



Jean M. Hedden

January 25, 1931 - October 2, 2024

Jean M. Hedden, age 93, passed peacefully on October 2, 2024 in Madison, WI. Jean was born January 25, 1931 in Elkton, MD. Jean's family moved to Georgia when she was young. She remained in Georgia and attended and graduated summa cum laude from Berry College, which she generously supported.

Jean married Macon Hedden and they relocated from Atlanta with Fairbanks Morse to Beloit, WI in 1966. Jean was employed by the School District of Beloit for many years. After retiring from the school district, she and her husband purchased The Friendly Village in Afton, WI. Jean continued to run The Friendly Village after Macon passed away. Jean chose to sell The Friendly Village to Skip Hoffman.

After selling the business she continued her lifelong enjoyment of travel with family and friends. Jean moved to Oakwood Village in Madison, WI in 2019 to be closer to her son. At every stop along the way Jean made wonderful friends and enjoyed her life.

Jean was a talented musician; an accomplished painter; a lifelong learner; and an avid reader. Jean added a gracious presence to her many communities of friends.

Jean is survived by her son Nate (Katja Mohaupt-Hedden); Grandchildren Jordan Hyink and Elijah Hedden; James Miller, brother; her very special friend Sue Fugate; Darwin Samples, Reginald and Maxine Strickland from Berry College.

She had very special friends at the “Breakfast Table” and so many more. She was preceded in death by her husband Macon Hedden and her daughter Mary Hyink.

A celebration of life will be from 3:00-5:00 PM Friday, October 18, 2024 at Bagels & More, Beloit, WI. Burial will be in Morganton, NC at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be honored to accept donations to Friends of RiverFront, Beloit, WI.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bagels & More
324 State St
Beloit, WI 53511

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Our yard is full of the perennials that Jean shared. She loved tending to her yard, and always kept it nice. Her politeness, friendship, patience, and dry wit will be missed by those of us that sat with her for coffee over twenty five years.

Don & Deedee Collins - October 16, 2024 at 07:05 PM

SF

“ "Miss Jean" was my neighbor and friend for nearly 25 years. From my front porch we loved talking about our life's adventures, as well as the ups and downs we knew (often with a glass of chardonnay). Jean was smart, kind, and had a rye sense of humor that I miss very much.
My pal Jean may be gone, but she will be remembered often with a smile for so many "Jean-isms".

Sue Fugate - October 15, 2024 at 04:54 PM

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“ The Hyink family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jean M. Hedden.



The Hyink family - October 10, 2024 at 11:54 AM

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“ The Hyink family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean M. Hedden.

The Hyink family - October 10, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JC

“ *Dulce et Decorum, sweet Jean. You brought grace and elegance to our table. Moe C.*

John Carroll. - October 10, 2024 at 11:50 AM

NM

“ *Jean was a friend to many and a special friend to Friends of the Riverfront. In my seven years as Executive Director of Friends, I was gifted to have her wise counsel and insight. Her gentle nature and intelligence was truly inspiring.*

Nicola Meyer - October 10, 2024 at 07:35 AM