



# Jean L. Sheehy

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**J**ean Laurice “Reecy” Sheehy – July 25, 1939 –August 19, 2016

Our highly-spirited loved one was called to heaven early the morning of August 19, 2016. Our purple-haired wonderful was called far too soon by our Lord after a brief but graceful battle with cancer. At her side and providing solace as she began her ascent to the gates of heaven were her husband of 52 years, four children and 2 eldest grandchildren.

“She loved nothing more than her family being together,” said her son Patrick. “She enjoyed all the commotion – the laughter and the banter between all the kids and their friends. She was in the thick of it all. It brought her tremendous joy and pride.” Reecy was the epitome of no rolling stone gathers moss. “She who leaves a trail of glitter is never forgotten. That was mom,” her daughter, Leigh, said. “Mom loved traveling, gardening, holidays, movies, plays, shopping and decorating. She had such a zest for life.”

Her best friend, Johnny, continuously had to catch his breath to keep up with her throughout their loving moments together. He will miss her deeply. “From New York to California, it was always an adventure. All our times together were a celebration of life,” said her son, Johnny.

Michael said, “There is no love stronger than that of a mother for their child. Mom made me feel that way every day, “She was my anchor supporting everything I ever did and encouraging me to do more. It is the legacy I will always cherish”

Reecy’s husband, Jerry, said, “I was blessed to have someone with the strength, courage, dignity, commitment and pure beauty you represented each and every day to me and our children. I am lost without you and can’t wait until we are together again.” Mom knew no strangers. Her love was far reaching and unconditional. She considered all she met a friend. They were her extended family. This was never more prevalent than her love for her daughter-in-law, Kelly, and son-in-law, Joe. She loved



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them dearly.

Reecy is greatly admired and loved by her seven grandchildren and her great grandson. She absolutely adored them all. Casey, Dylan, Kaitlyn, Cloe, Beckham, Caroline, Quinn and Aidan will miss her tremendously.

One last "Meow" to you, Momma!

There will be no visitation. A funeral mass will be held at Holy Family Church, 2400 S. Franklin Church St., Decatur, IL , on Friday, September 2 at 11:00 a.m. A celebration of life will be held immediately following the church service.

If you wish to send flowers they may be sent directly to the church or a donation to the Decatur Park Foundation in Jean Laurice Sheehy's name to keep the beauty alive.



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RR

**Rebecca (Mudd) Ramirez** posted:

John Sheehy: Sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. Remember that your mom will always be with you as your guardian angel. Celebrate her life!

September 1 at 4:23 PM

GT

**Georganne & Thomas** posted:

Mama Sheehy's classiness will stand the test of time. Much sympathy to such a wonderful, generous family. We are so sorry for your loss.

August 31 at 9:55 AM

TS

**Tom Sheehy** posted:

Laurice was the "BEST SISTER IN-LAW IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD". She will truly be missed by the SHEEHY family. We love you.

August 31 at 4:37 AM

VM

**Vicki Mcgorray** posted:

Laurice was a blast of fresh air, full of fun & excitement & zest for life. She made the world new for all who knew & loved her. I feel so blessed to have called her my friend. Much love & hugs to her wonderful family.

August 30 at 11:26 AM

SB

**Sarah Butts** posted:

What a awesome lady! Loved our talks about our children & shopping. She will be greatly missed. You all are in my thoughts & prayers.

August 29 at 5:49 PM

AB

**Alan & Susan Brinkoetter** posted:

Mama Sheehy always made us feel like one of the family. Lots of love and a great sense of humor. So many great memories over the years! You are such a wonderful person and a blessing to your family. Sorry to say goodbye so soon.

August 29 at 5:14 PM



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LC

**Lily Coury** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Jean L. Sheehy

August 26 at 7:13 AM

KH

**Ken Hawley** posted:

Laurice and I worked together at St. Mary's .... She was such a special, wonderful and talented lady who touched my hear almost immediately. I'm so glad I was able to visit with her before her passing that week....I will miss her!

August 25 at 2:21 PM

RR

**Roger Ryan** posted:

My sincere condolences to the Sheehy family.

August 25 at 11:13 AM

KT

**Kim Tarvin** posted:

Prayers to the entire extended Sheehy family. This woman truly lived life to the fullest! Rest in peace angel.

August 25 at 3:03 AM

JT

**Joni Thee** posted:

She always had a smile and a hug to give. She was an amazing lady and I know she will be missed by all who knew her!! Especially her great family. Your in my prayers!!

August 24 at 4:37 PM

MB

**Marsha Bollinger** posted:

Sending my thought and prayers to the family of Laurice. I was so blessed in meeting and knowing Laurice through St. Mary's gift shop. She will be sorely missed by all of us.

August 24 at 4:15 PM



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JY

**Janie Young** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Laurice was beautiful both inside and out and was always so nice to me. Such a big loss to your family but what great memories you must have. Thoughts and prayers for all of you. Janie Jorgensen Young (Ahola)

August 24 at 10:03 AM

DA

**Dolly Ames** posted:

We're sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mark and Dolly Ames

August 24 at 6:19 AM

DB

**Donna Barger** posted:

She sure did. I miss her so much.

August 23 at 3:59 PM

DB

**Donna Barger** posted:

She was such a fun person. I am truly blessed to have had her as my friend. She was the decorator of St Mary's gift shop. She loved to do Christmas. That was her favorite time of the year. I miss her so much.

August 23 at 3:49 PM

SD

**Shelly Doyle** posted:

She lit up St Mary's hospital with her glamour and beauty! She was very kind to everyone that came unto her!

August 22 at 4:52 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jean by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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