



Jean Ann Repsumer

May 24, 1947 - May 5, 2022

Obituary

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Jean Ann Repsumer (nee Kast), 74, of Richland Center, WI, passed away peacefully surrounded by her best friend and her family on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in LaCrosse, WI, following a brief illness. Born to George and Molly (Fargen) Kast of Bear Valley, WI, on May 24, 1947, they brought her home from the Richland Center hospital in the Great Memorial Day Blizzard of 1947, when the tulips were blooming through the snow.

A larger than life personality, right from the start, Jean Ann grew up on the family farm, spending her childhood and teen years working hard and terrorizing George and Molly, along with her sister and brothers. The stories of their mischief and adventures are known far and wide. She graduated from River Valley High School and worked in the Richland Center area until her retirement. Jean Ann married Larry Repsumer and they made their home in Richland Center for many years until their marriage ended. Always busy and a social butterfly, Jean Ann worked at Farm Credit Services for many years and was also a weekend hostess at area supper clubs; no one ran a dining room

as well as Jean Ann could. She learned a love of cooking from her mother early in life and was a legendary cook in her own right, a role she cherished. Our family events will never be the same without her noodles and the greater Richland County area will probably lose a few pounds without her cooking for us any longer. After reuniting with her first love, Bob, they made their home in, and most recently, outside of Richland Center where Jean Ann lived, laughed, and loved, spending time with friends and family, going for Sunday drives, planting flowers, shopping, cooking, and enjoying life to its fullest. Jean Ann never met a stranger; she knew everyone and would know their life story within an hour of meeting. Although she did not have children, Jean Ann was beloved by and cared deeply for the many children of her family and friends. A special step mother to Jeff and 'Auntsie Jean Ann' or 'Mags' to all, she never missed a birthday, Easter basket, Christmas, graduation, wedding, or event of any of her many 'kids' young and old. Jean Ann was a lifelong member of St Mary's Catholic Church of Richland Center, her faith was an important piece of her life and she took great comfort in practicing her faith and participating in her church community over the years. Jean Ann's passion for living and loving was as big as her personality; her laughter, smile, and companionship will be missed dearly. She lived for those she loved and those she loved will remember.

Jean Ann is survived by her partner of the last 26 years, Robert Simpson, of Richland Center, her most dear and best friend Nancy Schumacher of Richland Center, her sister Mary Jane Howard of Reedsburg, and brothers and sisters-in-law; Jim & Carol, Jerry & Laura, and John & Jeanne Kast, all of Bear Valley, and her step son Jeff Repsumer and family along with many special nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews, godchildren, and dear friends throughout her life.

Jean Ann was preceded in death by her parents, George and Molly, her husband, Larry Repsumer, her brother and sister-in-law, Joe & Shirley Kast,

her brother-in-law, Mike Howard, three nephews; Timmy Kast, Jason Berberich, & Nathan Kast, along with her spoiled and beloved cats, Ashley, Zeke, & Zach.

Honoring Jean Ann's wishes, a Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at St Mary the Assumption Catholic Church. The family wishes to thank the Richland Hospital and Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center for the kind and compassionate care provided at the end of Jean Ann's life, Monsignor Roger Scheckel for his spiritual care visits and guidance, and special thanks to her best friend, Nancy Schumacher for being by Jean Ann's side everyday in her life and at her death; our well of gratitude runs over.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or School.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Sending caring thoughts to all of Jean Ann's family and dear friends, especially to Mary Jane. While attending River Valley High School with Jean Ann and Mary Jane, I so enjoyed our interactions with both of them at school events - both girls were always dressed in fashion, cool makeup and of course their sweetest smiles. Always so very friendly.
Rest in peace Jean Anne
Karen



Karen (Pletzer) Fowler - May 18, 2022 at 11:36 AM

SB

“ Sympathy to Jean's family. She was a sweet classmate. The last time I saw her was at a class reunion and she was just as sweet. She will be missed.

Sue Robb Baker - May 09, 2022 at 05:02 PM

JP

“ Sympathy to Jean Ann's family and friends. She was always so friendly, vivacious, and kind. She had a good heart and a good soul. Her smile will be missed as will her many good deeds.

John & Philomena Poole - May 07, 2022 at 10:45 AM

DZ

“ I met Jean Ann at Saint Mary’s years ago, where she was helping serve a funeral lunch. Any time I’d see her, she’d say hello and wonder how things were going. The last time I saw her, which not too long ago, I asked how her day was going, and she replied that she was getting a bite to eat before heading off to her next engagement. I often wondered how she did it all. My thoughts and prayers are with Bob, Nancy, and those dear to her. Rest In Peace, Jean Ann....



Danny Zadrazil - May 07, 2022 at 12:35 AM

DF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Delores Fargen - May 06, 2022 at 11:05 PM

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Jean Ann cutting the cake at the Fargen/Donahoe wedding - 1971

Delores Fargen - May 06, 2022 at 11:06 PM

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“ Sad news. Jean Ann was my neighbor, babysitter, and life-long friend. I couldn't have had a truer friend.

Delores Fargen

Delores Fargen - May 06, 2022 at 10:59 PM

SD

“ Oh boy was Jeanann one of a kind!! I'll sure miss her! We worked together over the years at Nate's Supper Club and then again at Duffy Slade's. I could listen to her stories, told in a theatrical way ONLY she could, for hours! Blessed to have known her and shared some fun times!

Shelly Dobbs - May 06, 2022 at 08:30 PM

LK

“ Jean Ann was a special person. I have great memories from the Production Credit days. She was always willing to help. And how many cups of coffee she served at the Richland County Dairy Breakfast over the years. And in recent years she was ready to help with the luminary bags at the Walk with GRACE. Always with a smile and a friendly greeting. She will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace, Jean Ann.

Linda Kleppe - May 06, 2022 at 05:41 PM

GW

JEAN ANN WORKED AT THE HOSPITAL FOR MANY YEARS AS A CNA WE WORKED TOGETHER A LOT WAS ALWAYS A GOOD FRIEND. GEORGINE WORTHINGTON MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Georgine worthington - May 07, 2022 at 08:34 AM

JA

My twin and I went to grade school with Jean Ann at Keyesville. There are many stories from those days. We were born on the same day. Daddy always said he was coming home from the hospital and met George and Molly going to the hospital. We extend our condolences. She will be missed. Rest In Peace Jean Ann. Jan Weitzel Rinehart

Jan - May 07, 2022 at 05:32 PM