



## Jean Boulanger

May 11, 1923 - August 15, 2018

Jean Boulanger, 95, of Crystal Falls, MI, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls. She was born May 11, 1923 in Burlington, Iowa, daughter of the late Robert and Verna (Bloomer) Borske. Jean graduated from Manistee High School in 1941. She toured with the Bohumir Kryl's all-girl symphony orchestra in the fall of 1943. Jean graduated from Central State Teachers College in 1945 and majored in music, focusing on the violin. She became Concert Mistress of the college orchestra.

Jean married Donald O. Boulanger on August 23, 1947 in Manistee, MI and they moved to Crystal Falls in 1949. She taught in several area schools including Bates, Alpha, Crystal Falls and Florence. Jean was a charter member in the local Northwoods Symphony Orchestra, and taught Suzuki violin lessons. She was active in the Crystal Falls Musicale, serving as president and secretary over the years. She served her church in many ways, was a member of the Deborah Circle, and directed the choir for Sunday morning worship services. Jean was also active in the Women's golf league and was the Women's League champion in 1970, 1971, and 1972. In addition to music and golf, Jean enjoyed many other activities including hunting and fishing with her husband, Don. She was an avid reader and enjoyed painting. Her family and close friends will always remember her unique sense of humor and her quiet and kind spirit.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Donald Boulanger; two

daughters, Jeanette (David) Furman of Ionia, MI and Elizabeth Holtrop of Naples, FL and Lake of the Ozarks, MO; four grandchildren, Natalie (Dan)Bennett, Emily Furman, James Holtrop Jr., and Carol (James) Waeckerle; six great grandchildren; Marin, Alexander, Isla, Alyson, Owen and Dillon. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert in 1988, and one sister, Marilyn Todd.

Friends may call from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm Monday, August 20, 2018 at the Christ United Methodist Church in Crystal Falls. Memorial services will be held at 4:00 pm at the church. Pastor Vicky Prewitt will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Christ United Methodist Church or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Condolences to the family of Jean Boulanger may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net).

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church  
20 South 5th St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Memorial Service

AUG 20. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Boulanger was my violin teacher for a period of time. She taught me the Suzuki method. I was looking back in my memory and I had a hard time remembering exactly when it was. I think I was in middle school. I have now been teaching the Suzuki method for over 38 years. I graduated with a band and orchestra degree and have loved every minute of it. I have 30 students who I now teach and I couldn't have gotten to where I am without all my violin teachers in my life. I wanted to let her family know how appreciative I am for her patience and help when I was learning. It does take a lot of patience to be a teacher and mentor. God bless all of you and I am sure she is playing her violin in the heavenly orchestra with a smile on her face.*

*Musically,*

*Barbara Haack Ross*

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**Barb Ross** - August 30, 2018 at 03:11 PM

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“*Mrs. Boulanger was a wonderful music teacher, sharing her amazing talents and gifts with her students and the community. She will be sadly missed.*

*Kathy (Dishaw) Springberg*

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**Kathy Dishaw Springberg** - August 20, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Boulanger.*



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August 17, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ *Our family sending condolences for your loss*

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**TD** - August 16, 2018 at 08:52 AM