



## Jean Linda (Gritzmaker) Tearman

April 27, 1943 - October 23, 2010

Jean Linda Gritzmaker Tearman, age 67, of Brodhead, passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2010, at Mercy Hospital, Janesville. She was born on April 27, 1943 in Spring Valley Township, Rock County, the daughter of Lee and Inez (Brandt) Gritzmaker. She married Vernon M. Tearman on June 16, 1961 in Brodhead. Jean graduated from Brodhead High School in 1961. She had worked for APCO Mfg., Ten Eyck Orchard, a local flower shop, all in Brodhead, and Swiss Colony of Monroe. Jean was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ, Brodhead, loved traveling with her husband, flower gardening, and being with her family, especially her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Vernon, Brodhead, a son, Edward V. (Ann) Tearman, Janesville, two daughters, Carol Jean Tearman, Minneapolis, MN, Janet R. (Mike) Steinhoff, Wesley Chapel, FL, three grandchildren, Luke and Chase Steinhoff and Michael Tearman, three brothers, Kenneth (Maryanne) Gritzmaker, Lena, IL, Gary (Paula) Gritzmaker, Alan (Ellen) Gritzmaker, both of Brodhead, a sister, Mary (Sam) Payne, Belvidere, IL, a sister-in-law, Dolores Gritzmaker, Beloit, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Lee Gritzmaker, Inez Gritzmaker Latham, and a brother Willis. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at the Congregational United Church of Christ, Brodhead, with Rev. R. Tiffany Bates officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, until time of services at the church. A memorial fund will be

established. 

# Tribute Wall

EW

“ *My condolences to the entire Tearman family. You will be in my thoughts during this difficult time.*

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**Ed Wood** - May 10, 2021 at 11:29 AM

SB

“ *We recently lost our mother too. This is such a difficult time. God's blessings to you all on your journey to healing from your loss. There is no one else on earth who will ever worry or care for you like a mother. Now Jean can care for you from heaven.*

*All of my love,  
Shannon*

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**Shannon Brennan** - May 10, 2021 at 11:29 AM

JP

“ *Ed & Family  
Very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. My deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time.  
Julie*

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**Julie Parrish** - May 10, 2021 at 11:29 AM

JW

“ Dear Vern, Ed, Carol and Janet,

*I am shocked to hear about Jean (your mom.) My friend and classmate, Terry saw the notice this morning and sent me an email. Otherwise, we in Colorado would never have heard. I want to mention how lucky my family was to know such wonderful people as the Tearman family. My mom always thought a lot of Jean and enjoyed corresponding with her even after we moved back west. Carol, I remember that you and my sister Jessie were good pals in middle school and it was so wonderful for her to have such a nice friend in a new town.*

*I felt so fortunate to have had the chance to chat with you, Vern, and Jean when Jessie and I attended Brodhead's 150th birthday celebration and my 30th high school reunion. Lots of wonderful reunions on that trip. Jean will be missed by so many people, she is a beautiful soul. May God be with you all during this time of heartfelt reflection. My family and I send you our condolences and prayers.*

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**Jeanna Washburn** - May 10, 2021 at 11:29 AM

JS

“ My Dad, Jack Monaghan, and I are sorry to hear that Jean has passed away. I know my mom, Virginia Monaghan, and Jean were good Swiss Colony buddies and loved to meet for lunch at the Red Apple. I suppose the two of them will catch up at some place like that in heaven. Our sincere sympathies to Vern and the family.

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**JEAN (MONAGHAN) SINKULE** - May 10, 2021 at 11:29 AM

HV

“ Vern and family - Our sincere sympathy to you for your loss. We will always remember seeing Vern and Jean walking by our house. Jean was a genuine nice, friendly lady. We enjoyed the time spent with them on the one and only (unfortunately) bus trip we went with them and had hoped to go on more, hopefully when they were going too. Guess we have to keep the fond memories we have. Jean will surely be missed.

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**Hubert and Rita Vickers** - May 10, 2021 at 11:29 AM