



## Jean O'Callaghan

May 26, 1950 - March 27, 2018

Jean Louise O'Callaghan was born, raised and died in Sault Ste. Marie. She was well traveled, well educated and well connected but there was truly no place like home to Jeanne. She felt like the luckiest person in the world because she was able to build her life and career in the Sault. Her family was everything to her. She is survived by her two sisters Betty Ann Suriano and Mary Jane McCaffery, eight nieces and nephews, thirteen great nieces and nephews and her beloved dog, Bailey. Jeanne graduated with a masters degree in education, taught school for many years and then started a second career with the Michigan Education Association. She made amazing lifelong friends who valued her work ethic, preparedness, integrity and abundant kindness. Jeanne hosted many beautiful and detailed parties cooking delicious food and desserts. She was a spectacular quilter, sewer, and crochet artist. She made beautiful stained glass pieces. In fact, she never met a craft that she couldn't stunningly conquer. Jeanne kept a beautiful home on St. Mary's River and cherished every detail of her life. The gardens she kept, the raspberries she grew and canned, the eagles that perched and the hummingbirds that fed in her backyard, the ships rolling down the river all met with her vision of perfection. Above all else, she treasured her family and friends. She was a gem in this world unique and loved beyond measure. Memorial services will be held later in the Spring on May 26, 2018, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church 11:00 AM.



# Tribute Wall

WF

“ *The loss of a cherished loved one is the most devastating experiences a family can face. At times, the loss may seem unbearable. Please know that there are family and friends who care and more importantly Psalm 34:18 tells us that "God is near to those that are broken at heart. He is the God of all comfort. God will comfort you during this difficult time of grief. Our prayers are also with you and your family.*

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**Williams Family** - April 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *As Jeanne's obituary reads she is gem who is missed beyond measure.*

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**Jeanne Smith** - April 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *I was very sorry to hear about Jean's passing. I met Jeanne at my first MEA/NEA, she was always helpful and nice, we would see each other at conventions and RA's, she was someone who worked hard at conventions and was there to do what was best for her teachers and ultimately the students! She will be missed by the MEA-Retired and all the Education community! Prayers for her family she touched so many people!*

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**Gary R. Collens** - April 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ *I'm so glad I got the opportunity to visit Jeanne while she was at the Hospice Home in the Sault. I thoroughly enjoyed our visit and had hoped to be able to visit her again. Sadly, that was not meant to be. She was a real gem and I'm so glad to have called her friend.*

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**Harriet Poch** - April 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Jeanne and I worked together for 10 years at the MEA office in Sault Ste Marie. She was thoughtful, kind, considerate, creative and a wonderful supervisor and friend.*

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**Bonnie Prideaux** - April 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Jeanne.. a dear friend. I met her thru her dear friend, ( my mother in law- Jeanne Smith) We became great friends. I would watch Bailey Boo for her when she had to travel. Bailey came from me, and Jeanne loved and spoiled her so much. I will miss her a lot and our chats in her driveway.. My heart goes out to all her family and friends. RIP Jeanne, you will always be in our hearts. God Bless. Ozzie-Lisa-Ozro and Lanie Smith*

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**Lisa Smith** - April 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *My sympathies are with Jeanne's entire family and other close friends. I had the pleasure of making her friendship also. She was truly a wonderful and amazing women. She will be dearly missed.*

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**Roberta Lackey** - April 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *So sorry to hear that Jean has passed. She was a great friend. Jean was a loving and sharing person to all she came in contact with.*

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**Folke Boman** - April 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Betty and MaryJane; I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Jeanne personally very well; but I know she sure could make quilts and make them her own. Please know that you have friends that care and hopefully that will help you along the way. Gloria*

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**Gloria Larke** - April 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM