



Jean M. Ely

November 21, 1933 - April 15, 2018

Jean Martin Ely (age 84) of Owensville, Missouri passed away Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 11:49 p.m. from complications due to pneumonia. She was surrounded by her family and friends and was holding the hand of her Granddaughter Tarese Nicole Schoffstall.

Jean was born Nov 21, 1933 in Barre, Vermont to the parents of Herbert Lewis MacLeod and Doris Lillian Barton. Herbert MacLeod's parents were Alexander MacLeod and Annie McAuley. Doris Barton's parents were Fred W. Barton and Marietta Martin. Jean was the only child.

Jean's first job was bookkeeper at the Rock of Ages Granite Quarry in Graniteville, Vermont. She worked with her dad who was the foreman and engineer at the Quarry. Her dad taught her how to fish and ski; they enjoyed skiing the slopes of Stowe, Vermont.

She was a Music of Arts major at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. Jean worked at Bell Telephone selling telephones and as a switch operator. It was while working at Bell Telephone that she would be introduced to Raymond Ely (previously passed December 6, 2003).

Jean started playing the piano at 12 years old. Her mom thought it was best that she learned from an accomplished teacher, even though she herself

played the piano for the local church. Jean's first piano teacher was Josephine H. Perry who was known for the piano piece she authored and played, "Hail Vermont" which became the State song.

In the late 1940's Jean would play piano and chimes for the First Presbyterian Church of Barre, Vermont and for special events. Throughout the 1950's she would play the piano as her mom played the organ for the First Presbyterian Church of Graniteville, Vermont.

She married Raymond Oliver Ely on October 30, 1959. Together they had 5 children; Mark Raymond Ely, Gary Lewis Ely, Glenn Scott Ely, John Eric Ely and Dorinda Jean Ely. John and Dorinda are twins. As a dependent wife of an active duty member of the United States Army, they were stationed at multiple posts: Fort Lee Virginia, Augsburg, Germany, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and finally Fort Leonard Wood in 1966 where they retired.

Jean played the piano for the First Christian Church, Buckhorn Baptist Church, Waynesville Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Waynesville until 2008. She gave piano lessons to numerous children and young adults throughout that period.

Jean lost her only daughter (Dorinda Jean Ely) to leukemia in December 1970. Dorinda was only five years old. Jean never left the area because the connection with her daughter and the location she was buried.

Jean enjoyed communicating through music. She would use any opportunity to share her talents with her friends and family. Jean's finger warmups would always start with the Missouri Waltz following a quick step into the Boogie Woogie.

Jean lived a life full of happiness and made many memories with those who

loved and cherished her most. She was thankful for the life her Lord and Savior had blessed her with and, above all, wanted everyone to know that without God we would be nothing. Her family and friends will greatly miss her witty humor and beautiful smile, but find peace in knowing she is right where she has always longed to be; in her forever home.

Jean leaves to cherish her memory, her Children: Mark Raymond Ely and wife Linda, Gary Lewis Ely and wife Sandy, Glenn Scott Ely and wife Crystal, and John Eric Ely and wife Christina. Grandchildren: Dustin Lane, Tarese Nicole Schoffstall and husband Brian, Paul MacLeod Ely, Nathan Scott Ely, Rachel Mariah Saladino and husband Billy, Zachery Alexander Ely, Joshua Dean Ely, Dorinda Michelle Ely, Brandon Scott Ely, Devon Raymond Jacoby-Ely, Lauren Elisabeth Ely, Ryan Scott Ely, Paige Analiese Ely, Landon Scott Ely, and Caden Scott Ely. Great Grandchildren: Julielle Elizabeth Hub, Lydia Brown, Hayden Blake Schoffstall, Chloe Blayke Schoffstall, Cora Blaike Schoffstall, and one greatly anticipated.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2018 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Brian Schoffstall officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace" and "Because He Lives" were played. Serving as escorts were Mark, Gary, Glenn, John, Nathan, Brandon, Ryan, Joshua, Zach and Devon Ely. Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jean Ely and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean M. Ely*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family.*
Bronna and Terry Flanagan



Bronna - April 23, 2018 at 07:44 AM



“ *Jean was a great organist and piano player. She wanted the music to be just right. God blessed her with a talent and she developed it for the worship and praise of God. I can remember when she would come in during the week and practice so things would be just right. I believed, we were blessed greatly when she played the specials. When she retired and moved, our worship services were just not the same.*
Our prayers are with the family as they miss her and remember their fine Christian mother.

Dr. Dennis and Ann Crowder - April 22, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *Deloris Conyers lit a candle in memory of Jean M. Ely*



Deloris Conyers - April 22, 2018 at 12:31 AM

ME

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark Ely - April 21, 2018 at 12:26 AM

ME

“ 1 file added to the album *Jean Ely*



Mark Ely - April 20, 2018 at 07:28 PM

AC

“ Jean was a very competent pianist and a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Waynesville for many years. She kept the choir in tune and cared very much about her Christian friends and quality worship of her Lord Jesus. She has been missed in recent years, but it was good that she could be near her family that she loved so much in her later years. I'm sure she is in her Heavenly home now, rejoicing with her Savior.



Annette Catts - April 20, 2018 at 12:11 AM

MW

“ We are thinking of you and remembering all the family in our prayers--now and in the difficult days ahead.

Martin and Georgia White - April 19, 2018 at 11:19 PM

SH

“ I remember living next door and traipsing through the woods to play with the boys. I am thinking of you all - Gary, Mark, Glenn, and John. My prayers are with you.



Shonda Harland - April 19, 2018 at 08:56 PM

DL

“ Dr. CARL LARSON lit a candle in memory of Jean M. Ely



Dr. CARL LARSON - April 19, 2018 at 08:50 PM

PW

“ Pam Woodin lit a candle in memory of Jean M. Ely



Pam Woodin - April 19, 2018 at 02:25 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Jean M. Ely



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - April 19, 2018 at 01:38 PM

RM

“ *To Gary and family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you*



Red & Crystal Mosier - April 19, 2018 at 01:21 PM

CM

“ *Christine Malley lit a candle in memory of Jean M. Ely*



Christine Malley - April 19, 2018 at 09:45 AM

GL

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Glenn - April 18, 2018 at 09:00 PM

RH

“ Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Jean M. Ely



Robin Hobbs - April 18, 2018 at 08:45 PM

BE

“ John, Glenn, Gary and Mark so sorry for your loss! You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Belinda - April 18, 2018 at 07:43 PM

TN

“ Tamarah Newell sent a virtual gift in memory of Jean M. Ely



Tamarah Newell - April 18, 2018 at 04:32 PM

LC

“ Linda Cole-schonbok lit a candle in memory of Jean M. Ely



linda cole-schonbok - April 18, 2018 at 02:34 PM