

Jean Elizabeth Harrison Widmark was born in a farmhouse near Hornick, Iowa on May 24, 1925 to John Leslie and Elizabeth (Jongewaard) Harrison. She grew up in Hornick, graduated high school there and attended Wayne State College in Nebraska where she received her teaching degree.

While teaching in Merville, Iowa, she met Charles Widmark who had recently returned from Naval service in the South Pacific. They were married on June 15, 1947.

Jean taught school in rural Iowa while Chuck attended Iowa State College in Ames. His degree in forestry and their love of the woods brought them to Brainerd where they lived the rest of their lives together. Jean was active in her church and serving her community. Chuck died in 2002 and Jean remained in Brainerd until moving to Detroit Lakes in October 2017.

Jean taught school in Brainerd and Pillager and was an active and longtime member of the Congregational (UCC) church in Brainerd and, at her death, a member of the United Methodist Church in Detroit Lakes. She believed in sharing hospitality and friendship with others. Jean and her husband were co-owners of Widmark-Harrison Tree Farms for 34 years. They also traveled the world together, enjoyed fishing, dancing, playing cribbage, bridge with friends and hosting foreign students in their home.

Survivors include two daughters, Marcia (Greg) Potvin of Detroit Lakes, Janet (John) Moore of Haines City, Florida, a son, Charles (Karen) Widmark of Brainerd, as well as her French daughter, Marie-Francoise (Bill) Paquette.

Jean received much joy from her grandchildren: Mark (Susan) Potvin, Anna Potvin, Jeanne (Tony) King, Scott (Ester) Moore, Brad (Katie) Moore, Ashley (Bridgette) Berning, Emma Widmark, Alice (Josh) Wethammer and her great grandchildren: Noah Potvin, Simon Potvin, Nora King, Greta King, Isaac King, Isabella Moore, Sophia Moore, Hobbes Moore, Everett Moore and Walter Berning.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents Les and Bess, her husband, Chuck and her brother, Roger Harrison.



*What does GOD
require of you but to do justice, love
kindness, walk humbly with your
GOD ~Micah 6:8*

A Blessing Of Angels

~ by John O'Donohue

May the Angels in their beauty bless you.
May they turn toward you streams of blessing.

May the Angel of Awakening stir your heart
To come alive to the eternal within you,
To all the invitations that quietly surround you.

May the Angel of Healing turn your wounds Into sources of refreshment.

May the Angel of the Imagination enable you
To stand on the true thresholds,
At ease with your ambivalence and drawn in new directions
Through the glow of your contradictions.

May the Angel of Compassion open your eyes to the unseen suffering around you.

May the Angel of Wilderness disturb the places
Where your life is domesticated and safe,
Take you to the territories of true otherness.

Where all that is awkward in you can fall into its own rhythm.

May the Angel of Eros introduce you to the beauty of your senses
To celebrate your inheritance as a temple of the holy spirit.

May the Angel of Justice disturb you to take the side of the poor and the wronged.

May the Angel of Encouragement confirm you
In worth and self-respect,
That you may live with the dignity
That presides in your soul.

May the Angel of Death arrive only when life is complete
And you have brought every given gift
To the threshold where its infinity can shine.

May all the Angels be your sheltering and joyful guardians.

In Loving Memory of

Jean Elizabeth Widmark

Born

May 24, 1924
Hornick, Iowa

Died

July 5, 2022
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Memorial Service

Friday-August 12, 2022-1:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by

Pastor Kevin Gregory

Pianist

Paul Heisler

Special Music by

Mark & Susan Potvin

Honorary Urn Bearers

Jean's Grandchildren

Interment

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery
Camp Ripley
Little Falls, Minnesota

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home & Cremation Services
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota