



Jean T. Roeder

January 22, 1947 - October 4, 2017

Mrs. Jean Roeder (née Woodward) died peacefully in Sarasota on 10/4/17 in Sarasota, FL at the age of 70.

Jean is survived by her husband, G. Phillip Roeder along with sisters Mary Woodward, Kathryn (Martin) Heavey, Suzanne (Joseph) Szustakowski, Ann (John) Canty all of Buffalo, NY and brother Tom (Rosemarie) Woodward of Tampa, FL. Jean loved and cherished her many nieces and nephews (all 18 of them) and grand nieces and nephews (29 soon to be 30). She is preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Margaret Woodward of Buffalo, NY and her brother Daniel Woodward also of Buffalo, NY.

Jean was born on 1/22/47 in Buffalo to Daniel and Margaret. She graduated from D'Youville College in 1969 with a degree in education, and obtained a Masters in Special Education from Canisius College. She married G. Phillip Roeder, a school psychologist, in 1974. Jean taught kindergarten at St. Mary's School for the Deaf for many years, eventually becoming the parent advisor. She eventually retired and moved to Sarasota, FL along with Phil.

A funeral is scheduled for 9:30 AM on October 13, 2017 at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231, with a reception to follow at the church. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Jean's life.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your favorite charity. Condolences can be sent to 3960 Wilshire Court, Sarasota, FL 34238. The family would like to thank Amy Thompson, Debbie Yancheski and Susan Talkoyic for their help to Jean over the past several years.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Phil, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Jean. I was her massage therapist for many many years. I loved her dearly and we shared many a tale. We laughed through every hour she spent on my table and even though I've been retired for years, we've stayed in touch. I will miss her dearly.*

Cheryl Van Houten-Berkey - January 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *We were so very surprised and saddened to hear of Jean's passing.*

We met Jean & Phil when they hired us to remodel their home but they became more than clients.

Jean was so engaging and we loved our many conversations with her regarding all sorts of things, and our many laughs.

Phil, we pray that you surround yourself with support and love. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mary & Ted Milburn



Mary & Ted Milburn - October 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *A candle in your honor*



Carol Cienkus - October 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Jean will be so missed. She and Phil were two of our favorite customers at Millie's. She was always so upbeat on life and all the problems it handed us. Now God will be enjoying her.

Carol - October 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ On behalf of the Turnwald family, I send our love and prayers to Phil and the rest of the family. Jean was a special friend to all of us. Helpful, thoughtful, and kind. May she rest in peace. Phil, we are here for you in any way we can be of assistance! May your faith help you thru this difficult time.

Carol Grant - October 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dear Phil and family, I was so saddened to hear about Mrs. Jean Roeder passing. I hope and pray that you will have strength during this time of loss. Jean was one of my favorite SMSD people. She was my 3 grade teacher in 1977. She made my class so fun and interesting. She taught me many things about our life and the World. I hate and did not do math homework at home everyday. So she called my mom to make sure that I did my math homework everyday. My parents loved her. She invited me and my old classmates to sleep over at her house. I felt so special and honored to visit and sleep over her house. She shared her idea with us about our play. The play's title was Mary Tyler Moore. She did watch the TV show, Mary Tyler Moore and wrote a great script for us. And she wrote the casting about our play, etc. They sent us an autographed picture and letter. They were delighted that we were going to do the play like them. It was fun! Also, she coordinated a SMSD students' sign and song group which I was part of. I remembered two songs in signed language. One is God Bless America. One is Sunshine on my shoulder make me happy. I enjoyed joining and doing it. :-)

Jean wrote me a sympathy card when my mom passed away: "she couldn't wait to see what my mom's hair color was every time she visited SMSD for Parent day!" I laughed

When she was a Parent Center Coordinator, she invited me to meet one parent who was nervous and resistance about learning American Sign Language (ASL). I explained to one parent about why ASL is so important to children. She started to realize how important it is and learn ASL in early 1990s. I realized that I was honored to be invited by her to meet one parent. I had so much respect for her. We kept in touch once in a while. I will miss her. I will never forget her. Love, Peter

Peter Skarp - October 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I'm so sorry. Jean taught our daughter Jayme Williams at Saint Mary's School for the Deaf. She was a wonderful teacher and counselor to our daughter who is now a teacher herself at UB. Your family is in our prayers. Jim and Carol Williams

Jim and Carol Williams - October 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My deepest condolences to Phil Roeder and family. She was my 3rd grade teacher at St Mary's school for the deaf in Buffalo Ny. Jean was a very kind and warm person with big heart. I remembered spending some nights at her house. I remembered many laughs over hiding Phil's favorite peanut butter cookies in the freezer. She will be sorely miss by many students and friends.

Maura Fenton - October 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM