



Jean Achauer

January 23, 2021

Jean Achauer, nee Knickelbein, 95 years, of Minocqua, formerly of Milwaukee, passed away at her home January 23, 2021. Jean was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 24, 1925. Preceding her in death are her husband, J. Monroe (Chet) Achauer; her parents, Herman and Gertrude, nee Melang, Knickelbein; and son-in-law, Ron Novak. She leaves three daughters, Jeannette Novak, Jeannine Achauer, Jalaine Marie Achauer, a son, Jay Monroe (Paige) Achauer, a granddaughter, Jandrea Novak and Lindsay Sparbel and Megan Sparbel, step granddaughters.

Jean is descended from an old Minocqua family, the Melangs who arrived here in 1888. She graduated from Rufus King High School in Milwaukee and then attended the Milwaukee Conservatory of Music studying voice. In 1943 at age 18, Jean purchased land on Whitefish Lake where the family had a cottage for many years until she and Chet built their retirement home. She met her husband while he was on liberty from Great Lakes Naval Base. A lifelong lover of music, Jean performed with the Shorewood Opera Chorus in multiple leading roles, served as president of the Tuesday Musical Society (the oldest musical society in Milwaukee), and served as secretary of the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Federation of Music Clubs, which at the time, was the only non-political organization affiliated with the United Nations. Growing African Violets was also a passion of hers and she served as president of the Milwaukee African Violet Society, the State Council, and was on the board of the African Violet Society of America. Attending violet

conventions gave many memorable trips around the United States for her entire family. Jean especially loved traveling to the West, Canadian Rockies, and Alaska. From early on she played basketball and loved baseball, becoming the home run champion of Milwaukee. She learned to waterski at age 40 and followed up a few years later with downhill skiing. Always an outdoor woman, she enjoyed bird hunting, boating, swimming, and riding her motorcycle.

Most of all Jean loved being a wife, mother, and grandma. She never missed any events important to her family. Her family has been truly blessed to have her in their lives.

Internment will be on January 27, 2021 at 11:30 at Forest Garden Cemetery in Woodruff. A celebration of life will be held at Whitefish Lake this summer.

Bolger Cremation and Funeral Services is assisting the family. Please visit www.bolgerfuneral.com to share condolences, memories or pictures.

Cemetery Details

Forest Garden Memorial

Woodruff Rd
Woodruff, WI 54568

Previous Events

Burial

JAN 27. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *oh mama*



Lainie Achauer - January 23, 2022 at 09:32 PM



“ *I Love You Mama!!!*

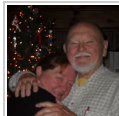


Jalaine Achauer - February 19, 2021 at 01:12 AM

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“ *When I was young we would watch Jean singing opera on Sunday tv. She was definitely a force to be reckoned with there was nothing she wouldn't try. She was my mother's favorite cousin and they stayed very close until my mother's death. The last time I saw Jean was in the late 1990s, it's a fond memory that I will always have of visiting with her and her family. My heart felt sympathies go out to the family. With much love, Peggy Pierce*

Peggy Pierce - January 28, 2021 at 09:54 PM



That was beautiful. Thank You for sharing!

Jalaine Achauer - February 19, 2021 at 01:07 AM



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



January 28, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Eileen Hochstein - January 26, 2021 at 06:55 PM



Thanks Eileen!

Jalaine Achauer - February 19, 2021 at 01:08 AM



“ *Jean, I will miss your Sweet Smile! I hope that the girls find Peace knowing that you are with God watching over them.*

Angela C Schuh - January 25, 2021 at 03:15 PM



She will forever watch over us....forever. I hope God has a good supply of Tootsie Rolls! You were such a angel to her! Thank You.....

Jalaine Achauer - February 19, 2021 at 01:10 AM