



Jean Barkley

August 6, 1921 - March 6, 2019

Jean Barkley of Manson, WA was called to her heavenly home on March 6, 2019 at the Lake Chelan Community Hospital. In her words, she was “97 and ½ years old.”

Jean was born at home near Monmouth, Illinois on August 6, 1921, to William H. Powell & Hilda E. Carlson. After completing high school and two years of business college she married Ernest (Ernie) S. Blaine of Norwood, Illinois on September 6, 1942. Ernie was in the US Army during WWII, serving throughout Europe. After the war, Jean & Ernie settled in Monmouth, Illinois where their first two children, Pam & Rod, were born. Ernie tragically died on July 18, 1952.

In 1957 Jean met LaRue Barkley while he was visiting family in Illinois. Jean moved to Manson, WA with her two children and married LaRue on June 15, 1957. Dad was an orchardist, raising apples, pears, and cherries in Manson. In 1958, Cindy was born. Mom and Dad raised their family on Lakeshore Drive. Dad sold the orchard and retired in 1982 and they began an new phase in their lives, traveling. Together they traveled the world. Whether hiking with Courtneys or on a cruise ship, they experienced travel together for over 20 years. Mom would say, “LaRue, would you like to see China?” Dad would always say, “Jean, my bags are packed”. After Dad passed away in 1996, Mom continued to live on Lakeshore Drive overlooking the lake. She used to love to watch for the Lady of the Lake as it traveled up & down lake.

These are the basic facts of Mom’s life but they only hint at her full measure. To understand who she was you have to understand what it was like to live out of her magnificent garden and her hours of canning to provide vegetables and fruits throughout the year for her family. As any gardener knows, to succeed you need to pull the weeds. Mom led a group of volunteers who also pulled weeds throughout the main streets of Manson and the Church grounds, simply to keep their community neat and tidy. Come harvest you would find her working beside Dad in the orchard.

Mom was best known around the Valley for her exemplary skills on the piano. Whether playing at the Kiwanis, at church, or impromptu events, she was always willing to share her talent. Mom was also one of the Gray Ladies who would volunteer hours of service at the local hospital. Mom volunteered not only her time, but her blood. She gave over 8 gallons of blood over the years.

Mom loved her Manson United Methodist Church. She was a consummate volunteer for everything the church did and stood for in her community. And when you attend her Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 16, you will walk through those red doors at the church. Yes, Mom made that happen. Mom was the Matriarch of her family, and at 97 the Matriarch of her community.

Mom was preceded in death by husbands Ernie Blaine and LaRue Barkley, parents William H. Powell and Hilda E. Powell, brother Harland W. Powell, sister, Ila Mae Powell, and son-in-law Jim Sundberg.

Surviving family are daughter Pam Hale (Ron), son Rod Barkley (Julie), daughter Cindy Sundberg and nephew Fred Barkley (Kristina). She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Jason Rupert, Stacey Monson (Pat), Jensina Sundberg, David Barkley (Diana), Jeff (Barkley) Chadwick (Kimberly), Brittany Secrist (Spencer), Alex Gustin and Matt Gustin. She also has four great grandchildren: Davis LaRue and Marley Jean Monson, Madelyn and Maegan Barkley, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at the Precht Rose Chapel in Chelan on Thursday, March 14 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A Private Internment will be at the Riverview Cemetery in Chelan on Friday, March 15 at 12:00 Noon. A Celebration of Mom's Life will be held at the Manson United Methodist Church in Manson Saturday, March 16 at 3:00 pm.. A reception with the family will immediately follow.

The family wants to thank Mom's four caregivers, Jill, Donna, Nicole and Cecilia. Mom would always refer to them saying "her friends visited today." We would also like to thank the Hospital staff at Lake Chelan Community Hospital for their patience and kindness, the local Emergency Medical Teams who were always there when needed and her longtime physician, Dr. Harberd for his gentleness and skill.

For those who wish to donate in the memory of Mom, memorial gifts may be donated to Manson United Methodist Church.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Precht Rose Chapel

332 E. Woodin Avenue PO Box 306, Chelan, WA, US, 98816

MAR **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM

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Manson United Methodist Church

28 Boetzke Ave., Manson, WA, US, 98831

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - March 12 at 03:46 PM



“ Words can not explain what I feel right now. Grandma will never be forgotten an will always be inkour hearts. I thought it was tough losing grandpa but this is different. I give praise to auntie Cindy an mom an Ron an those that have been so close to help her. It will never be forgotten. I miss you grandma an I'll never forget!

jason rupert - March 12 at 09:50 PM



“ Jean was such a very special person. Her wit, kindness, conversations, smile and so much more were always so enjoyed by my family during our multiple visits with our good friends the Sundbergs. I especially loved seeing her amazing garden and sitting out in her yard, that has a beautiful view of the lake, eating pizza. And, her annual Christmas poem was always something to look forward to during the holidays. Rest in peace Jean. God has welcomed a beautiful soul into his kingdom. We will miss you. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Keep smiling that beautiful smile.

Gail Ford - April 10 at 11:17 AM



“ Laeey is following this tribute.

