



Jean H. Lovegrove

December 25, 1930 - December 30, 2020

Jean Harriett Lovegrove was born to Harry Wyman Weddel and Olga Rose (Koenig) Weddel on December 25, 1930, in Carleton, Nebraska, and passed away on December 30, 2020, at the Blue Valley Lutheran Nursing Home in Hebron, Nebraska, at the age of 90 years and 5 days. She was the youngest of two children in the family.

Jean was born and raised in Carleton, Nebraska, where she attended grade school and high school and graduated in 1948. From an early age, Jean worked at the family grocery store, Weddel's Store, and filled in as a telephone operator at the Telephone Office during high school. She was a proud alumni of Carleton High School and looked forward to celebrating Milo Days.

After graduating from high school, Jean attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, and graduated in May of 1950 with an Associate of Arts Degree. She loved telling the story of the 1948 blizzard and being stuck on the train trying to get home from college. She also loved going to Nebraska football games with her parents in the 1940's when the knothole tickets were 50 cents. Those season tickets have been held in the family for over 70 years.

Jean met Dale Edward Lovegrove at a dance in Bruning, Nebraska, and they were married on November 26, 1950, at the Brethren Church in Carleton.

They went on a three-week honeymoon road trip to California and visited several cities along the way. They were blessed with three children. Jean was very active helping her husband on the farm and drove grain trucks for many years. She became a widow at the age of 38 while vacationing with her family in Texas for the 1969 Nebraska bowl game.

After Dale's death, Jean continued to travel to several different countries with friends and family. She enjoyed being involved in the farm operations delivering meals and watching harvest.

Jean was very active in her children and grandchildren's activities. Jean was one of the last true, independent matriarchs--the glue that held her family together. Jean enjoyed collecting antiques and loved to socialize with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Lovegrove; her parents, Harry and Olga Weddel; her sister, Marjorie Werner and husband Elmer Werner; sister-in-law Lila Bettger and husband Robert; brother-in-law Robert Dean Lovegrove; and sister-in-law Margorie Burt and husband Keith Burt.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Taylor and husband Michael of Geneva; daughter, Shari Lovegrove of Fairmont and special friend Warren Wilson; son, Tom Lovegrove and wife Jodene of Fairmont; sister-in-law Shirley Lovegrove of Fairmont; grandchildren, Dan Taylor and wife Amber of Geneva; Dayle Harlow and husband Derek of Geneva; Kimberly Taylor and husband Aaron of Wellsville, Kansas; Kelly Sladek and husband Tim of Cozad, Nebraska; Whitney Lovegrove of Geneva and special friend Tobias Smith; Sydney Lovegrove of Columbus and fiancé Parker Ridgeway; great-grandchildren, Brooke and Creighton Taylor; Taylor, Beau and Lane Harlow; Jake and Nathan Taylor; Hailey and Kenzie Sladek; and numerous nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service For Jean was held on Saturday, January 2, 2020 at the

United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska. Pastor Doug Griger officiated the Service. The recorded selections "In The Mood," "Stompin' At The Savoy," and "When The Saints Go Marching In" were played during the service.

Honorary pallbearers for the service included Kim Taylor, Daniel Taylor, Kelly Sladek, Dayle Taylor, Whitney Lovegrove, and Sidney Lovegrove.

A Committal of Ashes was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Memorial Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Fillmore County Hospital Foundation at 1900 F Street, Geneva, NE 68361 or the United Methodist Church at 942 H Street, Geneva, NE 68361.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
942 H Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3731
umc@windstream.net

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Darlene Webb lit a candle in memory of Jean H. Lovegrove*



Darlene Webb - January 06, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Flower Pictures*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 02, 2021 at 01:01 PM

DM

“ *Our sympathy to the Lovegrove family.
Harold & Dorothy Moravec*

Dorothy Moravec - January 01, 2021 at 08:13 PM

AT

“ I loved having Jean on Ambassador Club trips. She was so much fun. She was my roommate on a small ship cruise. One evening after we had gone to bed and were asleep, the ship hit a sand bar. All of our things on the night stand flew across the room. Jean sat up in bed and said “what the “H” happened. I said I think we hit a sand bar, she said oh well, and laid down and went back to sleep. The next morning she woke up and wanted to know why I made the mess!

Alice Tatro - January 01, 2021 at 07:49 PM

PW

“ My sincere sympathy to the Jean's family. I became acquainted with Jean when I was a kid spending time with my aunt and uncle Jean and Ed Hellbusch. Over the years when she and my aunt were together at various events it was always fun to visit with Jean. She has left you with many wonderful memories to help you through this time. Sincerely, Pat Wagner

Pat Wagner - January 01, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jean H. Lovegrove.



January 01, 2021 at 05:06 PM

PR

“ *Pam Rose lit a candle in memory of Jean H. Lovegrove*



Pam Rose - January 01, 2021 at 03:36 PM

NH

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Lovegrove family. -Nancy (Ward) Hansen*



Nancy (Ward) Hansen - January 01, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Lovegrove family. You have our thoughts & prayers. Frank & Karla Slezak*



Karla Slezak - December 31, 2020 at 09:53 PM

MM

“ Dear Susie, Shari, Tom and Families,
Thanks for all the Great Memories! Jean always had a big heart and willing to share with others. Her open door policy and hospitality brought together many individuals from a wide age range and dynamic groups who might not have otherwise become friends. Our family was fortunate to have enjoyed many neighborhood parties, pool days, and Husker road trips because of her generosity. We shared lots of fun, laughs, good eats, and maybe a drink or two! May her legacy of friendship stay alive for the generation of family that was not able to know her in her prime. Many wonderful stories can be told of "Grandma Jean", as referred to by many. May it bring you serenity to know she will be welcomed by many family and friends that have gone before her. I am so sorry I will not be attending her memorial and funeral service due to covid.

Thinking of all of you. Marla Messman

Marla Messman - December 31, 2020 at 07:43 PM

VA

“ Thoughts, hugs and prayers to all. Jean was a one in a million in so many ways. Great memories along the path of life. #RIP JEANIE!
Vicki Allgood

Vicki Allgood - December 31, 2020 at 05:39 PM

MH

“ So very sorry for your loss.



Mike & Lynne Houser - December 31, 2020 at 04:58 PM

LR

“ *Linda Rebrovic purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jean H. Lovegrove.*



Linda Rebrovic - December 31, 2020 at 04:45 PM

RS

“ *Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Jean H. Lovegrove*



Rhonda Schlick - December 31, 2020 at 04:33 PM

VJ

“ *Grandma Jean's pool was always a favorite! Thoughts and prayers!💕💕*



Virginia Johnson - December 31, 2020 at 11:23 AM

SC

“ *Obviously I have a ton of memories of Jean and she always made me feel like she was glad to see me and catch up. My thoughts are with Shari, Susie and Tom and all your families. She's left a wonderful wonderful legacy.*
Sandi Hellbusch Campbell

Sandra Hellbusch Campbell - December 31, 2020 at 10:28 AM

HF

“ *Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Jean H. Lovegrove*



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - December 31, 2020 at 09:44 AM

LD

“ *Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Jean H. Lovegrove*



Lisa Dondlinger - December 31, 2020 at 08:21 AM

MS

“ *Sorry to hear about Jean, she was a beautiful lady ❤️ Sympathy to the family.*

Mark & Sarah - December 31, 2020 at 08:12 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Jean H. Lovegrove*



Kent & Rose Theobald - December 31, 2020 at 08:10 AM