



Jean Marie Schmitt

March 8, 1929 - November 8, 2018

Jean Marie Schmitt 89, passed away peacefully at her home Nov. 8, surrounded by family. She was born Jean Marie Vertovec on Mar. 8, 1929, to her parents Frank and Caroline Vertovec. As immigrants from Slovenia, they settled in Jean's birthplace of Elmhurst Illinois. They would raise 6 children with Jean being the youngest.

Jean would go on to excel in school and ultimately receive her BS degree in Home Economics from the University of Illinois. From there, she would hold positions as Dietician at Eastman Kodak Co., Assistant of Home Economics at the University of Illinois Urbana, and president of the East Central Illinois Dietetic Association. It was during that time she met her future husband Roman A. Schmitt, and they were eventually married in 1955. That same year, the couple headed out to the west coast and settled in San Diego CA., where Roman accepted a Nuclear Scientist position at nearby General Atomic Corp. There Jean enjoyed golfing with her friends and taking the family to the local beaches. She was also active in church activities at St. Mary Magdeline parish. In 1966 the family made their final move, to locate permanently in Corvallis Oregon, where Roman accepted a position as Professor of Chemistry at Oregon State University.

Jean was an active member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis and a member of many organizations including the People of Praise Community, Birthright, Caritas and St. Nicholas Circle where most of her close friends

were made. In younger years she was an avid golfer. She enjoyed her monthly bridge group where she was an active participant for many years. She was a gifted pianist, though she didn't share that gift often.

She was preceded in death by Roman, her husband of 60 years, brothers Frank, Carl and Eddie, and sister Fran. She is survived by brother Raymond of Elmhurst Ill., daughter Mary of Salem, Katie of Forest Grove, sons Peter of Albany and Joe of Corvallis. Jean had 4 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren all of whom she adored. Mom always had a smile on her face and truly touched many people who knew or met her.

Now she is with her Lord and Savior and smiling down on us all.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
501 NW 25th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you Grandma and I love you very much. I know you're watching us and I know you and Gramps are up in heaven strategizing for us all on earth. Thank you.* ”



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