



Muriel Jean "Jeanie" Bloom

October 1, 1934 - December 29, 2018

Muriel Jean "Jeanie" Bloom, 84, of Channing, died on December 29, 2018 at Iron County Medical Care Facility where she had been a patient since Dec. 3.

Jeanie was born on October 1, 1934 to Verner "Skip" and Theresa "Tess" Skoglund of Sagola, MI. She grew up in Sagola and graduated as the salutatorian with the class of 1952 from Channing High School. Following high school she attended Northern Michigan University for a short time and a secretarial school in Milwaukee. On June 11, 1955 she married Calvin R. "Sonny" Bloom in Channing. He preceded her in death in February 1989. Together with Sonny's brother, Robert and wife, Charlotte they owned and operated Bloom's Grocery in Channing. Sonny and Jean continued to own and operate the store after Robert's death, with a new building, calling it Sonny's Foodlane. Jeanie continued to run the store with daughter (Rita) and son-in-law (Paul) following Sonny's death.

Jeanie enjoyed playing the piano and singing. She referred to her voice as a 'whiskey tenor'. She was the organist at St. Rose Catholic Church in Channing for many years. She liked to have fun and enjoyed hosting and planning parties. She enjoyed writing and wrote several articles published in local periodicals regarding growing up in Dickinson County. In later years she spent time reading, doing crossword puzzles and enjoying happy hour at Cuculi's Bar.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step father, Andy LaPonsie; husband; brother, Ken Skoglund and wife, Gen; sister, Vivian and husband, John Baron; granddaughter, Jamie Rotter; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Leonard and Dorothy Vermulen and Robert and Charlotte Bloom.

Jeanie is survived by children, Kathy Luzmoor (Phillip) of Green River, Wyoming, Rita Rotter (Paul) of Channing and Tedd Bloom (Kim) of DesPlaines, IL; three grandchildren, Mark Luzmoor (Milena) of Starkville, Mississippi, Paul Rotter (fiancé Emmie) of Kingsford and Gina Rotter, Cheboygan, MI. She has two step grandchildren, Jenny Luzmoor Schow and Joel Luzmoor and six step-great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. Ray Hamm was a longtime companion and friend.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 2 from 9:30 to 10:30 am at St. Rose Catholic Church in Channing. Funeral services will follow at 10:30 am at the church. Fr. Daniel Malone will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Channing Cemetery in the spring.

The family respectfully suggests donations in lieu of flowers be made to St. Rose Catholic Church or the North 95 Community Association in Channing.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jeanie Bloom online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Channing Cemetery

Byers Rd.
Channing, MI 49815

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Rose Catholic Church
703 Bell Ave.
Channing, MI 49815

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Muriel Jean "Jeanie" Bloom.*



December 31, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Muriel Jean "Jeanie" Bloom.*



December 31, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Muriel Jean "Jeanie" Bloom.*



December 30, 2018 at 07:41 PM

KL

“ If I were to give a Eulogy for my Mom it might go like this.

Going through the piles of photos over the last year I have come to appreciate my life and my mother more than ever before. Growing up in Sagola and graduating from Channing HS looked to be a great life. Her high school friends, for the most part, remained lifelong friends. She lost her father when she was only 17. Her brother was 12 years older than she, but she was very close him and his wife Gen.

She told me a story this past year about being named Nancy at birth, but the birth certificate was misplaced. When my grandfather went to get another he was chided for naming her Nancy as there were too many Nancy's. So her name became Muriel Jean. Her sister Vivian said she was much too cute to be called Muriel, so she became Jeanie.

As children growing up in Channing we had a great deal of freedom for play and exploration. We always felt safe and came home when we were hungry or when it was getting dark. Our friends felt close to our mother as we were to theirs. Where ever you landed at lunch time was where you ate, no questions asked. When someone made something special to eat we were invited. Some of my memories are fried fish from Pat Lindeman, chop suey with Marie VanOss. And of course, everyone loved weddings and funerals for baked beans from Mary Alice or anything Millie Olson made. A friend of my sister has shown great kindnesses to my mother for several years, when we asked to gift her for doing my mom's hair she reminded us that Jeanie fed her lunch all summer! Summers were spent at Sawyer lake and weekends were for very large picnics with family and friends.

Vacations with Sonny and Jeanie were a day trip to Three Rivers and 'Pleasure island', a trip to the Dickinson County fair, and if we were real lucky a Milwaukee relative would have a wedding and give us a reason to travel that far! I originally thought it is was due to their owning a business, but as I look back, that is just how it was, families did not travel. My dad would always say, nothing better than what you can find out your own backdoor.

