who lived her life with great passion and with a loving heart. Blessings to all.

Sara Lynch - November 08, 2024 at 08:33 AM

BK

“ I am so sad to hear about this. I have so many wonderful memories of our family connections! Her mother & mine (both named Ruth) were lifelong friends. I loved spending time with them...and babysitting her. We loved playing board games, playing with dolls, and so much more. She was such a good spirited girl! About 4 or 5 years ago, I traveled to Racine and was able to have a visit with her! I am so sorry that she passed so soon! She will be in my heart forever. Bette Kreul (Ustymowicz)

Bette Kreul - November 07, 2024 at 06:14 PM

P(

“ I first met Jean at Holy Communion Church in the 70's. We went on to become Alpha Phi Sorority sisters at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. We called her Fergie! She had the most beautiful smile and the biggest heart. My deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Jim and her entire family. She was a sweetheart.

Patti Drumm (PK) - November 07, 2024 at 09:56 AM

AR

“ Ashleigh & Chad Reynolds purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean Ruth Veltman.



Ashleigh & Chad Reynolds - November 06, 2024 at 09:52 PM

LN

“ Linda and Scott Nordlund purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean Ruth Veltman.



Linda and Scott Nordlund - November 06, 2024 at 04:24 PM

LN

“ Linda and Scott Nordlund planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Ruth Veltman.

Linda and Scott Nordlund - November 06, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ *Very sorry for you loss and sending our condolences, Linda and Scott Nordlund*

Linda Goerger Nordlund - November 06, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ *Erica den Boer & Chase Darst purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jean Ruth Veltman.*



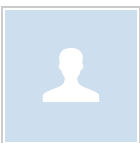
Erica den Boer & Chase Darst - November 05, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean Ruth Veltman.*



November 05, 2024 at 01:56 PM



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

November 05, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jean Ruth Veltman.



November 04, 2024 at 06:52 PM



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

November 04, 2024 at 06:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean Ruth Veltman.



November 04, 2024 at 06:21 PM



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

November 04, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Ruth Veltman.*



November 04, 2024 at 06:14 PM



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

November 04, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Veltman Family on their loss. Bob and Sue Devine*

robert devine - November 03, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Jim and his family. I am so sorry for your loss. Helen Pugh*

Helen Pugh - November 03, 2024 at 07:09 AM

AK

“ Jean will always be responsible for some of my favorite memories. Not many people could get me to put shaving cream on my head to try and catch cheese balls. Along with hundreds of other good memories of Door County and other times throughout childhood. Thoughts go out to Jim, Matt and Megan.



Aaron Kristopeit - November 02, 2024 at 07:13 PM

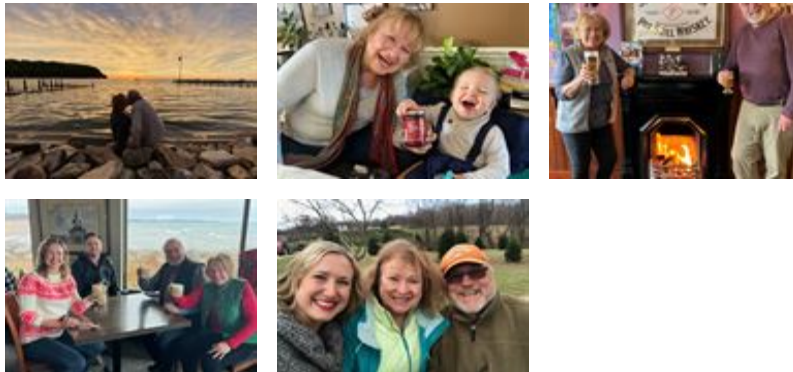
RG

“ Mark and I send our deepest condolences.
Mark and Renee Goerger

Renee Goerger - November 02, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ 157 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - November 02, 2024 at 01:37 PM

JO

“ For many years Jean’s mother, Ruth Fergus, was my very dear friend. After she passed away I was fortunate to become friends with Jean and her sister, Joan. Jean was a wonderful person to spend time with. I admired her faith and how much she cared for others. She brought happiness into so many lives. I will miss her so much.

jackie Odders - November 02, 2024 at 11:04 AM

VC

“ To the Veltman family
Sending heartfelt condolences . Jean was a beautiful soul and will be deeply missed .
Praying you find peace and comfort in all your memories . She certainly leaves an afterglow . God bless all of you during this difficult time .
Your friend in Christ
Vicki Chavez (HCLC)

vicki chavez - November 02, 2024 at 06:55 AM

MD

Jean and I were team teachers in one of RUSDs efforts at inclusive education in the early 1990s. I wasn't the Science Teacher and her the Special Education Teacher, instead I was the content specialist and she the learning specialist. We were both teachers for every child in that classroom. Jean is a big reason why throughout my career I can see the potential in a child and potential paths to overcoming the challenges they might have. My sympathy to Jean and her family. She is gone too soon. Sincerely Mark Dilley, coteacher.

Mark Dilley - November 02, 2024 at 11:40 AM

BN

We are very sorry to hear of Jean’s passing. We hold you and your family in our hearts, Jim.

Bill amd Susie Nielsen - November 09, 2024 at 02:50 PM