



## Mrs. Jean Margaret Bohmbach

April 10, 1921 - January 14, 2014

Jean Margaret Bohmbach, 92, of Asheville, died Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at Givens Estates. She was a long time resident of Woodbury Road in Beaverdam Valley. She was born on April 10, 1921 to the late Elmer J. Velandar and Irene Adler Velandar. She grew up in Vasa, Minnesota.

A graduate of Cannon Falls Teachers College, she was proud to have begun her career teaching in a one room school house in Goodhue County, Minnesota. It was there that she met her husband, Willis Bohmbach, who preceded her in death in 1993.

After living in California and Missouri, her husband's career with Gerber brought the family to Asheville in 1959. In Asheville she became the first teacher's aide in Buncombe County. She continued her career at Randolph and Woodfin schools. Upon her retirement, she became an active participant in the College for Seniors program at University of North Carolina, Asheville. She also spent a great deal of her time volunteering at the Asheville Art Museum. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Central United Methodist.

She is survived by her loving children: her son, James W. Bohmbach of Nanjemoy, MD; her daughter, Lynda J. Bohmbach of Lenexa, KS; her grandchildren, Sarah Bohmbach Schmits of Lawrence, KS and Laura

Bohmbach Schmits of Brooklyn, NY; her sister, Joanne Cutting of Los Gatos, CA; and her two beloved children by marriage: daughter-in-law, Susan Guthrie of Nanjemoy, MD and son-in-law, Murlin Merrill of Lenexa, KS.

She was a great lover of the arts, beauty, and learning. She was an unsurpassed cultivator of friendships.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 PM on Friday, January 17, 2014 in the Chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801 with Reverend In-Yong Lee officiating. A private interment will take place at Ashelawn Gardens of Memory.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Asheville Botanical Gardens, 151 WT Weaver Blvd., Asheville, NC 28804; St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 223 Hillside Street, Asheville, NC 28801 or Asheville Art Museum, PO Box 1717, Asheville, NC 28802.

# Cemetery Details

## Ashelawn Gardens of Memory

901 Aiken Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 17. 2:30 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Jean Margaret Bohmbach*



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**Morris Funeral Home** - January 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Jean Margaret Bohmbach*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Aunt Jean will be remembered for so many reasons, but mostly because she never forgot. She always remembered our birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays with her wonderful cards and letters, telling news of family and friends. She was a teacher, but also a student and life-long learner whose educational pursuits inspired us all. Jean's famous broccoli casserole will forever be part of our holiday traditions. We will miss her, but her beautiful memory will live on in our hearts and minds forever.*

*Karen, John, Michael and Jessie Goodrum*

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**KGoodrum** - January 21, 2014 at 10:56 AM

JD

“ God Bless Mrs B, what great memories I have from days and evenings spent at the Bohmbach house. She gave lectures to us that I remember to this day - that would be to Stan, Jim and I , she was a lovely person . I'll bet the angels are whispering, why would God give someone who hates flying the nicest wings. Jim and Lynda, you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Joe & Latisha Durner

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**Joe Durner** - January 20, 2014 at 06:57 AM

JR

“ I loved Mr. and Mrs. Bohmbach. They were a big part of my childhood in Asheville, and I have many wonderful memories of them and being at their house. I also have wonderful memories of being with them at Sunset Beach. I think they both had the most wonderful, infectious laugh ever, and I can clearly hear both of them laughing in my mind. It makes me smile to think of them in Heaven together, and I sincerely hope my Mother is with them and they are all having a big time!  
With much love and sympathy to Jim, Lynda and families,  
Jackie Wortman Reynolds

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**Jackie Wortman Reynolds** - January 19, 2014 at 02:30 PM

JF

“ To the Family: I was not at the service today, but I have had Mrs. Bohmbach and what her friendship meant to me close at heart since receiving the call from Jim. To be able to view the video and photos meant a lot and opened the door to times in her life when I did not know her. Again, my heartfelt sympathy to you during this sad time.

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**Janet Fawcett** - January 17, 2014 at 05:26 PM

DM

“ Attended the wonderful memorial service for Jean Bohmbach. I met Mrs. Bohmbach in 1972 (my first year of teaching) at Woodfin School. Have many fond memories of Jean Bohmbach.

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**Darlene McPeters** - January 17, 2014 at 03:27 PM

JC

“ Jean Bohmbach was my confidant, my friend and my beloved sister. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to her family - son, Jim and wife, Susan and daughter, Lynda and husband Murle and to her two beautiful granddaughters, Sara and Laura.

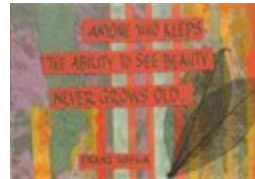
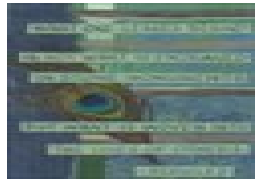
With Love,  
Joanne Cutting

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**Joanne Cutting** - January 17, 2014 at 11:16 AM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - January 17, 2014 at 09:21 AM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - January 16, 2014 at 08:02 PM

JF

“ Where do I begin? Jean Bohmbach was my very first teaching assistant in my first teaching position. It was many years ago that my five-month interim position with her by my side led to a life-long friendship. Regardless of the age difference, she had that special gift of dissolving it. Whether she was in the presence of a five year old or someone ninety five, she was so well-versed in current trends and events that the age difference was never evident. Next, I appreciated her sense of adventure. Whether there was a new restaurant in town or new senior classes, she was ready to go! Then, we had the type of friendship that meant we could go many weeks without speaking, yet when we talked, it was like our last conversation was only ten minutes ago...picking up where we left off. Mrs. Bohmbach represented kindness with the cards she sent my children every Christmas and birthday until they went to college. They knew her as Mom's friend who always remembered them. Finally, her love for her family was front and center. We exchanged the whats, wheres and whens about our children and grandchildren whenever we talked. That is when I always noticed an extra dose of excitement in her voice. And she usually had photos! Finally, I am thankful our paths crossed so many years ago in a classroom at Woodfin Elementary School. Mrs. Bohmbach's memory will be with me always.

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**Janet Fawcett** - January 16, 2014 at 06:52 PM

JF

“ I am sending my condolences as well...Even though I had not seen "Aunt Jean" and "Uncle Willis" for a long time, I have many fond memories from when I was a boy..Right now I remember both of their laughs and that makes me smile. They enjoyed their times with my mom and dad, and vice versa. They seemed a great match for all the good times they shared. I remember all that very clearly, and it was all good..Jerry

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**Jerry Fisk** - January 16, 2014 at 05:48 PM

EF

“ I'm with you all even though you can't see me. I don't want to lose track of you "kids", so keep in touch with me and I'm inviting you to come to Artprize in September, which is a great event. More later. I need Sarah's address. I have Laura's. Everybody here sends their best and, I must admit, it does feel a little different and how one feels about Asheville. I will be at my childhood friend's funeral at the same time as yours. Wish you all the best and love you all, goodybe.

-Emily

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**Emily Fisk** - January 16, 2014 at 05:39 PM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.

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**Ana** - January 16, 2014 at 04:42 PM