



## Jeanne-Marie Jensen

April 1, 1927 - August 10, 2023

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Jeanne-Marie Jensen, 96, formerly of Worthington and Sun City West, AZ, was born on April 1, 1927, and passed away on August 10, 2023. Preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Richard W Jensen. Survived by her three daughters, Karen Jensen of Columbus, Lisa Jensen of Anaheim, CA, and Tina Meyer of Westerville, and son-in-law Rick Meyer; 4 grandchildren, Rachel Dawson, Erin Eastham, and Carl and Ryan Viviano; and 3 great-grandsons, Skyler Viviano, and Miles and Macoy Finger.

Jeanne was born in Fort Dodge, IA, as an only child of Thomas C. and Marguerite Giffen Empey. She grew up in Waterloo, IA, graduating from the University of Northern Iowa with a major in English and a minor in art. It was there she met her husband, Dick, whom she married in 1949. His jobs took them to Minneapolis (where daughter Karen was born), Toledo (where daughter Lisa was born), Detroit (where daughter Tina was born), Chicago, Columbus, and finally Lexington, KY. When he retired in 1986, they moved to Sun City West, AZ, where she lived until 2020, returning then to the Columbus area to be close to family. With her husband, she traveled widely in the US and around the world for many years, especially after his retirement. For 16 years, she looked forward to spending summers in Logan, UT, both with her husband and after his death in 2009.

Always eager to serve and be involved, she was a volunteer for many organizations, often in leadership positions. In Worthington, she was active in the Worthington Welcome Wagon, Girl Scouts, AFS-USA, Worthington Women's Club, and Worthington United Presbyterian Church. In Sun City West, she volunteered for the West Valley Art Museum as a docent and served in leadership positions raising funds. She visited local schools without art programs to teach art. As a member of Desert Garden United Church of Christ, she was involved in everything from liturgical dance and Church Women United to chair of the board of trustees. Her true passion however was decorating the fellowship hall for church events and holidays.

A memorial service will be held later at Desert Garden United Church of Christ in Sun City West. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Desert Garden United Church of Christ, 18818 N. 128th Ave., Sun City West, AZ 85375.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have especially fond memories of Jeanne, especially via AFS. My parents, siblings (including my Italian exchange brother) & numerous central Ohio local youth owe her our gratitude for all her dedicated hard work. I hosted in 72-3, served as WHS 73-4 International Club's president, volunteered as a regional orientation assistant & interviewed potential candidates, when Jeanne served as the Worthington Adult AFS Chapter. The World is definitely a nicer place due to the numerous ways Jeanne chose to aid others. My thoughts & prayers are with each of her daughters, son-in-law, grandkids & other family members. May you find some peace in your memories.  
-Lynn Church-Akin WHS'74

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**Lynn** - August 20, 2023 at 10:30 PM

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“ Dear Karen and Family.  
I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom sounded like a very remarkable lady. And she raised a wonderful family. No matter how old we get when we loose our Mother's we loose our best friend. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Pamela Decker Knapp** - August 18, 2023 at 09:36 PM