



Jean Kathryn Vopal

July 25, 1937 - October 30, 2020

WAUWATOSA-Jean Kathryn (Hansen) Vopal, 83, passed away October 30, 2020 at Harwood Place Assisted Living.

Jean was born on July 25, 1937 to Ferdinand and Sylvia Hansen in Racine. She attended Park High School and went on to become a hair stylist for over 50 years. Jean owned the beautiful Villa Fontana Hair Salon and the Danish Cellar in Milwaukee.

She married David Vopal on May 25, 1970, celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. Jean and David shared a strong Christian faith and prayed together daily. Their enjoyment of schnauzers was evident in pets Hansel, Gretel, Teddy and Teddy Two.

In her younger years, she enjoyed cooking, entertaining, reading and was active in her church. After retiring, Jean began creating wonderful greeting cards.

Jean is survived by her loving husband, David, sisters, Marion Beyer and Sandy (Bill) Smith, brother, Tim (Darlene) Hansen and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Tom (Ruth) Hansen, brothers-in-law, Erv Beyer, Bob Vopal, and George Dorn, sisters-in-law, Gwen Dorn and Charlotte Vopal.

There has been a private graveside service per Jean's request at Mound Cemetery alongside her parents.

Memorials or donations may be made to, Mt. Carmel Church, 8424 W. Center

Street, Milwaukee, WI 53222

Thank you to the Harwood Place and Heartland Hospice of Milwaukee caretakers. And a special thank you to the many dear friends who added so much joy to Jean's life.

Cemetery Details

Mound Cemetery Chapel

1120 West Blvd.
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jean is one of my Best Friends sisters. She and the rest of the family have always made me feel as if I was part of the family. My Love and prayers go to her husband Dave and the family, she will be in my thoughts forever. She had the best sense of humor and her laugh always made me giggle. Always one talented and classy Lady! She will be missed and not forgotten. ❤️

Joyce Held

Joyce Held - November 08, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JD

“ I was lucky enough to be good friends with Jean for 53 years. We had many wonderful times together. There was no one as generous, thoughtful and humorous. I was so lucky to have had her in my life. She will never be forgotten.

Judith Domino-Wissler

Judith Domino-Wissler - November 07, 2020 at 05:21 PM

VP

“ With great sorrow, we must say good-bye to one of the “WAC-ettes.” Jean introduced us to the Tosa WAC when the Mount Mary pool closed. What fun we had exercising in the water...a great excuse to get together and celebrate birthdays. In fact, we showed up and sang Christmas Caroles at Jean’s Christmas-in-July birthday party. Wonderful memories of a generous and fun-filled friend.

Mary Ann Dodulik

Carol Paulson

Virginia Price

virginia Price - November 06, 2020 at 11:56 AM

VP

“ Jean and I reconnected (both from Class of 1955 at Park High) in a water aerobics class at Mount Mary. Once she opened her mouth, I knew it was her. Found out we both were card makers and I introduced her to “iris folding.” Our card making and Racine connection— especially O&H Bakery—brought us years of friendship with lot of laughs. She never lost her sense of humor. I miss her already.

Virginia (Holz) Price

virginia Price - November 06, 2020 at 11:43 AM

KK

“ Our sympathies are being sent to you in the passing of Jean. Jean was my hairstylist for almost 15 years. We had a lot of laughs while my hair was being styled by Jean. She was so talented in many ways. I had gotten many good recipes from her and she got me started making cards. I enjoyed going to the Art Museum with her and we both enjoyed going out to lunches. Rest in peace Jean.

Love Karen Klaus

Karen Klaus - November 05, 2020 at 11:25 AM

DR

“ So sorry to hear of Jeans passing. She cut my hair for many years and I worked alongside her in the kitchen at Mount Carmel many times. She was always generous in contributing toward hunger and food related causes, especially for the children and youth of Reformation Lutheran Church. May she Rest In Peace in her Savior’s arms.

Diane Roznowski

Diane Roznowski - November 04, 2020 at 08:33 PM

SG

“ Although I really only got to know Jean in the last 4 years we had a wonderful friendship. I loved her wry sense of humor. And that impish look she'd get when she was joking around!
We shared a love for crafts and Jean taught me how to create beautiful hand-made cards. I inherited lots of her papers and will continue the trend. We also both loved to cook (and eat!). She was still asking about my dinner preps the week before her death. Jean will be missed. My sympathies to all of her family.

Sue Gerlach

Sue Gerlach - November 04, 2020 at 07:26 PM