



## Winifred Jean Erickson

January 14, 1922 - June 9, 2021

Winifred "Jean" Erickson, 99, of Crystal Falls passed away on June 9, 2021 at the Iron County Medical Care facility.

Jean was born in London, England on January 14, 1922. She met and married a U.S. soldier during WW2 and traveled to the United States on the Queen Mary when she was 23 years old. She was proud to become a US citizen in 1954.

After becoming a single mother with three sons, she worked at the "dime store" (Ben Franklin), where she met her second husband, Donald Erickson. They were married and moved to Waukegan, IL for several years. Upon returning to Crystal Falls, Jean worked as a retreat cook at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, where her delicious meals and cheery personality made her a beloved part of the camping community. At age 68, she was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan serving St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Crystal Falls. She continued to assist with worship services for residents at the ICMCF well into her eighties. For many years she participated in prison ministry, meeting and worshipping weekly with trustee inmates at the Marquette State Prison and the former Ottawa Prison near Iron River.

Jean loved flowers and was a wonderful cook and baker. As an expert cake

decorator, she baked and decorated many cakes for special occasions for her family and friends. She was an avid reader and in her younger years enjoyed camping and traveling with her husband, beloved dog Lady, and grandchildren. She returned to England two times to visit family members.

Jean is survived by her three sons: John (Zita) of Miami, FL, George (Cindy) of Cheyenne, WY and Patrick of Madison, WI; 8 grandchildren: John Jr., Cheryl, Annie, Christopher, Julie, George Jr., Kyle and Chelsea; 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband Donald preceded her in death in 2001. Jean will be remembered as a strong, loving, faithful English/American woman and beloved child of God.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 17, 2021, from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. Memorial service will follow at Nash Funeral Home at 11:00 AM. Peggy Padilla will officiate. Burial will take place in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

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

The family entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc.

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Crystal Falls, MI 49920

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## Memorial Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home

104 North Third St.

Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

BU

“ George John and Patrick sorry to here about your mom passing but the lord will take her home to a better place . She worked hard to raise you boys I remember here walking home from Ben Franklin when we were kids . Bob Urban

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**Bob Urban** - June 14, 2021 at 09:29 PM

RS

“ There are many people for whom you can say “He/she always had a smile on their face,” but this was so true for Jean...and yes, her laugh always seemed to precede or follow that smile! She loved everyone as if they were her own family and never missed an opportunity to show that love!

*Eternal rest grant unto Jean, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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**Rob Sims** - June 14, 2021 at 05:49 PM

JD

“ Jean was so fun to be with when working in the kitchen. One day she had her hands in the old Hobart Mixer and Donald was pounding on it with a hammer. The board voted to replace the mixer. Next time I went to Fortune Lake Jean had broken fingers!!!! She said she forgot we had a new mixer and got her fingers caught in it! God Love her. Rest easy Jean.

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**joan dupras** - June 14, 2021 at 04:33 PM

KS

“ *Krista Dobson Schindler lit a candle in memory of Winifred Jean Erickson*



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**Krista Dobson Schindler** - June 14, 2021 at 11:49 AM

HP

“ *Jean was the best, loved us all, had the best giggle, and the kindest heart. She remembered everything that was important, always listened with her whole self, and gave the best hugs. She was a blessing in my life. I will always remember how special she and Donald made me feel when I was with them!*

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**Heidi Presslein** - June 13, 2021 at 06:13 PM