

Jean Bettendorf, 64

Sauk Rapids, MN

Oct. 13, 1951 - Sept. 26, 2016



Jean Bettendorf passed away at home surrounded by family, ending a courageous two-year war with ovarian cancer. At Jean's request, a private service will be held with her loving family. A celebration of life open house for family and friends will be held at the Lakeview Center at Benton Beach, Rice (the location of Jean and Bill's first date) on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 2-6 p.m., commemorating her 65th birthday.

Jean was born in Minneapolis to Burnett (Burt) and Esther (Kampmeier) Hollen. She attended Minneapolis schools until 12th grade when she transferred to Tech High School, class of '69. She received her B.S. degree in art education from St. Cloud State University and taught art at Foley Intermediate School for 20 years. She had a passion for creativity and impacted countless young people with her enthusi-

asm for art. Jean met her husband, Bill, in 1969 and they've been together ever since, married in 1973.

Jean adored her family, time with her kids and grandchildren took precedence over anything else. In her teaching days, her students joked that if you could get her to start talking about her kids, they could avoid assignments for the day! Jean loved to travel, taking numerous trips worldwide and wintering in Ft. Myers, Fla., the past 10 years. She loved camping, biking, motor-homing, cruising on the river, live music and festivals. She enjoyed volunteering at the Paramount Art Gallery and with RSVP. She also loved shopping for unique and creative items. She had a vibrant, "forever young" attitude, always in the pursuit of fun, and could make a friend anywhere.

Jean is survived by her husband, Bill, Rice; Her son, Cassidy (Renee), Boyceville, Wis.; her daughter, Courtney (John) Standish, St. Paul; her three grandchildren, Zander Standish, Forest and Arlo Bettendorf; and her sister, Gayle (Nelson) Henderson, Springfield, Va.

Memorials are preferred in Jean's name to Paramount Center for the Arts or the Coborn Cancer Center.