



Regina M. Nugent

April 16, 1935 - August 5, 2022

The Nugent family is heartbroken to share that their beloved matriarch Regina “Jean” Nugent, left us on August 5, 2022. She passed away peacefully and with uncompromising grace in her South Carolina home. Though we will forever grieve our loss, we find great comfort in knowing that she has been reunited with her one true love, Jack. When we reflect on Jean’s life, it is impossible to list all the lives she enriched and, we are confident, saved. Her family wishes to acknowledge how proud we are to have shared her with those people.

Jean was born a proud first-generation American to Slovak immigrants on April 16, 1935, to parents Matthew and Susan Smehosky in Dupont, Pennsylvania. The baby of the family is preceded in death by her brothers Matthew, John, and Stephen. Jean received her early education at Saint Cyril Academy in Danville, PA, and later graduated from The College of New Jersey. On July 31, 1955, Jean married the love of her life, John “Jack” H.C. Nugent. Together they raised four fine children, Ann, Jon, James, and Christine, in their Califon, NJ home. Jean opened Haytown Nursery School in Clinton Township, NJ, and dedicated her career to teaching and nurturing countless children during their formative years. After retirement, Jean and Jack purchased a vacation farmhouse, eventually their permanent residence, in Starrucca, Pennsylvania. The Nugent family and many of Jean and Jack’s friends spent plenty of happy holidays and vacations at “The Farm.” Jean and Jack shared love, laughter, and a beautiful life until Jack’s passing on April 12,

2009. After Jack's death, Jean moved to her final residence in Murrell's Inlet, South Carolina.

When she wasn't enjoying traveling stateside and even abroad to Paris in her golden years, Jean always had her door open for visits from friends and family (except when she was out shopping, laughing, and dining with "the girls").

Jean loved to read, was devoted to her faith and church, and was a lifelong learner. She delighted in spending time with her family and was sure to remind her grandchildren that "Gram will come to pick you up" at the airport whenever they could visit. Jean was a superb wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, teacher, and friend. However, her grandchildren would argue that the role she was most splendid at fulfilling was simply Gram.

Jean is survived by her children; Ann (Scott) Maple, Jon (Bonnie) Nugent, James Nugent, and Christine Nugent. Her grandchildren; Sarah (Michelle Orenge-McFarlane) Maple, Gregory (Chrissy) Maple, Danielle (Kevin Cassidy) Nugent, Matthew Orecchio, and Kara Orecchio. She also leaves behind a legacy of 6 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Murrells Inlet, SC on August 16, 2022 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Murrells Inlet, SC.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so very blessed to have been one of the "girls" in Jean's life. She came from the same town in Pennsylvania where my family originally settled when they came from Czechslovakia. The times we shared were so special. Jean was loved by so many of the women in South Carolina. I know she will be watching over us all and laughing with us until we meet again. Her children were so blessed to have her for their mom. I know she is dancing with Jack and smiling! Love you my friend!

Marj Linnin - August 16, 2022 at 11:12 AM

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“ You will forever @ live in my Heart and Prayers 🙏❤️. You taught me Love and trust in God when I was lost and giving up. You are my forever Guardian Angel. Love you sweet lady ❤️💔

Cathi Rogers - August 14, 2022 at 06:44 PM

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“ There was something so very special about Jean. She had a love for God that was immense and she was one the the kindest people I have ever known. I will be forever grateful to God for giving me the gift of knowing Jean and loving her. Jean loved her Jack and I know they are now together. She wrote a P.S tome on a card once telling me that she really loved me. I know she did and I her too. Her children are so lucky to have her as their mother. I love you too Jean and miss you horribly but know you are in the place with the two you love the most, God and Jack. Lynn

Lynn Westmoreland - August 12, 2022 at 06:35 PM