Holiday meals are favorite memories whether they were at our

home, one of our grandmothers with aunts/uncles and cousins or with Aunt Dort. Dorothy was known for trying a brand-new recipe on 20 or so guests and it was always wonderful. My mom and Aunt Dort had a great friendship and had a great deal of fun together. I'm sure many remember their bikini T shirts worn in the 4th of July Parade! Dort was the first to get her own chair at Cuculis, Jeanie's followed for her 70th bd. A friend told me this week, "your mom was a hoot"! He was right. My mother would continue her afternoon trips to Cuculi's until her health and mobility made it difficult earlier this year.

1988 and 89 were not good for Jeanie or our families. In seven months we lost Ken, Gen and our Dad. Though it was very tough on Jeanie and more so on Tess, they kept going. After Tess passed away at 100 years old in 1996 Jeanie began traveling a bit, to visit my family in WY, taking the Luzmoors and Rotters to Disney World, to see her step-brother in AZ, to Florida to visit classmates. After our son Mark's HS graduation in 2006 she said she was done traveling. And she was.

My sister and brother in law, niece and nephew have been there for my mom all these years. Over the past 20 years, Ray has also been a good companion and helper. There are no words to describe my gratitude for all you have done and, in some cases, 'endured'. The last 9 months has been both difficult and rewarding. I have been able to spend more time with my mother and family in the area. As Jeanie's health and memory declined we were able to keep her home longer due to wonderful caregivers.

Thank you to all who loved my mother and cared in any way for she or my family.

Always, Kathy

Kathy Luzmoor - December 30, 2018 at 05:34 PM

DH

Very beautiful tribute to your mom.

Debra Haven - December 30, 2018 at 06:26 PM

TH

So beautifully said Kathy. Your home was like a second home to me as a little girl and later as a very busy babysitter. (Kept me out of trouble) I also remember taking one of your trips to Milwaukee with you. We went to a big fair and saw the Young Americans! Hugs to all of you and heaven gained a lovely lady.

Toni DalSanto Halverson - December 30, 2018 at 07:32 PM

DM

Beautiful remembrance Kathy

Debra Mattia - December 30, 2018 at 07:35 PM

JS

What a Beautiful tribute to your Mom, such great memories....

Judy Steinbrecher - December 30, 2018 at 08:32 PM

MA

Our sympathy to your family. Praise God for eternal life.

Mark and Tina Anderson - December 30, 2018 at 11:40 PM

JW

Dear Kathy, your Mom was with me on the day my husband passed away! Will never forget how calming she was for me! She was getting her hair done that day and don't believe I even finished but she was like a rock! Was always grateful to her for that! It really helped me! She was amazing, funny, and big hearted! This world has lost a special person! So sorry for your whole family!

Jean Ann Whitney - December 31, 2018 at 10:41 AM

SK

Kathy. Such a nice tribute. It's like going down memory lane! Thank you! Your mom was my second mom and I spent so much time at your house and loved her. Always remember how she would make "eggalagoldenrod"! And we loved it! Have never heard of it since but will never forget the name. My favorite was when she fixed spaghetti sauce (which was often) and she would leave it simmering all day! When she'd come home she'd know if I was there because half the sausage was gone!! She was a special lady and will be missed! Hugs to you and your family. Sandy Knight

Sandy Knight - December 31, 2018 at 12:29 PM

KL

Sandy, Michelle had the same memory of spaghetti sauce!

Thank you all for kind words and memories.

kathy luzmoor - December 31, 2018 at 04:12 PM

CS

I really enjoyed reading this. Thank you for sharing.

I am so sorry for the loss of Auntie Jeanie. She was very special to our family; my dad always has great stories to share.

We share in your sorrow. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.

Christy Skoglund - December 31, 2018 at 07:21 PM

AF

So beautiful, I love everything about this.

Afton - December 31, 2018 at 08:53 PM

CB

Great tribute. ❤️ -Cheryl & Rod

Cheryl Bloom - January 01, 2019 at 07:22 PM

LT

My sympathy to my childhood friends on the loss of your Mom. Kathy, wonderful tribute to your Mother and painting a picture of life in Channing, a wonderful town to have grown up in.

Lori Lindeman Thiry - January 02, 2019 at 09:08 AM

KL

Jeanie had an amazing send off today. We are humbled by the love, kindness (and food!) provided to our family. I do feel much closer to the community and those here over the last year. We will miss her greatly, but grateful that her worldly suffering is done.

Kathy Luzmoor - January 02, 2019 at 06:39 PM

AH

Kathy, what a beautiful tribute to your mother. It seems you carried your mom and wonderful town ways of opening your doors and welcoming people into your home and making them comfortable with you for you are very much this way. Thank you for sharing these memories

Amy Hanson-Akins - January 05, 2019 at 10:25 AM