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# **Jean Michaels**



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## JEAN MICHAELS OBITUARY

ust 12 hours before her 97th birthday, on August 3, 2022, Jean G. Michaels (nee Guethlein) departed for heaven. Due to her affinity for celebrating birthdays, it's only fitting that she spent her day in heaven celebrating. The day ended with a beautiful double rainbow across the Cincinnati sky just as the sun was setting. A definite sign from above that the party was a rockin' in true Jean style.

Jean was born on August 4, 1925, to Albert and Esther (nee Dornette) Guethlein in Cincinnati, Ohio. She attended Western hills high School and graduated from the University of Cincinnati. Jean then went on to teach History, Latin, and Swahili at Western Hills High School and was adored by her students. She absolutely came alive in the classroom. She was animated, quirky, quick witted, and loved her students fiercely. In her later years, her intelligence shined through during Jeopardy, as she quickly answered the questions like it was child's play.

She loved to celebrate and be celebrated. Jean especially loved Christmas, proudly displaying a tree in every room - she was known for her elaborate holiday parties, including the 4th of July. Jean was very musically inclined, & she never passed up an opportunity to perform with her sisters, singing and playing the banjo. Far beyond their days on the stage as children they performed together. Never missing an opportunity at a family gathering to gather around the piano and sing.

Her hobbies later in life included supporting her son Al on the sidelines while he coached basketball. Each season Jean would knit black and red hats for each and every one of the players. She also enjoyed reading, knitting, cats, antiquing and going on adventures with her granddaughter, Kate. Her main objective as a grandmother was to make sure Kate had as much fun as possible - in which she always managed to accomplish.

Those left to cherish her memory are her loving granddaughter: Katharine (Phillip II) Ridley; beloved

great grandchildren: Lourdes and Ruby Ridley; and her sister: Edith Richardson. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews from the Guethlein, Schneider & Richardson families, inclduing her Godson: Teddy Schneider; & former daughter in law: Janet Thomas; & step grandchildren: Lisa and Heather.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband: John J. Michaels; son: Albert Wingfield Spickard; parents: Albert and Esther (nee Dornette) Guethlein; and siblings: Mary Schneider and Albert Guethlein. Visitation will be held at Brater Winter Funeral Home, 138 Monitor Ave., Sayler Park, Ohio on Friday, August 12, 2022, from 10:00 am until 11:00 am. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:30 am at St. Aloysius on the Ohio. Burial to follow mass at St. Joseph Cemetery (Old).

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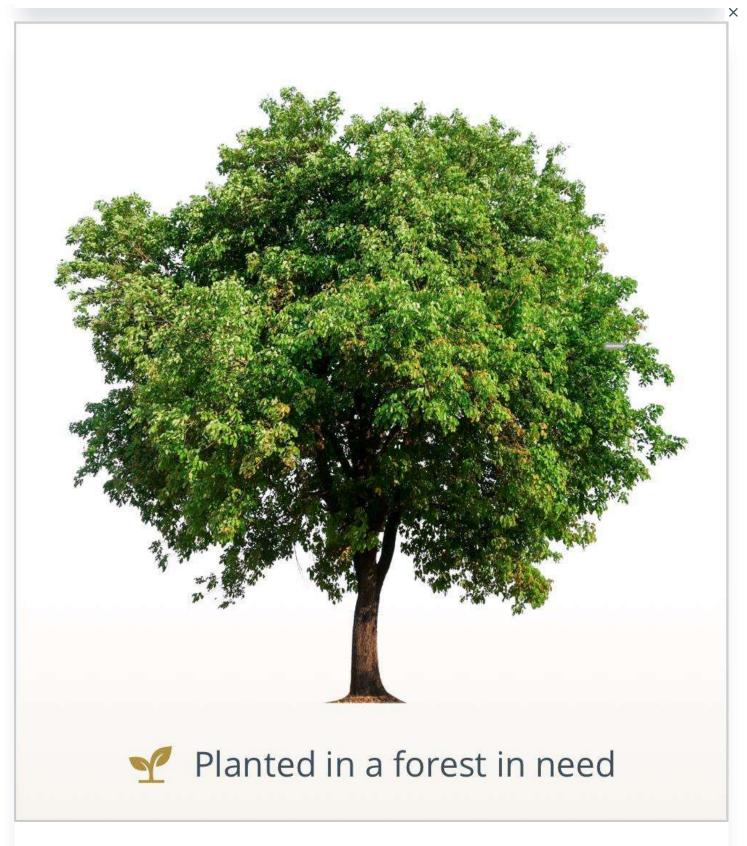


**Crystal Chappell** August 7, 2022

What a wonderful woman. Thank you for being so kind. Rest in heaven.

# **Crystal Chappell**

Friend



**Laurie Torrance-Toscano** 

August 7, 2022

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was part of the group of five students who visited their house every Wednesday night to discuss politics and events of the day. I recently found some old photos of the Fourth of July at their house with John dressed in his colonial outfit and Jean worrying about us setting off fireworks. He was known to fly numerous flags from the flag pole throughout the year celebrating various occasions. I, along with two others, was fortunate to go personally visit with her in October 2019 when we all came back for our 50th high school reunion at West High. We sat outside for 2 hours discussing old times, and she was still educating us in Latin. Her passion for teaching will never be surpassed. Everyone at West High knows how special she was to all of us. I hope my grandchildren will have teachers as dedicated and exceptional as she was. God speed Jean. You meant the world to many of us and we thank you for being a part of our lives.

### **Bob Fisher**

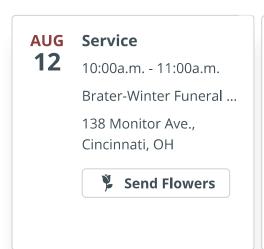
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I was a student of both Mr. and Mrs. Michaels from 1963-1969. I was a member of a group of students that met weekly at their house to share discussions on current events. They were both the most inspirational teachers in my life. They were indeed one of a kind and are dearly missed.

Rick Schmiedeker August 6, 2022

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