



Jean Marie Walker

February 20, 1942 - April 13, 2020

Jean Marie Walker, 78, of Corvallis, OR died at her home in Corvallis on Monday, April 13, 2020. There are no funeral services planned at this time. McHenry Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Please leave condolence messages here on the website.

Tribute Wall

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Culturally, she enjoyed the San Francisco Opera, and Philharmonia Baroque. Annually, she attended the Shakespeare Festival, in Ashland, Oregon, usually with like-minded friends.

I do not know what drew her to Corvallis OR as her final home, 217 miles from Ashland.

Jean Marie joined the Coast Guard Reserves and rose to the highest possible enlisted level of CHIEF PETTY OFFICER. I think she served 20 years or more. She was a Programmer and Database Developer. She wore her uniform proudly.

Professionally, she became Leader of a Data Analysis and & Particle Construction Team, at University of California. - She worked at Berkeley, Davis, and in the CERN, Nuclear Physics Research Laboratory, in Switzerland.

She was very closely attached to Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church in Danville, CA. I do not know of her other church associations.

Jean Marie was a good, honorable, responsible human being who was loyal to her friends. We shall all miss her.

*Lonnie Wall, Walla Walla, WA
15 September 2020*

Lonnie Wall - September 15, 2020 at 10:50 PM

LW

“ *More about Jean Marie – I know of no surviving relatives. Her mother died 9-11-1992.*

She never tracked her father, so there could be step-siblings, but none are known of.

She and her mother and grandmother were each “only children.”

Jean Marie never married, and she never had children.

Therefore, Jean Marie was the last of her family line. If anyone knows anything more, please share it with us.

*Thank you,
Lonnie*

Lonnie Wall - September 15, 2020 at 10:44 PM

TB

Thank you so much for the information on Jean Marie. I knew her for years in San Francisco through the Wagner Society. I knew she moved away to Corvallis but I don't think I had seen her since the 2011 Ring. We had moved up to Mendocino County and I wasn't coming down for many Wagner things. I was thinking about her last week and wondering what she was up to and if she was still a member. I decided to do a search and, sadly, found her obituary. A mutual friend that she used to always come down and see (an older woman that she was very close with and very kind to drive around and go to events with) had died several years before, so she has fewer ties here. But I saw her at the Ring. I had just had breast cancer the year before, she had, too, so we compared war stories.

It's always interesting to read other people's reminiscences because you find out that you really only know one or two facets of a person's life.

Trish Benedict - January 21, 2022 at 01:04 AM

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Lonnie Wall - September 15, 2020 at 08:43 PM



I met Jean Marie when I lived in Berkeley CA. We also met a few times over the years, but knew her to be a very special human. God rest her soul. Bless her.

Marsha Koehler - September 20, 2020 at 10:56 AM

HC

“ I met Jean Marie at St. Martin's Church, Davis, CA in spring, 1969. I grew up a Baptist, but had been dating my husband, who has always been Episcopalian. Jim was off working on his uncle's ranch, so I went to church by myself. As a Baptist, I would never dream of taking communion if I weren't a member of the church. Jean Marie, who was sitting behind me, whispered, "Every baptized Christian is welcome to take communion here." I felt like I really belonged from that time forward. Years passed, we graduated, moved several times, and ended up in Danville, CA, at St. Timothy's Church, in 1987. Who was there to greet us but Jean Marie!!! It was nice to renew our friendship, and remain friends for the last 30 years. I will miss her visits from WA. She was a very wonderful lady who lived her faith daily.

Helen Coleman
Danville, CA

Helen Coleman - April 26, 2020 at 11:01 PM

PM

“ We love you Jeanne Marie...Peg and Bob Miller...we will miss you...Alamo. CA.

Peg Miller - April 26, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ We originally met Jean Marie in approximately 1979 in Davis, California through St. Martin's Episcopal Church. She occasionally participated in meetings and retreats through the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis. We will remember her insightful words and hearty laugh.

Cindy and Rex Cole

Cole Cindy - April 16, 2020 at 04:19 PM

RC

“ Condolences to Jean Marie's family and all who knew her. We met Jean Marie in Davis, California in approximately 1979 through St. Martin's Episcopal Church. She occasionally attended meeting of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis. Attached is a photo of a St. Francis retreat day in approximately 1980. We remember her insightful comments and hearty laugh.
Rex and Cindy Cole

RexCindy Cole - April 16, 2020 at 04:09 PM

KK

“ I knew her from the 11:00 Better Bones and Balance class. My condolences to her family.

Kristin Komar - April 15, 2020 at 04:32 PM