



Jean Cathern Langbak

January 8, 1923 - December 31, 2016

Jean Cathern Langbak, 93, of Bloomington, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2016 at Jill's House. Jean was born in Irene, South Dakota and moved to Logansport, Indiana, with her family as a teenager.

She is a 1941 graduate of Logansport High School. She started her career as an operator with Indiana Bell telephone company and was promoted into supervisory roles, remaining with the company after it was purchased by AT&T and relocated several times around the state. She eventually took a position in Bloomington where she retired from the company and made the town her home. She moved to Meadowood Retirement Community where she remained active with their community activities, attended IU events, and travelled with their group both near and far.

Jean loved to travel and spend time with family and friends. Passionate about charitable work, she volunteered with many organizations in the Bloomington area.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Langbak; her mother, Vevay (Legg) Langbak; and her sister, Donna Jo (Langbak) Scroggs.

She is survived by her brother-in-law, Bruce Scroggs; her nephews, Walter Bruce "Tripp" Scroggs and Bradley Joe Scroggs; her niece, Dana Jean

Scroggs; 7 grandnieces/nephews and 3 great grandnieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the staff and residents of Meadowood for providing Jean with a home she truly loved. We will also be forever grateful and hold a special place in our hearts for Carolyn and Denny Smith for being Jean's "family," supporting her and all of us over the last few years.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the Meadowood Retirement Community, Terrace Room. Friends may gather from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Jill's House, or Hospice of Bloomington. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Jean's family at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

AG

“ Aloha to Jean's family and friends,
I didn't know her well in Logansport high school but she was a
sweet natured, kind hearted person which still shows in the photo
accompanying her obituary.
My sympathy goes to each of you.
Annette Blackburn Green
Hilo, Hawaii

annette blackburn Green - January 22, 2017 at 12:16 AM

JO

“ I’m having difficulty figuring how long I have been acquainted with Jean Langbak. We both were volunteers at Opportunity House, the thrift store run by Church Women United in Bloomington, Indiana since 1968. I started working there in the 1970s and continued until a few years ago. Jean come with several other ladies from Meadowood one day a week and she priced clothing along with 5 or 6 others in one area of a large work room. My activity was to price books and magazines quite removed across the room that was divided by a curtain which allowed me to hear the conversations of others in the room, but I wasn’t usually observed by them. It made me feel like an eavesdropper. At one point I remember hearing Jean say, when someone suggested that an article of clothing they were in the process of pricing would look good on her, “I like to take something home nearly every time I’m here. I usually wear it to dinner a couple times (Meadowood ladies had a reputation of dressing up for their evening meal each evening) and if no one compliments me on my new piece, I bring it back and donate it again and get something else the next week.” Opportunity House prospered with generous volunteers like that. I moved to Meadowood eight years ago and Jean was no longer able to work at Opportunity House but she often gave me donations to take to the store. In recent years she came to believe that we shared a birthday. I hadn’t checked it out until recently and found that she was almost correct. I believe hers was January 8th. Mine is January 4th. She was always an interesting person to talk with and I am happy to have been her friend. My condolences to her family and friends. Jeanne Overly

Jeanne Overly - January 06, 2017 at 03:30 PM



She loved her work at Opportunity House.....she spoke about it often.

Dana Scroggs - January 06, 2017 at 09:05 PM

JB

“ Jean was a vibrant lady with a great sense of humor. She took great joy in her generous support of the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington. Time spent with Jean was always uplifting and encouraging. I will certainly miss her.

Jeff Baldwin, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington

Jeff Baldwin - January 06, 2017 at 05:15 AM



She truly believed in the work you all do. I am glad you were able to get know her.

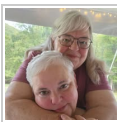
Dana Scroggs - January 06, 2017 at 09:04 PM

HB

“ My late wife, Ada and Jean worked together as the flower ladies at Bloomington Hospital, and they were quite a team. I became acquainted with Jean when Ada was not available and learned her unique personality. Later, she was one of the Meadowood ladies who attended First United Methodist Church. Always a well dressed person, she lit up the area where she was. She gave of her talents after retiring, and our community was better for those gifts.

*Harmon Baldwin
Richmond, VA*

Harmon Baldwin - January 05, 2017 at 06:55 AM



Thank you for your kind words....our Aunt definitely had a "unique personality". I know she loved her life in Bloomington, her church all all of the community activities she supported.

Dana Scroggs - January 05, 2017 at 11:36 AM

BC

We enjoyed all the visits Jean made to Rapid City South Dakota to see my Mother Ardys who is Jean's cousin. We have lots of good memories from those visits. It was great she got to know my kids as well! Thinking of all of you. Would sure like to keep in touch!

*Barb Carver
Rapid City, SD*

Barb (Hinseth) Carver - January 05, 2017 at 02:20 PM

LD

I met Jean at Meadowood, I so loved to chat with her. She had great life stories and was a woman ahead of her time! I loved her wit and sense of humor. She will be missed by all who knew her!

Libby Dawson - January 06, 2017 at 12:40 PM

FW

I remember, Jean, and saw her a couple times after she and I left the phone company. Beautiful lady that will be missed.

Fran White - January 09, 2017 at 10:01 AM