



Jean McDonald Thomas

August 2, 1933 - September 1, 2004

Jean McDonald Thomas passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 1, 2004, at her home following a short battle with cancer. She was 71.

She was born August 2, 1933 to Aubrey and Marion McDonald in Topeka.

Jean attended Holy Name Grade School, Boswell Jr. High School and Topeka High School. She went to Loretta Heights College in Denver before graduating from the University of Kansas in 1955 with a degree in education. While at KU she was a member of the Chi Omega sorority, which she stayed involved with throughout her adult life. She was a schoolteacher and substitute teacher later in life. Jean was responsible for creating the first summertime program for TARC. She volunteered for many charities and served on the boards of many organizations including the founding board for the Florence Crittendon Home. She worked as the assistant manager of the women's department of Ray Beers Clothing store for 18 years before retiring. She was a lifelong member of Topeka Country Club, Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish, a sustaining member of the Junior League of Topeka, and a member of the Junior League Sustainer's Book Club, and a special group called the Gissigs, consisting of ten friends who'd been together since their days at Boswell Jr. High.

Jean married A. Allan Thomas on April 16, 1955. He survives at their home. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Michael McDonald

Thomas, in 1961.

Other survivors include her three daughters, Susan Draffan and her husband, Jeff, Cinnie McFarland and her husband, Kevin, Julie Thomas and her husband, Gary Schreiner; seven grandchildren, Allison, J.T., and Michael Draffan, Scott and Allan McFarland, and Katie and Karaline Schreiner, all of Topeka.

Services for Jean will be at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 5, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road.

The family requests that any memorial contributions go to Midland Hospice Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606 and Most Pure Heart of Mary School, 1750 SW Stone, Topeka KS 66604.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean McDonald Thomas*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Cinnie & family, We were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Please know that we are keeping your whole family in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Love, Angela & Chad*

Angela & Chad Stith - September 04, 2004 at 04:25 PM



“ *Dear Allan and family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our extended family is going through some very tough times. But we will always remember the people we have lost. Susan told me yesterday about Jean. I also sent the information on to Charlene in South Carolina and to Lois Mary. Take care! David

David, Cathy, and Tim Logan - September 04, 2004 at 12:21 PM



“ *I was so very sorry to hear about Jean's death. It was nice to be her neighbor again after so many years. I will not be able to attend her funeral but I do want you to know that my thoughts will be with all of you.*

Love, Suzanne Franzke MacDonald

Suzanne Franzke MacDonald - September 04, 2004 at 08:31 AM

NB

“ Dear Allan and family,
I was saddened to hear of your loss.
Please know I will keep all of you in my prayers and will say a
special Rosary for Jean.
Nancy

Nancy Dean (Welter) Boswell - September 03, 2004 at 10:27 PM

CS

“ Dear Julie and family, I just learned of you Mom's passing. Please
know you are all in our prayers. Your Mom had such a spark about
her. I always enjoyed bumping into her at MPH when I came home
to visit, but I can still remember her coming through my checkout
line at Falley's back in high school with a full cart and her sharp
humor. God bless you all. Love, Clare

Clare (Cain) Stafford - September 03, 2004 at 11:34 AM

JP

“ Dear Allan and family:

Words can say very little at a time like this, but knowing people are
thinking and praying for you maybe helps. I hope so. Please accept
my sympathy on the loss of Jean. I know you all have many
wonderful memories of her as do her friends.

Sincerely,

Jackie Campbell Petersen

Jacke Campbell Petersen - September 03, 2004 at 11:04 AM

DP

“ I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you now and always. May God receive her into his arms and cherish her always.

David P. Petesch - September 02, 2004 at 06:06 PM

MD

“ Dear Cinnie & family,
Words seem so inadequate, Jean was a vibrant, talented, caring woman and dearly loved by everyone whose life she touched. I recall when we were in High school, how she would discipline me right along with you (it's nice to be loved). She will be missed.
Marcia

Marcia Devlin - September 02, 2004 at 04:10 PM

JS

“ Cinnie, Kevin and Family - God bless you and keep you during this time of sorrow. You've been in my prayers since I learned Jean was ill and you'll remain there. Cinnie, Please extend my wishes to your whole family. Your Friend, John Spain

John Spain - September 02, 2004 at 12:31 PM

RS

“ Al Thomas and Family,

I am sorry to her about the loss of Jean. I know that she will be deeply missed, I can't even begin to imagine the sorrow that you all are going through. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Robbie Sears

Robbie Sears - September 02, 2004 at 11:34 AM