



Jean A. Bassett

September 1, 1927 - October 27, 2016

Jean Ann Bassett, 89, gently passed away at Country Terrace nursing home in Minocqua on October 27, 2016.

Jean was born on September 1, 1927, to Clara and Frank Paquette of Minocqua. Her mother was from a small German immigrant family in Hazelhurst and her father was a French-Canadian immigrant businessman in Minocqua. She was born at a time when Minocqua was little more than a small village of fewer than 1000 souls.

Jean graduated from Minocqua High School during the time when many Lakeland young men, including her future husband, left for war in Europe and the Pacific. Jean married Lester E. Bassett in 1947 upon his return from World War II, with Father Mayo of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Minocqua officiating. They initially lived in the apartment above Bassett Marine, on the site now occupied by Minocqua Lake Condominiums.

In addition to raising her family, Jean worked at Security State Bank, Book World, the Lakeland Times, and Mama's Restaurant.

Jean had a loving heart whose care and dedication to her husband and nine children were her primary focus. She was a woman of great compassion, unbelievable strength, an incredible sense of humor and a kindness that

touched the hearts of those around her. Her children and grandchildren were the joy of her life. Even as Jean suffered through the effects of dementia in her last years, her empathy for her family and others remained constant.

Jean was preceded in death by her beloved husband after 63 years of marriage, and by her parents, eight half-sisters, a baby sister, and her brother Frank.

Jean is survived by her children: Leslie (Sid) Sorenson of Wausau, Michael (Betsy) Bassett of Green Bay, Gregory (Wendy) Bassett of Hazelhurst, Denise Bassett (Michael) Cirilli of Minocqua, Gary (Celeste) Bassett of Amherst, Lynne (Bryan) Wakely of Rhinelander, Lisa (Brian) Brandt of Stevens Point, Scot (Sue) Bassett of Minocqua, and Julie (Michael) Smith of Minocqua, as well as by 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters Virginia (Emil) Van Goethem of Wausau and Patricia (Gordon) Geiger of Merrill, and brother Dennis Paquette of Arlington, Virginia.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at Bolger Funeral Home - Minocqua Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Minocqua Chapel

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ It was my pleasure to have been able to be with Jean in her final months. God puts people in your lives for a reason. She was easily one of the sweetest woman I've ever met. I loved seeing her almost daily. Thank you Denise and family for sharing her with us.
Jackie Hamlin

Jackie Hamlin - November 05, 2016 at 09:31 AM

LM

“ I didn't know Jean well, (Linda) but she was always smiling and upbeat and caring. She and Les were old school, family oriented, hard working people who cared about and were involved in their community. And enjoyed their family. We are sorry her last years were so difficult. At last she is at rest. Remember the wonderful times.

Joe and Linda Mastalski

Linda Mastalski - November 02, 2016 at 08:42 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bassett.



November 01, 2016 at 02:03 PM

BE

“ *There was just something special about Aunt Jean! She always made me smile. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and loved ones. May you find comfort in many happy memories. Love, Becky (Bassett) Anderson*

Becky - October 31, 2016 at 10:16 PM

LM

“ *Lori, Debby, Heather, Billie Jo and Mary purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean A. Bassett.*



Lori, Debby, Heather, Billie Jo and Mary - October 31, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bassett.*



October 31, 2016 at 10:01 AM

VB

“ *One of the nicest ladies, Always a greeting and a smile. Never failed to say Hello. To her family I send my Best and prayers.*



Vonnie Braun - October 30, 2016 at 11:17 AM

YO

“ Your friends at Central Orthodontics purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Jean A. Bassett.



Your friends at Central Orthodontics - October 30, 2016 at 10:15 AM

HD

“ My cousin Jean was one of the dearest people I have ever known. Some of my best memories are of sitting at her kitchen table with Jean and my parents when I was a youngster. Jean always had the coffee pot going and cookies ready to savor. She had a wonderful laugh and she had a way of making one feel special. I visited her several days before she passed away and, as ill as she was, she pointed to a wrist brace I was wearing and said, "Get better." Up to the end, Jean cared about the well being of others; that's the kind of lady she was. I hope she and Les have a happy reunion.

Hannah Dana - October 29, 2016 at 11:26 PM

MC

“ Minocqua Brewing Company purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jean A. Bassett.



Minocqua Brewing Company - October 29, 2016 at 01:19 PM

GW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss.
Gary & Karen Walbruck

Gary & Karen Walbruck - October 29, 2016 at 06:44 AM

DB

“ Aunt Jean was one of those relatives who always had a twinkle in her eye - her spirit was uplifting and there was always a hint of mischief. It was 2 years ago when I last saw her at a Bassett reunion at the Thirsty Whale. Jean was pretty amazing! Love to my cousins, may God's peace and His everlasting life bring you comfort.
Debbie Bassett.

Debbie Bassett - October 28, 2016 at 11:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bassett.



October 28, 2016 at 06:42 PM