



Jean Aurilla Krohn

September 26, 1918 - June 15, 2016

Jean Krohn (Richards) Passed away peacefully on June 15th at Rose Arbor Hospice House in Kalamazoo with her daughter and son-in-law at her side. She was born on a farm in Breedsville, MI on September 26, 1918 to Gladys and Franklin Richards. In the early 1920's the family moved to Chicago where her father taught school and Jean attended Lucy Flower School for Girls and the Lagrange High School. Her family spent summers and vacations at the Breedsville farm. She loved the time spent there, and in 1934 Jean moved to Bangor to stay and graduated from Bangor High in 1936. In the 1930's, she taught dancing in Bangor, Hartford and Breedsville. The year 1937 was very special. She was honored to be selected as Miss Bangor and participate in the Blossom Festival in Berrien County, and in June she was married to that very special one, Adolph Krohn whom she had met at age 15 at a Breedsville dance. They were married for 70 years. In 1940, daughter Nancy Jean was born and soon after in 1941 the United States Department of Agriculture hired Jean to work on the war effort. She remained with the USDA for 32 years and was the executive director for 20 years until she retired in 1973. Jean and Adolph (Ick) lived on a grain and dairy farm, and they later planted the first blueberries in the neighborhood. These fields are still producing after 60 years. After retiring, Jean and Ick enjoyed spending the winters in Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents. Surviving are her daughter, Nancy Saur and son-in-law James; grandsons, Steve (Valerie), Erik and Jason; great-grandchildren, Andrew, Patrick and Emily Saur; her sister,

Rossalie Drobish; nieces, Diane Benson Cour, Donna Oates, Anita Young, Mary Burgett, and Pat Prentice; nephews, Robert Credi, Bill Krohn, and Keith Davis; and very special friends, Jeanette Wilson, Norma Sherwood, Bud and Barbara Brown, Steve and Katie Otto and her sorority sisters, Lynn Cobianco and Donna Bradfield. According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home,

Cemetery Details

Breedsville Cemetery

CR 380
Breedsville, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

Simpson United Methodist Church
507 Joy Street
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

BN

“ I enjoyed how my mother and Jean shared some nice moments, sitting on the couch and reminiscing like only two ladies from "The Greatest Generation" could. Rest in peace, Jean. You were special!

Bill (and Patricia) Nash

Bill Nash - June 23, 2016 at 09:11 AM

DH

“ GOD BLESS.



DEL AND DEB HOOPER - June 21, 2016 at 10:47 PM

PH

“ We were so sorry to hear of Jean's passing. What a dear woman she was! May God bless your family and fill you with His peace.

Pat Henry - June 19, 2016 at 01:06 PM

SB

“ Sheila Baker lit a candle in memory of Jean Aurilla Krohn



Sheila Baker - June 19, 2016 at 07:14 AM

DH

“ Jean will surely be missed. Jean had a giving heart and loved people. I first met Jean during the memorial day parade in Breedsville. I was the incoming pastor and the pastor leaving invited me to the festival. I was amazed at the loving spirit that Jean presented. She was a special lady and gave the best hugs. My prayers are with her family. Blessings to all.

David L. Haase - June 18, 2016 at 11:05 AM

SB

Jean was a beautiful, loving and caring person. She loved her family, church family, church, God and God's people. As Jean's former pastor, I was so impressed with her spirit, kindness and love of life. She taught me to have more patience. She loved and was loved. Thank you, Jean for who you are! My prayers and love are with Nancy and family. We love you all.

Sheila and Keith Baker - June 19, 2016 at 06:34 AM

JF

“ We shall miss those warm hugs and her overflowing love. She finally got to go home! John and Judy Fry

judy fry - June 18, 2016 at 08:22 AM

SM

“ I treasure my memories of gracious Jean! I always felt special in her presence. I continue to yearn to model myself after her loving spirit. She has blessed our community as a whole and each of us as individuals! Sandra McNary

Sandra McNary - June 17, 2016 at 09:44 AM

CR

“ *What an amazing woman. She supported Bangor and represented the community well as a former Miss Bangor! She will be missed. God Bless.*

Chris Rigozzi-Solano - June 17, 2016 at 07:55 AM

RD

“ *Loss of a magnificent lady, condolences to the Krohn family.*

Rick Dillman - June 16, 2016 at 11:44 PM

PB

“ *Peggy Brayman lit a candle in memory of Jean Aurilla Krohn*



Peggy Brayman - June 16, 2016 at 06:57 PM

PB

“ *Work for her and her husband, growing up great people, beautiful lady to the end, RIH*

Peggy Brayman - June 16, 2016 at 06:55 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Whaley lit a candle in memory of Jean Aurilla Krohn*



Nancy Whaley - June 16, 2016 at 04:32 PM



Nancy - Love You.....

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