



Jean Ann Babcock

April 6, 1936 - November 25, 2020

Jean Ann Babcock, 84, a longtime resident of Athens and Sayre PA, passed away on November 25th, 2020 in Bellefonte PA with her loving daughter at her side. Although she was in Bellefonte for the past few years, in her heart she never left Sayre and shared stories about her town with everyone she met. Jean fought a brave battle with Alzheimer's disease the past few years, and has now found peace of body, mind and spirit.

Jean graduated from Sayre High School in 1954. She was proud of her Alma Mater and proud to have been a Sayre Redskin Majorette her senior year. The class of 1954 remained active with a reunion every 5 years, and for as long as she could she continued to be a member of the Class of '54 reunion committee.

All who knew Jean would agree that she was a hard worker and had a great talent and love for crafting. She was also well known for her homemade candy. Both of which she enjoyed giving away as much as she did making them. She had a generous and caring spirit, a bit of a devilish streak and there was always room at her table for one more person. She loved to dance, and even as her Alzheimer's advanced, music would continue to reach her.

Jean was a lifelong member of the Church of the Redeemer in Sayre, PA. She was a member of their Saint Mary's Guild. She worked at the annual Bazaar, often serving as chairperson or co-chair. Year round she could be found making crafts to be sold at the Church Bazaar and she hosted many candy making work bees. She taught Sunday school for many years and supported

them in any way that she could until her health began to fail.

Jean worked much of her career in the healthcare field. Before her marriage, she worked for Optometrist Dr. Alan Diamon. She left the workforce to devote her time to her family and to raising her daughter. She was a Class Mother and did not miss a class trip, a school play, a band concert, a football halftime show, chorus concert or a softball game. She became “Mom B.” or “Mrs. B” to many kids along the way. After raising her daughter, Jean went to work in Internal Medicine at the Guthrie Clinic as a Physician’s Aide. She enjoyed that job and the interaction with the doctors, the patients and their families.

Jean was predeceased by her beloved mother, Florence Chandler; grandparents, Howard (Rube) and Bertha Ritz; father, Ralph Chandler; former husband, Dave Babcock; special cousin, Francis (Oscar) Bostwick and numerous other friends and family.

Jean is survived by her loving daughter Denise, son-in-law Wayne Macafee (who she made certain everyone knew she “loved like a son”) of Bellefonte, PA; her brother, Jerry Chandler and Debra Titus of Sayre PA; a number of treasured friends, special cousins, and numerous nieces and nephews.

On Saturday, 12/5/2020, at 1:00 pm an Episcopal Committal service led by Pastor Melinda Artman will be held graveside at the Tioga Point Cemetery. Because of the pandemic all funeral activities will be held outside. For those wishing to say their goodbyes to Jean, you may do so at graveside prior to the Committal service from 11:45 AM

to 12:45 PM. The family requests that all attending wear masks and practice social distancing, and they respectfully understand there are many who should not/cannot attend. Please know that there are plans to schedule a Memorial Service and Celebration of Life at a later time when is it safer to do so.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Jean’s name to the Stained Glass restoration project at the Church of the Redeemer, 201 S. Wilbur Ave, Sayre PA (We will pick a window/windows near “Jean’s pew”.): the Alzheimer’s Association: a personal care home or a charity of your choice.

Final arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, Sayre, PA with assistance from Wetzler Funeral Home, Bellefonte, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Tioga Point Cemetery

803 North Main Street
Athens, PA 18810

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Ann Babcock*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Jean Ann Babcock*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Jean Ann Babcock*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Jean Ann Babcock*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Jean Ann Babcock*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *I was very sorry to hear of Jean's passing. She was a very kind, caring person with a wonderful sense of humor. Denise, your mother was a special lady. I will miss her very much. Sincerely, Steve Cheplick*

Steven Cheplick - February 15, 2021 at 04:04 PM

KH

“ So many fun little moments and memories with this bright, funny, kind and caring radiant ball of joy, Jean. I always looked forward to sharing hugs, laughs and chocolate.

Kaitlin H. - December 20, 2020 at 05:32 AM

JN

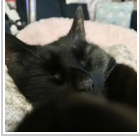
“ Denise, your mother was a special person! She always had a smile & a kind word - and I loved that devilish laugh! She was so full of life! I am so sorry to learn of her passing. Sincerely, Janet Morningstar Nykiel

Janet Nykiel - December 17, 2020 at 09:53 PM

JC

“ Denise, Hillary Clinton is credited with “it takes a village to raise a child” but your mom wrote that book over fifty years before her. She always looked out for us, whether we appreciated it then (not enough) or now. I hope you find comfort in never ending fond memories of your mom, but if you ever run out, you can have some of mine.

Jeff Cheeks - December 05, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ We are so very sorry to hear of Jean’s passing. She was such a wonderful lady and we had the honor of working with her for years at Guthrie. She always had a smile, a helping hand and words of wisdom to share with everyone. She was a huge support to my family when we lost my mother in law back in 2003, as Jean had worked with her over the years and was a good friend. Never was there any question of her faith or love for anyone she met, and she was always willing to help, no matter the cost to herself. She will be greatly missed, God Bless Jean’s Family, and know she will be waiting with opened arms for you and your reunion will be amazing.



Cindy Phillips-Stansfield - December 04, 2020 at 12:24 AM



“ Denise,
I was so very sorry to hear about the loss of your beautiful mother. I have fond memories of her and my Grandma Stone (from the church). Sending along my deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Tracy Maynard McCutcheon

Tracy McCutcheon - December 01, 2020 at 03:32 PM

MW

“ Denise

So sorry to hear of your mom’s passing. She was a wonderful lady, a great coworker. I know you’ll miss her dearly.

Mike Watson

Mike Watson - November 30, 2020 at 07:34 PM

SR

“ I am so sad to hear of Jean's passing. She was a great neighbor. She would often times stand with me out in the garden and chit chat. She would even offer a hand in setting up a tent or being one of the twirlers in a jump rope game with the kids. I loved her homemade Easter candy. Just today I put a snowman craft from Jean on my wall. She will be greatly missed. Sandy Ryan and the rest of the Ryan Clan.

Sandy Ryan - November 30, 2020 at 06:31 PM

TW

“ Remember going to Sunday School at the Church of the Redeemer for many years with Jean. We always visited when our paths crossed. Our sincere condolences to Jean's family. God Speed Jean. Tom & Ann Weaver Sayre ,Pa

Tom Weaver - November 30, 2020 at 05:16 PM

GF

“ I am very sad to hear of Jeans passing she was a beautiful person inside & out! I knew her for many years as a patient of Dr. Ronald Kahn in Internal Medicine. She was a joy to talk to & I always looked forward to seeing her every 6 months! My thoughts and Prayers are with her family.

gayle finogle - November 30, 2020 at 02:22 PM

EB

“ I just want to extend my sympathy again on the passing of your Mom. We will miss her very much. I also must say that is a wonderful picture of her.

Eileen Barlett - November 30, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JA

“ So sad to hear of Jean’s passing. She was a loved friend, neighbor and ride to work buddy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Judy and Wayne Allis - November 29, 2020 at 07:44 AM

RW

“ Denise and Wayne,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you doing this difficult time of loss.
Mrs. B was sure a mother to us all thru high school and the years to follow.
If we ran into her around town she would ask us how things were and tell us
she had heard something good about us. A wonderful lady who will be missed.
Bob & Brenda Wandell

Robert Wandell - November 29, 2020 at 06:33 AM