



Jean Chaffin

March 20, 1942 - August 5, 2019

The memorial service celebrating the life of Jean Chaffin of Eagle Bend and formerly of Hewitt, will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 9, 2019, at the New Life Church of God in Bertha. The gathering of friends and family will be held from 9:00 AM until the time of services on Friday at the church.

Jean, age 77, passed away surrounded by her family on Monday, August 5, 2019, at her home in rural Eagle Bend under the gentle care of her family and Lakewood Home Care and Hospice.

Jean Elizabeth Sowles was born to Merrell Warren and Elizabeth Evaline (Mowat) Sowles on March 20, 1942, in Ewart, MI. She attended grade school in Ewart, high school in Edmore, MI, and continued her education at Marion Wesleyan College in IN, then Central College in Mt. Pleasant to attain a teaching degree in Home Economics.

Jean was united in marriage with Charles Lee Chaffin on April 2, 1966, in Fairfield, CA. As a pastor's wife, she moved around, living in Colorado, North and South Dakota, then finally settled in Minnesota.

She loved teaching. She taught in a multitude of places including on the Red Lake Reservation, Sunshine Bible Academy in SD, Pillager, Staples and Bertha. Along with subbing in multiple places. She enjoyed gardening,

cooking, sewing and playing games.

Locally, Jean had been a member at the Hewitt Church of the Nazarene and later at the New Life Church of God in Bertha. Jean's spiritual life was strongly impacted by her Grandma & Grandpa Mowat of rural Ewart. She came to faith in Christ while kneeling at her mother's bedside when she was 9 years old.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Merrell Sowles and Elizabeth Sowles Ralph; and siblings Ruth Gray and Glen Sowles.

Left with loving memories are her husband, Charles, of Eagle Bend; sons, Kenneth (Lela) Chaffin of Winona, MN, David (Carolyn) Chaffin of Bertha, MN, and Jeffery (Kelly) Chaffin of Spearfish, SD; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; along with her brother Dale Sowles.

Honorary pallbearers will be grandchildren, Rachel Chaffin, Haley Klopp, Aaron Chaffin, Callan Vaneps, Michael Chaffin, and Nathaniel Chaffin.

Burial will be in Moran Methodist Cemetery, Germania Township, MN.

Cemetery Details

Moran - Germania Cemetery

22477 430th St. & 225th Ave.
Staples, MN 56479

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

AUG 9. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

New Life Church of God
401 Main St. - West
Bertha, MN 56437

Service

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ I was saddened to read of Jean's passing. She was one of the most truly unselfish and caring persons I have ever known. I first met Jean in the early 1970's when we both taught what was then "home economics" courses at Staples High School. We both had young children at that time. I know Jean loved her family with an intensity to be admired. and always spoke lovingly of them. Jean's family moved and I lost track of her but know that her husband's ministry-called them to several states. Jean and her husband raised their sons--I know Jean reared them knowing God's love and the love of family.

I last saw Jean about three years ago, briefly and she was so upbeat, and the same smiling, sweet person I remembered from decades before. I didn't know that would be the last visit; I know that Heaven is blessed with another Angel, because Jean was surely one of God's finest during her too short time on earth. Rest in peace Jean, You will be missed!

Coralie DeWald - August 15, 2019 at 04:43 PM

CD

“ Coralie DeWald lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin



Coralie DeWald - August 15, 2019 at 04:34 PM

 Jane
Wright

“ Thank you Aunt Jean for always sharing your love , smile, laughter and your faith in God with us. I love how you sang in the car when you were with us. Most of all I love how you prayed with so much care and faith. You are loved and will be missed.love Jane
SOWLES wright

Jane Wright - August 10, 2019 at 07:09 AM

SJ

“ We will deeply miss this dear cousin. Jean had such a quiet, sweet spirit. Her love for God and her family were priorities in her life. She always made us feel very special, taking time to find out about us. Our prayers are with you all.
Dave & Shirley Jewell

Shirley Jewell - August 08, 2019 at 09:31 PM

KO

“ Wonderful woman with a sweet spirit and I will dearly miss you!! The world needs more people like you in it!!!

Krista Odell - August 08, 2019 at 05:34 PM

WV

“ To a wonderful lovely lady we became to know. Your inspiration will always be with us. Wayne & Marilyn voge

wayne voge - August 08, 2019 at 10:18 AM

LM

“ Jean was my favorite cousin and we shared many childhood experiences. One of of which was making hollyhock dolls and floating them in a old galvanized tub at grandma Clarks. Though we were separated in our young adult years we reunited about 10 years ago and picked up where we left off....love was the common denominator. I miss her so much but send love to her as she rests in peace.



Linda Moore - August 08, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jean Chaffin.



