



Jean Arthur

May 3, 1917 - October 7, 2019

Jean Arthur, 102, of Sun Lakes, AZ formerly of Spirit Lake passed on October 7, 2019 at Renaissance Assisted Living in Sun Lakes, AZ.

Jean was born on May 3, 1917 in Ackley, IA to Victor E. and Mabel (Brown) Kachelhoffer. She graduated from Ackley High School in 1935 and earned her teaching degree from Iowa State College in Ames, IA in 1939 where she met her future husband, Bob Arthur. They were united in marriage at her parents' home in Ackley on August 30, 1940 and celebrated 71 years of marriage until Bob's death in 2011. Jean briefly taught home economics in Boone, IA where they settled after graduation until Bob's enlistment in the Navy. After the war they moved to Bob's family farm in Spirit Lake where she raised her family and had many lifelong friends. After retirement Jean and Bob enjoyed many winters in Sun Lakes, Arizona.

Even in her last year's Jean was happiest around her family and friends, interested in learning and ready for new activities. She was an expert seamstress, enjoyed reading, playing bridge, gardening and traveling. She was a member of many clubs and organizations including PEO, LBU, Book Club, Eastern Star and the Methodist Church in Spirit Lake.

She is survived by her three daughters Mary Pollak and her husband Richard of Ipswich MA, Margaret Arthur of Sun Lakes, AZ and Susan Spatz and her

husband Martin Spatz of Pound Ridge, NY, four Grandchildren: Christopher Pollak, Carrie Pollak, Lauren Hegyi, Charie Spatz and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Helen Miner, brothers, Edward Kay and Fred Howard and husband Robert Arthur. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial of her cremains will be in the Lakeview Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Cemetery

2684 18th Street
Spirit Lake, IA

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ I had never met Jean. I am related to her husband, Bob. My grandparents were Ed and Retta Arthur. My mother was an Arthur, Ruth (Arthur) Ford. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Michelle (Ford) Van Ginkel - November 02, 2022 at 04:55 PM

LM

“ My prayers and love to you all!
Your mom was a lady of grace and gentleness to us who spent time at your home as kids growing up!
(She was born the same year as my mom, whom I lost 5 years ago when she was 96 and a half.)
I am sending hugs, knowing that the world will never quite be the same without the wisdom and guidance of our wonderful moms.
We carry on with what they taught us.
Blessings!
Linda (Weik) Moore

Linda Moore - October 23, 2019 at 08:27 PM

BP

“ Bev Prescott lit a candle in memory of Jean Arthur



Bev Prescott - October 21, 2019 at 12:03 PM

BP

I enjoyed taking care of your mom when she was in Spirit Lake. She was so sweet and ready to try an activity.

Bev Prescott - October 21, 2019 at 12:07 PM

CG

“ We enjoyed having Jean for our neighbor in Arthur Heights. She always took time to stop and chat on her way to or from the mailbox.

Brian and Connie Goldtrap

Connie Goldtrap - October 19, 2019 at 10:13 PM

NM

“ Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of Jean Arthur



norm meinking - October 18, 2019 at 01:23 PM

MJ

“ Mary Jansen lit a candle in memory of Jean Arthur



mary jansen - October 17, 2019 at 08:56 AM

DS

“ *Mary, Margaret and Sue,
It's so hard to believe that Jean has started her new life with God. I
have so many wonderful memories of times spent in your home.
Jean was always so cordial and patient with us and the messes we
made. Whenever my parents were out of town, I was welcomed into
your home!! I know you know how blessed you've been to have
your mom in your lives. May Jean Rest In Peace and May God
bless all three of you.*
Deenie Schuchert

Deenie Schuchert - October 16, 2019 at 05:08 PM

BB

“ *Bob and I loved living in Arthur Heights. It was
a wonderful community. The Arthur family,
Bob, Jean and Margaret made it a special
place for all of us.*
My deepest sympathy,
Barb Bodenhamer



Barb Bodenhamer - October 16, 2019 at 02:54 PM

DS

*Mary, Margaret and Sue,
What a wonderful mother you three had! I have so many memories of
fun times spent in your home. Your mom was always patient and kind
to me, even when I was attempting to smear butter all over my hands
to pull homemade taffy with Mary. As an adult, I considered Jean to be
a treasured friend. You three have been blessed to have this woman in
your lives. May she Rest In Peace and May God bless you all ❤️*
Deenie Schuchert

Deenie Schuchert - October 16, 2019 at 05:02 PM



“ *Maggie, Mary and Sue and families, So sorry to hear of Jean's passing. She was a grand lady. I enjoyed knowing her as a neighbor in Arthur Heights. We had many good visits with Bob and Jean.*

Sandra Dau - October 16, 2019 at 12:03 PM

BS

“ *Becky Savard lit a candle in memory of Jean Arthur*



Becky Savard - October 15, 2019 at 07:57 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Rees lit a candle in memory of Jean Arthur*



Nancy Rees - October 15, 2019 at 12:43 PM