



## Jean Moran Day

September 7, 1960 - April 30, 2024

Jean Moran Day passed away peacefully on Tuesday April 30, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family and loved ones at the age of 63. Jean was born on September 7, 1960, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to Thomas M. Moran and the late Patricia (Hines) Moran.

After high school Jean continued her studies at The University of Kansas where she obtained her bachelor's degree in human development. Later she earned a degree in Equestrian Science at Stephens College in Columbia. Jean also earned her Master's degree in Education from Concordia University in Nebraska.

On June 6, 1987, Jean married the love of her life Steve Day, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe New Mexico. This union was blessed with a son, Lucas Trent Day. Jean loved being a wife and mother. Whether it be watching Lucas play soccer, studying up on the family's genealogy, participating in living history demonstrations, knitting something for a loved one, or working in her backyard to create a small wildlife habitat, she cherished every moment they spent together.

Jean's love for plants carried beyond the backyard. She was devoted to her work life and was a strong advocate for University of Missouri Extension goals, including nutrition education in schools and other sites around Phelps county. She also was involved with acquiring funding through grants to establish and developed the local Common Grounds community garden.

Jean was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rolla, where she had

served as Elder and as Deacon. Jean was devoted to her faith, and it showed in the love she had for her family and friends as well as the work she did throughout the community.

Jean Moran Day is survived by her husband, Steve Day of Rolla MO; her son, Lucas Day of St. Louis MO; father, Thomas Moran and partner Cornelia Hendershot of Santa Fe NM; sister, Helen Campbell and husband Ed of Santa Fe NM; sister-in-law Annelise Day of Iowa; nieces and nephews, Ian Gamble, Isabelle Gamble, Amanda Miller, Erin Day, Caitlin Stevens and Seth Day. In addition to her mother Patricia Moran, Jean was preceded in death by brother-in-law, Mike Day, and Father-in-law Arnold Day, and Mother-in-law, Carol Day.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Jean Moran Day will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 12:00 PM at the Rolla James and Gahr Chapel. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel on Saturday prior to the service from 11:00AM until service time. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested and greatly appreciated to Common Grounds Garden, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Jean’s family and friends. She was a beloved friend during my last two years of college at Stephens. She was my maid of honor when I married my husband . She was an amazing person and highly organized and I greatly appreciated her help and educating me in the ways of weddings. Sadly, we lost touch with each other with all moves that we made during my husband’s military career. I was searching Facebook to try to reconnect. I do not mourn as one who has no hope. I look forward to celebrating our salvation with our Savior Jesus.

Darlene Porter Howard - June 23, 2024 at 10:08 PM

EA

“ In fifth grade I met this amazing human on the school bus. She made my world a better and more joyful place. So many adventures and memories to treasure with a lifelong friend and confidante. I am holding your family in my heart.



Elizabeth Austin - May 03, 2024 at 11:21 AM

SH

“ We loved having Jean visit our classrooms at Richland Elementary School. She was great to be around. The students enjoyed her nutrition classes, especially when she would bring them healthy snacks to try. She did a wonderful job teaching all of our students. It seemed that she was passionate about teaching the children all about nutrition and plants. We enjoyed talking with her and loved all of the lessons (even life lessons) that she taught our students. We will treasure your memory.

*Roseanna Peterson and Susan Hand  
(4th Grade Teachers at Richland Elementary School)*

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**Susan Hand** - May 02, 2024 at 12:52 PM

MS

“ I was fortunate to have known Jean through our soccer family clan. We spent many happy weekends watching the boys do what they loved surrounded by many supportive families. I admired Jeans ecological sensibilities, her sharp dry wit, and her amazing mental acuity. Losing her is a loss to many.

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**Marg Olson aka 'Mother of Sven'** - May 02, 2024 at 11:50 AM