Laeey - March 25 at 07:57 PM



“ I'll hold the memories of her meeting her great grandson, Davis LaRue, close to my heart. Love you Grandma! xox



stacey monson - March 16 at 05:26 PM



“ My deepest sympathies go out to Jean's family! There is no pain greater than losing a loved one! I didn't know her real well but what I do know is she always had kind words and a beautiful smile! Cindy you and yours are in my prayers! So sorry for your loss! The video was beautiful and told her story well! Manson has lost a great woman and she will be greatly missed!

Vicki Schoolcraft - March 14 at 02:17 PM



“ What a wonderful lady Jean was. She was aiming for 100 and I think she made it: a 100% well lived life. Even with all the ups and downs of aging she was gracious and grateful for life. She had her tired days but she had her newspapers & puzzles & books & sports & deer & bird watching. She loved to know what was going on. "What's the weather like?" "What's new happening?" She was curious and interested and had lots of stories, family experiences floating in her memories, bubbling to the top, enjoying them again and sometimes many times! She would say how lucky she was and grateful for her life. Lucky in both her husbands, her wonderful children and family, her home and her friends. She was grateful for it all. That's what I'll remember of Jean. Thank you Jean! miss you.

Jill Risley - March 14 at 01:01 PM



“ she loved this dog so much, always asking if I had him as a puppy. I said 'yes, I got him when he was 2 months old' , and then she would say " what would you do without him? You must love him as one of your family! I said 'Yes I do! ' and I know she did too.

donna campbell - March 14 at 12:54 AM



“ Jean and LaRue sent a crate of Washington Apples every fall to our family in Illinois. Jean and my mom (Nellie) were best friends in high school and ended up marrying brothers. We will miss her.

Pat Bagnall - March 11 at 09:04 AM



“ I remember the family trips we made to Washington to see Jean and her family. It was great. Vicki Diefendorf

Vicki Diefendorf - March 11 at 11:30 AM



“ Mom Jean had and always will have a special place in my heart. As her daughter-in-law, I am so very blessed to not only be married to her wonderful son, but, to have the good fortune to have had such a genuine, kind and loving lady to call my mother-in-law! She made me feel welcomed to the family many years ago with her sweet smile. And, in the 20 years of knowing one another, we shared numerous occasions of laughter and sharing stories from her era to the many changes in the newer generations. Marveling at technology and all the devices of our times (cell phones, tablets, laptops, etc.), with Rodney sharing with her what were the most current gadgets, she was tickled to chat all about how they worked and fascinated by the usage in our daily lives.

For me, it was such a joy to be able to bring delight to Mom Jeans stomach. The Sunday dinners we had while living in Manson. It was the highest honor to have her enjoy my cooking as much as she did. Her favorite recipe was my Lemon Chicken Soup. But, I believe running a close second was when I used her cookware to whip up baked pork chops in gravy over rice, with boiled broccoli. I would almost always make the veggie too mushy, but mom Jean graciously gave me loving complements on the entire meal - which made me smile with pride. Her stamp of approval made my love for cooking for her that much more enjoyable. I'll miss her telling Rodney, during their nightly calls, to let me know how delicious her dinner was, in having eaten the soup that night. :O)

What I cherish most, in having the pleasure of spending time with mom Jean through the years, are her reminiscing and recollection of history, World War II specifically, the life of raising apples and raising her children; loving memories of their childhood, and their teenage years of sporting events attended by her and LaRue. Her wit and charm in telling those stories will stick with me forever. Never an unkind word rolled from her lips.

Mom Jean, you will be forever treasured by all of us who knew you. We love and miss you.



Julie Barkley - March 10 at 11:29 PM



“ I will always remember Jean with all of us at the Mason Apple Blossom Parade. I also remember my daughter Julie making sure she took her the favorite dishes she liked.

She was always pleasant and fun to be around. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Irene and Louis DePiano

Irene J DePiano - March 10 at 05:24 PM



“ I can not imagine where so many of us would be had Grandma not been in our lives. She was (and will continue to be) an inspiration for many. She held her spunk until her very last day, and was a constant source of support, laughter, and stories. I am lucky to have been graced by her presence for as long as I was.

jensina sundberg - March 09 at 02:45 PM



“ In the past when a friend lost a loved one - parent, sibling, spouse, child, dear friend, I would tell them that memories never die; to draw on those memories when the heart is heavy. I now get to eat my own words.

Until Mom went into the hospital last month, we would talk every night. Sometimes our conversation would last a long while, but sometimes it was a few minutes especially if 'Dancing with the Stars' or Gonzaga basketball was on the TV. No matter how long we talked, hearing her voice was a great ending to my day. I miss those calls and find myself looking at the clock and thinking that it's time to call Mom. Now my day ends remembering; remembering how fortunate I was to call this lady, Mom. I love and miss you Mom.

Rodney Barkley - March 09 at 10:47 AM



“ I am sorry you are in so much pain. Love and hugs to you, Rodney. Xoxoxo

Melanie and Keegan - March 09 at 01:07 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Rodney Barkley - March 09 at 09:58 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Rodney Barkley - March 09 at 09:20 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Ron Hale - March 08 at 09:54 AM



“ my favorite picture, sitting on the porch with the newspaper and her dog.

donna campbell - March 14 at 01:37 AM



“ We were always so envious of Jean's garden as we walked by her place on Lakeshore Drive. We often stopped and talked to her. She was a great lady. We will miss seeing you Jean.

Arny and Elmira Forner

Arnold Forner - March 14 at 06:08 PM