



## Jean DeMers Wicklund

September 4, 1935 - May 16, 2016

Jean Renee DeMers Wicklund of Kensington, died peacefully at her home at age 80 on Monday May 16, 2016. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She was the daughter of Douglas Sr. and Francis Dalson DeMers. She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in New Britain where she sang in the choir and was very active in Ladies Aid baking and fundraising.

Jean is survived by her adoring husband Earl Henry Wicklund of Kensington, CT. She is also survived by her children Sharon Hinchliffe and her husband Stephen, Sandra Roche and her husband Thomas; John Wicklund and his wife Elizabeth; Daughter-in-law Lorraine Wicklund; her dog Dharla; Grandchildren Carla Berg and her husband James, Leah Hinchliffe and her fiancé Matthew Melius, Adam Roche, Holly Buhler and her husband Chad, Eric Wicklund, Kyle Wicklund, Veronica Putvain and her husband Jonathan, Molly Calvo and her husband Nicholas, Sean Roche, Bo and Hunter Wicklund; Great Grandchildren Josh and Andrea Berg, MaKenna and Colton Buhler. She was predeceased by her parents, siblings and her son David Earl Wicklund.

Jean was a tomboy who loved climbing trees and playing outside as a kid. She met the love of her life, Earl, and was wed in December of 1954 in Greensboro, North Carolina. They spent summers in Old Saybrook at Harbor

One on their boat, the SS Da Jon, and vacationed in Block Island at the Boat Basin. Where they went clamming on the beach, enjoyed breakfast and lunch at the Oar and spent time with family. She would start each summer off with surprise summer gifts for all and enjoyed watching everyone swim at the beach, play in games, dance in recitals and smile. She would always have Halloween donuts, decorate gingerbread houses at Thanksgiving and display her home-made ceramics for Christmas. She loved spoiling her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as GG.

Funeral services are Friday at 10 am at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 99 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will be in West Lane Cemetery, Kensington. Calling hours are Thursday 5-8pm at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Jean's family expresses special thanks to all the staff in the Dialysis Unit at HOCC-New Britain Campus. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Our deepest condolences for the loss of Jean. May you all find some comfort in all the memories you've made.*

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**Stephen & Krystyna Munson & Family** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Oh.I loved you so much Auntie Jean. You were more than just my Aunt, you were also my Godmother, and you never, ever forgot to send me a birthday card, even though I'm now 65. I'll miss the Easter Card and Christmas cards. You were always so thoughtful.*

*I loved your laugh and your smile. and never saw tears.I enjoyed my young years at the cottage in Clinton. Always urging Uncle Earl to throw me in the water he could never catch me. Rushing me to the hospital with DKA, and worrying by my side until my Mom could get to New Britain. I have the pottery Santa you made for me, and even if I don't decorate like I used to, the Santa statue is still put in a prominent place each year. You and Mom were so close, I know you looked upon her as if she was your mom. I always felt so very close to you, even though I hadn't seen you in years. I always remember your birthday. Now, you and Mom are chatting it up big time. I'm looking forward to the day when we'll all be together again. God bless you, with all my love and tears...Wendy*

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**Wendy De Mers** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Earl, John, and the rest of the Wicklund Family,  
We are sorry to hear of Jean's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Our deepest sympathy,  
The Morelli Family*

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**Dave and Donna Morelli** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Earl and Family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. May the memories of the happy times  
spent with your wife and mom always bring a smile to your face.  
Sending prayers and peace to all of you during this difficult time.  
Dan and Gail Race*

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**Dan and Gail Race** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Earl and family- I am sorry for you loss, I first knew Jean when we  
went to worthington school. Very nice lady she will be missed.*

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**Beverly Landon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *Earl and family- I am so sorry for your loss, jean was such a  
beautiful lady and I always looked forward to seeing and talking to  
her when she came to the Kensington cafe when Debbie owned it.  
She will be missed dearly.*

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**Nancy Landon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *EARL-- SO SORRY TO READ OF JEAN'S PASSING. MAY YOU  
AND FAMILY KEEP THE MEMORIES OF HER CLOSE TO YOUR  
HEARTS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU  
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME AND MAY SHE FOREVER REST  
IN PEACE.*

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**Ben and Lydia Tiezzi** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Earl and family, We are very sorry for your lost. With prayers and sympathy, Love Jeff and Pauline Matson*

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**Jeff and Pauline Matson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Dear Earl and family:*

*Please accept my sincere condolences. I loved Jean very much and I will miss her. I am out of town and will not be able to attend the services but my thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

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**Mary Ann Terzak** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Sharon, Steve and family: Just saw about your Mom and thinking of you guys. You were there for my parent's services and I wish I could be there with you. Just know you're in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Phil Carlson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

*Auntie Jean was my absolute favorite person in the whole wide world! I adored her as a child and still do at age 60! I always cherished the time I spent with her. Some of my best childhood memories were made with Auntie Jean, Uncle Earl and my cousins. I will never forget the time when I was about 11 or 12 and was spending time with them in CT in the summer. Auntie Jean and I sat down and literally ate 14 ears of corn each!! Years later we would laugh about that and not know how we ever managed to eat so many ears of corn!*

*Boy did Auntie Jean love to take pictures when we were growing up! I always called her the shutter bug! She was such a good photographer and loved taking pictures!*

*There were such great memories on the SS Da Jon. I was honored to be invited to take the trip by boat from CT to Ft. Lauderdale and spending two weeks with Auntie Jean and Uncle Earl. That was the year the engine blew.*

*I was asked at a conference who I admired the most in my life. My response came very quickly and was a no brainer. I responded that I have two people I admire the most in my life, my mom and my Auntie Jean. Auntie Jean was the most loving, fun, and caring person who was genuine to the core. She and my mom were my shining stars. My Mom Shirley DeMers was like her mother and I have to say that Auntie Jean was a like a mom to me. Losing a parent is a tough one to swallow. After losing both my parents, I had a closer bond than ever with Auntie Jean.*

*I always loved getting Auntie Jean's letters in the mail and looked forward to her newsy letters about what she was up to... She always kept me up to speed with what was going on in her and Uncle Earl's life, my cousins, their kids, great grandkids, the great food she had at all the great restaurants she went to and her precious Dharla she*

*loved so much! She lived life for her family and loved spending time with them!*

*I am so glad that I got to spend time with Auntie Jean and Uncle Earl last year when Pete and I came up to CT. We had the best time at a German Restaurant in New Britain! We laughed, reminisced about our lives and told jokes! It was the best time! I just wish it hadn't been the last time! Pete and I were just talking about coming up in the fall and how much I looked forward to visiting with Auntie Jean and Uncle Earl again and how we would take them out to dinner again!*

*I know Auntie Jean, that you were greeted by your loved ones at those pearly white gates in heaven when you arrived this morning. I too will see you one day at those pearly white gates.*

*As I look in the clouds and talk to my mom, I will also find you on the cloud next to her and talk to you too. I know that you are looking down and watching over everyone here that loves and misses you.*

*I love you so much! Love, Barbara*

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**Barbara Seyez** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM