



Jean R. Meyer

December 31, 1924 - February 5, 2019

Jean was born in Des Moines, Iowa on December 31, 1924. She grew up in the parsonages of the Lutheran Churches her pastor father served in Des Moines and, for two years of Jean's high-school years, in New York City. Growing up years included piano lessons, church, and family trips to Canada to visit relatives who, like her father, had emigrated from Scotland. She did a LOT of writing in diaries.

After high-school Jean worked for two years at Central Life Insurance Co. before starting college at the University of Iowa. After graduating as a psych major, she married med student Edgar Meyer. She worked in the university Student Affairs Offices until Ed's graduation in 1950. During Ed's internship year at St Louis City Hospital she worked for 3M Corporation.

The next two years, Ed's Army service time, the couple lived in Germany in Stuttgart and Munich. Their travels in Europe included visiting Jean's Dawson relatives at Tillicoultry, Scotland from where her father had emigrated. After returning to the states, they lived in The Dalles, OR for two years before moving to Cashmere in 1955. There Jean lived the usual life of a small-town doctor's wife, usually handy to the phone and with plans kept flexible.

Daughter Anne was adopted in 1957 and son Scott in 1960. Add in a dog and cat, and later Anne's horses, horse events and Scott's sports games. Family

time at Lake Wenatchee was special as were charter sailing in the San Juan's and ski trips (add grandkids in later) to Canada and Colorado.

Jean's brother John and his wife Mary had six boys and lived in Mercer Island. That extended family, living that close, meant that there were many visits or visitors and holidays shared, particularly after Jean's mother moved from Iowa to Cashmere.

The "girls" do get together! Regular meetings of the local Children's Hospital Guild (about 30 members) saw the young wives socializing. Jean and five college friends gathered together several summers. Later there were teas and lunch with close friends. Working together with friends Jean did the popular hand crafts-knitting, quilting, macramé and braided wool rugs.

Jean was an accompanist for high-school music performers, was the organist at the Methodist Church, and for years the organist in various churches for weddings and funerals. She enjoyed being on the boards of the Wenatchee Community Concerts Assn. and Icicle Creek Music. Jean was Cashmere Citizen of the Year in 1983. She accepted that award as one representing many others who did acts of kindness in the community. She made frequent deliveries of her homemade casseroles to those in need and was known for her delicious pecan pies.

Large groups of Cashmere friends groups travelled together—ski trips by train to Whitefish, MT , a Greek Island cruise, Egypt, the Amazon, Thailand. There was also backpacking through The Enchantments and group cross-country skiing at Holden Village and Sun Mountain.

The last trip our family took together with all the grandkids (except Jordan, too young for the trip) was a tour to Europe in 1998. Jean took extra trips with the United Methodist Choir of the NW to Russia-Poland-Berlin, Japan, and

Australia. Jean, this time with her mother, made a second trip to Tillicoultry. She brought home a kilt of the clan tartan for a Dawson. Yes, she wore that tartan, a blue-green skirt, frequently. Her nick-name at college was "Daws".

The last big family and friends' event was a large surprise 60th Anniversary party in 2008!

Despite slowly progressing Alzheimer's, Jean's last years, at home with Ed, were comfortable and pleasant. She always greeted each visitor with a quick smile and some conversation.

Jean's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at the Cashmere United Methodist Church on Saturday March 2 at 11am.

In lieu of flowers consider Children's Home Society of WA, the Cashmere United Methodist Church or Seattle Children's Hospital Foundation.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

Cashmere Methodist Church
213 S Divison
Cashmere, WA 98815

Tribute Wall

MV

“ So many memories growing up and throughout my life with Jean. She helped and touched so many people lives here in our community and the Methodist Church. She will be missed. She was the true definition of a lady, a mother and a women of service and love. I will miss her and I know I'm not alone

martha Vance - March 02, 2019 at 02:06 PM

LC

“ Mrs Meyer was a constant presence during my young life. She accompanied the choirs and services at the Methodist Church in Cashmere for so many, many years—and beautifully! Some of my first memories were in that church, singing hymns at the top of my lungs! I could always count on Mrs Meyer to flash me a warm smile if I caught her eye during service. She and Dr Meyer contributed so much to the Cashmere Valley—I cant express what wonderful memories my family have of them. My deepest condolences to Dr Meyer, Anne, Scott and the extended family. This warm, giving lady was one of a kind!
Lisa Marie Cole

Lisa M Cole - February 25, 2019 at 06:23 AM

SH

“ Jean was a kind and thoughtful member of the Cashmere community, and along with Dr. Meyer supported my ministry for many years. She will be missed!
Shelley Ryan-Kelzenberg

Shelley - February 23, 2019 at 03:03 PM

NL

“ *For many years, I worked with Jean in the Wenatchee Community Concert Association. She was so friendly and sweet. You were fortunate to have Jean in your lives! Please accept my condolences and savor the memories.*

Nancy Lapo - February 07, 2019 at 11:05 AM