August 08, 2019 at 07:39 AM

SB

“ Prayers for the family in this time and gratitude for her testimony which lives on.
Sam Burch

Sam Burch - August 08, 2019 at 12:18 AM

MS

“ We wish we could come to the service but are unable to make it. She was a wonderful example of a loving Christian woman to her husband and to others. She will be missed.



Mark & Christina Shuey - August 07, 2019 at 07:29 PM

LH

“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin*



Leo Haisman - August 07, 2019 at 04:37 PM

RG

“ *Roland & Ginger Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin*



Roland & Ginger Gilbert - August 07, 2019 at 03:08 PM

TF

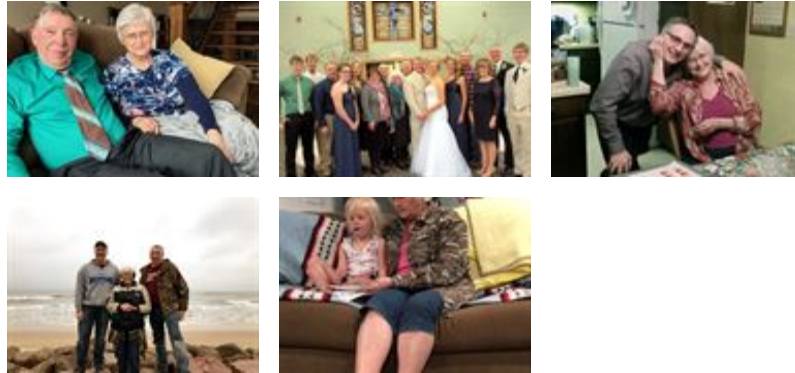
“ *The Earl Mowat Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jean Chaffin.*



The Earl Mowat Family - August 07, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 07, 2019 at 11:20 AM

RA

“ Rita E Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin



Rita E Anderson - August 07, 2019 at 09:28 AM

NK

“ Nancy Kimber lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin



Nancy Kimber - August 07, 2019 at 08:00 AM

LH

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family of Jean...she will certainly be missed by all who knew her! Love, Darrell & Lisa Hoemberg



Lisa Hoemberg - August 07, 2019 at 07:51 AM

LH

“ Lisa Hoemberg lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin



Lisa Hoemberg - August 07, 2019 at 07:47 AM

DK

“ Although it has been a long time since we have been in personal contact, I always remember what a sweet and Godly woman Jean was, and count it a privilege to have known her and Chuck. They were always pleasant to be around, and I always sensed God's beautiful presence in both of their lives. Our prayers are with all of you as you grieve your loss and rejoice in heaven's gain! With love, Doran and Becki Kelvington

Doran Kelvington - August 07, 2019 at 01:16 AM

LG

“ *What wonderful memories we have of sharing times with Jean and Chuck. Her love for the Lord, family and friends was shown in many ways. We are thankful for the times she opened her home and hospitality on some of our travels to MN and we were lucky enough to have them at our home too. Our love and sympathy to all. God Bless.*

Lionel & Rae Ann Gilbertson - August 06, 2019 at 09:26 PM

DO

“ *Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin*



Doug and Joan Ostlund - August 06, 2019 at 09:21 PM

FT

“ *Jean Chaffin was one of the most loving gentle soul I ever met. I remember our days at the Nazarene Bible college and how supporting she was of Chuck as he prepared for his calling from the Lord. She and Chuck had me over several times for a meal. You will be missed by all those who know and love you. Now you are at peace with the Lord and your days of pain is over.*

Frank Tiller - August 06, 2019 at 05:15 PM

IB

“ *I have many fond memories of knowing Jean when I lived in Bertha. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. Irene Baron*



Irene Baron - August 06, 2019 at 04:53 PM

DV

“ Dorothy Voge lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin



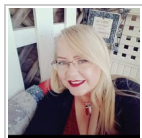
Dorothy Voge - August 06, 2019 at 04:17 PM

GD

“ Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin



Gene & Mary Denny - August 06, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ Jean was a gentle soul who always made time to say hello and had a genuine smile with her greeting. Will be greatly missed! Sincere sympathies!

Lori Ostrowski - August 06, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jean Chaffin.



August 06, 2019 at 02:35 PM

WS

“ *Wilferd & Shirley lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin*



Wilferd & Shirley - August 06, 2019 at 02:26 PM

DO

“ *Dale & Denise Olson lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin*



Dale & Denise Olson - August 06, 2019 at 01:19 PM

LI

“ *Jean will always be a wonderful example of a Godly woman who was not shaken no matter what happened in life. Her memory will be held near and dear to our hearts. Mike, Liz & Edith Quance*

Liz - August 06, 2019 at 01:17 PM

BS

“ *Becky & Larry Shultz lit a candle in memory of Jean Chaffin*



Becky & Larry Shultz - August 06, 2019 at 11:07 AM