



# Jean Francis Behnke

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Jean Francis Behnke, age 96 went to be with her Savior peacefully Sunday, November 11, 2018 surrounded by family. Born to Clifford and Carrie Hawley, She was the eldest of 14 children. As a young girl she asked Jesus to be her Lord and Savior and lived her life for Him. She married Robert Behnke at the age of 19. The light of her life was her children; Dennis (Faye) Behnke, grandson Jeff (Jessica) Behnke, great grandsons Emerson and Mason. Daughter Dawn (Daniel) Stadler, granddaughter Shelley (Kory) Anderson, great grandsons; Jesse, Aaron, Jonah and Jakob. Grandson; Travis (Andrea Muench and her children Michael and Grace) Stadler. Great grandsons Noah and Ethan.

Jean was a Prayer Warrior spending an hour in the early mornings praying for her family. One of her joys was in September and October helping to celebrate her two children's 50th Wedding Anniversaries. Jean was a lifetime member of Plymouth Church and taught the 2 and 3 year old Sunday School class for over 50 years. As a home maker, she worked intermittedly at SNC Manufacturing. She was living independently at Simeanna 1 until October and volunteered until June of this year at the Oshkosh Senior Center for Advocap, a job she loved.

She is survived by one brother, Jerry. five sisters-Alice, Janet, Doris, Ruth and Kathryn and special sister-in-law Betty, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, brothers Richard, Donald, Wayne, David and Kenny. Sisters; Carol, Joyce and great granddaughter Chloe Behnke.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 5 pm at Plymouth Church at 1325 Georgia St. Oshkosh, WI 54902. Rev. Rick Hopkins will officiate. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 3 pm until the time of service. After the service there will be a meal to follow. Jean's family would like to thank Park View Health Center and Generations Hospice. In Lieu of flowers a memorial fund will be established in Jean's name.



## Tribute Wall

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GH

**Gail Hawley** posted:

My heart goes out to Dawn, Dan, Dennis, Faye, and all Jean's grandchildren who I , know loved her dearly. This picture is so beautiful of her and shows her spirit of total "presence" to each and every person she encountered...looking us right in the eye with a smile that spoke volumes of her love for us. She was so very good to my mother...she was like a sister to her and although we all can celebrate knowing where she is today, our hearts feel the bittersweet loss and yet gratitude for her in our lives.Jean, may you be enjoying your family reunion in heaven with grandma and grandpa, your brothers, sisters, in laws, nieces, nephews and other loved ones who have passed on! Thank you for loving me and for being so wonderful to mom. Gail Hawley

November 16 at 3:34 AM

ST

**Sarah Troxell** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



To the Behnke family,We want to express our sympathy to you. Jean was one of the most loving Christian women we have ever known. We are thankful for the opportunity our children had to be taught by her as their very first Sunday School teacher. Jean was also an integral part of the Ladies' Sunday School Class, who shared many wise, insightful thoughts as we studied the Bible together.Jean also was a wonderful friend to Sarah's mother, Gertrude Schaap, in their later years at Simeanna. Jean often would walk my mother across the parking lot to make sure she arrived there safely. They had a strong friendship.May you find peace and comfort in knowing that she is now in the presence of the Lord, and we will all see her again someday.Love in Christ,Sarah and Gary Troxell

November 15 at 5:59 AM

TR

**Tom And Sandy Richmond** lit a candle in honor of Jean.



I will always remember her as a sweet kind lady who was always happy to see you. She was surely one of Gods angels and I'm blessed to have met her. Never forget the great memories that you shared. My condolences to the family.

November 13 at 5:52 PM

LH

**Liza Hawley** posted:

My beautiful sweet precious Aunt Jean . She was such a godly woman . Jean was so thoughtful of others . I will so miss our talks , our fellowship in the Lord and her encouraging letters and beautiful note cards. I will surely miss her, but will see her again! ❤️

November 13 at 2:53 PM



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**Sally Millman** posted:

I was so very sad when Rod passed on the news of the loss of Jean from all of our lives. I am in Oshkosh only until Wednesday but one of the things that I very much wanted to do was to touch base with Jean. She and Mom(Melba) shared such a wonderful friendship but the love they shared also spilled over and made all of our lives better. Please accept my condolences and know your loss is shared. Sally(Melba's daughter)

November 12 at 12:00 PM



## Media

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Jean and Sarah Troxell enjoying lunch at the Ladies' Sunday School Class farewell party for Sarah



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