



Jean Elizabeth Egbert

January 9, 1924 - January 6, 2021

Jean Elizabeth Egbert died January 6, 2021, at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio three days shy of her 97th birthday. Jean lived a long and fruitful life and was a friend and teacher to many. She was active and sharp of mind to the end.

Jean was born on January 9, 1924, in Canton, Ohio to Frances C. and Curtis D. Young, their only child. She graduated in 1942 from Canton McKinley High School and then from Heidelberg College in 1946 where she majored in political science. During World War II, she taught swimming to young men enlisted in the Navy, and following the end of the war, she married Rule D. Egbert Jr. to whom she was married for 24 years. They made their home in Tiffin, Ohio. Following her college graduation, Jean became Women's Physical Director at the Findlay, Ohio YMCA and she also taught speech at Bowling Green State University. Jean taught social studies, government and economics for over 30 years at Columbian High School in Tiffin, Ohio, and knew nearly every senior in the school over that time. Both before and during her retirement, Jean was an inveterate traveler and a skilled card player, particularly bridge, euchre and cribbage. She was a member of the American Association of University Women, Tiffin Emblem Club, and Trinity United Church of Christ before her relocation to Columbus.

Jean is survived by her loving family including Karen Egbert Kraft,

Washington, D.C., Susan Egbert Young (David), Sydney, Australia, Elizabeth Crider (Mike), Gulfport, Florida, and Gwen Berlekamp (Jack), Columbus, Ohio. She was an inspiration to her eight adored grandchildren: Stacy Beckmann, Rachel Kraft, Nicole Young, Julia Kraft Goodman, Jessica Young Parker, Noah Kraft, Anna Berlekamp and Benjamin Berlekamp. She also was blessed to have seven great-grandchildren.

Due to Covid and restrictions on travel, a memorial service will be held for Jean at a later date in 2021 when we can all celebrate together a life “well lived”. The family is establishing the Jean E. Egbert Memorial Scholarship with The Tiffin Community Foundation which will support students at Columbian High School seeking to enrich themselves through opportunities in leadership, government or public policy. Donations in her honor can be made at: <https://www.tiffinfoundation.org/donors/>.

Tribute Wall



“ Jean Elizabeth Egbert

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Jean was a dear friend. After teaching with her at Columbian High and then moving back to Florida, we remained friends and visited each other back and forth when we could. We would talk on the phone and I always sent her a birthday card. I sent her one this year but she probably never saw it. She was truly a great and fun lady. RIP dear friend.



Sue Sinclair - January 16, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ Susan (Traunero) Rupert lit a candle in memory of Jean Elizabeth Egbert



Susan (Traunero) Rupert - January 14, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ Mrs. Egbert was the epitome of what a teacher should be. She was kind, noble and knew her stuff! I had her for government and economics. I have been a teacher for 42 years, and I often think WWMED (What Would Mrs. Egbert Do?). When I was struggling in economics, she would meet with me in the school library and help me through my challenges. I probably remember more from her classes than any other. Bon Voyage, Mrs. Egbert. I love you!

Jim MacLaine - January 13, 2021 at 02:43 PM

DG

“ Jean was a beautiful light! I had the opportunity of working with her on a real estate transaction. I will remember her laugh and fun spirit. My thoughts are with you.

Donna Good - January 13, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Jean Elizabeth Egbert.



January 12, 2021 at 07:27 PM

BR

“ Jean was my government teacher at Columbian. I remember her quite fondly. My sympathies to the family.

Brian Rau - January 12, 2021 at 07:26 AM

MD

“ A great teacher and fun to be around. Loved her class.
Sincerely
Mike Dryfuse
Tiffin Columbian '84

Mike Dryfuse - January 12, 2021 at 02:08 AM

LL

“ *Lucy Lather lit a candle in memory of Jean Elizabeth Egbert*



Lucy Lather - January 11, 2021 at 07:26 PM

MC

“ *Mike Crider lit a candle in memory of Jean Elizabeth Egbert*



Mike Crider - January 10, 2021 at 08:14 AM