



Jean Mary (Ebert) Prestbrotten

April 7, 1949 - March 20, 2017

Jean M. Prestbrotten, age 67, of Orfordville, WI, passed away peacefully at Agrace Hospice, Janesville, WI, on Monday, March 20, 2017. She was born on April 7, 1949 in Oconomowoc, WI, the daughter of Warren and Mary Lou (Voigt) Ebert. She married her best friend, Sven Prestbrotten, on May 4, 1968 in Oconomowoc. Jean and Sven settled in Orfordville in 1976. Jean attended the University of Wisconsin ♦ Rock County for English and Journalism, which she landed on the Dean's List. She was a member of the Orfordville EMS and worked for the Parkview School District as an aide. She later became a newspaper reporter for The Beloit Daily News, The Janesville Gazette, The Wisconsin State Journal and two local newspapers. Jean was a member of the Brodhead United Methodist Church. She enjoyed camping, traveling to Europe and across the United States. Jean was an accomplished author of the book, *The Last Train West*. The book won first place at the Los Angeles Book Festival in 2013. Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Sven; one daughter, Sarah (Robert) Ritter of Beloit, WI; three grandchildren, Ashley, Chris and Megan Ritter; three sisters, Jane Bryant, Mary Montclair and Gail (Joe) Maurer; a brother, Thomas (Coleen) Ebert, several nieces, nephews and godchildren, and her service dog Marley who will greatly miss her. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Charles ♦ Harpo ♦ (Robin) Ebert, and a sister Joyce in infancy. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at the United Methodist Church, Brodhead, WI, with Rev. Krystal Goodger officiating. WI. Visitation will be held from 10

a.m. until time of services at the church.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ *A candle was lit by Sharon Kopp*

on March 21, 2017 9:27 AM

Sharon Kopp - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

ES

“ *A candle was lit by Eugene and Joy Shoemaker*

on March 21, 2017 9:29 AM

Eugene and Joy Shoemaker - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MK

“ *A candle was lit by Melanie Konecny*

on March 21, 2017 9:29 AM

Melanie Konecny - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

SK

“ A candle was lit by Sharon Kopp

on March 21, 2017 9:34 AM

Jean left a lasting impression on all of us. She showed us strength, determination, love and beauty. She will forever be in our lives with wonderful lasting memories. Jean will be a beautiful angel in God's kingdom. God bless you, Jean.

Post a reply

Sharon Kopp - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JB

“ A candle was lit by Jack & Vickie Burr

on March 21, 2017 11:34 AM

Jack & Vickie Burr - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JB

“ Jean was such a special person. She could light up a room with her dynamic smile. Prayers are coming your way for strength and healing. Remember, this is just a temporary absence and you will see her again in heaven. Young, beautiful and healthy. We are so terribly sorry for your loss.

Jack & Vickie Burr - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

RV

“ My sympathy to you for your loss. May Jean rest in peace after a courageous battle and your loving memories remain forever in your hearts.

Rita Vickers - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

GM

“ A candle was lit by Gail Maurer
on March 21, 2017 1:05 PM

Gail Maurer - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

KT

“ A candle was lit by Kobussen Buses Ltd - Brodhead Terminal
on March 21, 2017 1:48 PM

Kobussen Buses Ltd - Brodhead Terminal - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DF

“ A candle was lit by Drew & Angie Burns and Family
on March 21, 2017 1:48 PM

Drew & Angie Burns and Family - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

VG

“ A candle was lit by Vesna Mica Gourley
on March 21, 2017 2:52 PM

Vesna Mica Gourley - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JS

“ A candle was lit by Jay & Debbie Schweikl

on March 21, 2017 2:56 PM

Jay & Debbie Schweikl - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

BD

“ A candle was lit by Betty and Jim Doherty

on March 21, 2017 3:06 PM

Betty and Jim Doherty - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

TR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers.

Tom and Judy Resler - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

HC

“ A candle was lit by Holly and Doug Ciampa

on March 21, 2017 5:34 PM

Holly and Doug Ciampa - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

VE

“ Jean was a shining star who was able to share of herself through her writing. The family should be very proud. May your hearts always be warmed for having known her.

Vicki Evenson - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

AD

“ *Sven and family,
Please know we extend our sincere sympathy to you. We are so very sorry for your loss, and words are not adequate. Please know we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers; we are unable to attend the funeral but will be thinking of you and your family.*

Ann and Phil Dettwiler - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

GM

“ *A candle was lit by Gail Maurer*

on March 21, 2017 9:33 PM

Fly away and be free of pain my sweet sister. I know you have many loved ones welcoming you in heaven. My heart aches missing you.

Post a reply

Gail Maurer - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

YP

“ *A candle was lit by Your Princess*

on March 21, 2017 10:03 PM

Your Princess - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

MR

“ A candle was lit by Megan Ritter

on March 21, 2017 10:07 PM

Megan Ritter - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

LH

“ A candle was lit by Luanne Perkins Hightower

on March 22, 2017 6:26 AM

Luanne Perkins Hightower - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

LH

“ I went to school with her. She will greatly be missed. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Luanne Perkins Hightower - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JB

“ A candle was lit by Jane Bryant

on March 22, 2017 9:02 AM

Jane Bryant - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

GZ

“ Our sympathy to you Sven and your family.

Gary and Connie Jo Zwettler - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

NS

“ *Sven & family We are so very sorry for you loss. You have our sincere sympathy at this very difficult time. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. A classmate Nancy*

Nancy&Mike Statz - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

TF

“ *Sven and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You have my sincere sympathy and will be in my prayers. Tom Finhert*

Tom Finhert - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

EB

“ *Sven, my sympathy goes out to you and your family. Trust in the Lord for all your needs.*

Eloise (Kleier) Blair - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DS

“ *So sorry to hear of Jean's passing. You will be in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

Duane and Shirley - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DM

“ *A candle was lit by Diane L. Daniels- Mitchell*
on March 24, 2017 6:27 PM

Diane L. Daniels- Mitchell - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

SF

“ *Sven and family
So sorry for your loss. May your memories carry you through this
tough time in your lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Steve Lunde and family

Steve Lunde and family - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JE

“ *sven and sarah we send our condolences, sorry we wont be able to
come. but we send our prayers*

jack and imogene ehle - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JS

“ *A candle was lit by Jen Templeton & Tim Speich*

on April 1, 2017 7:55 AM

Jen Templeton & Tim Speich - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM

AB

“ *My family was so sorry to hear about Jean. Our daughters Amy and
Melissa were at the high school same time as her daughter, Sarah.
Don and I now live in Lake Geneva and attend Linn Presbyterian
Church. Our book club there read her book and loved it. She was a
great writer.*

Alice Brockman - May 10, 2021 at 11:03 AM