



# Jean Ann Gummow

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**L**a Crosse, WI, formerly of Racine – Jean Ann Gummow, age 80, went home to her heavenly Father, on February 13, 2024, at Eagle Crest South Assisted Living in La Crosse.

Jean was born in Janesville, WI to Hollis Wilson and N. Maye (nee Fuller) Hedgecock on January 26, 1944. She earned her bachelor's degree at Sioux Falls University in South Dakota and master's degree at the Dominican College of Racine, both in education. Jean was united in marriage to Rodney Gordon Gummow on February 10, 1973, in Racine, WI. They were married for 40 years until he preceded her in death on September 23, 2013.

Jean was a faithful member of Living Faith Lutheran Church, formerly Atonement Lutheran Church in Racine. She was a dedicated educator with Racine Unified School District where she had a positive and lasting impact on the many students that she taught at Knapp and Johnson Elementary schools throughout her career. She also worked part-time at Kohls Department Store for over 20 years. Jean was a member of numerous organizations including Racine Education Association, Wisconsin Retired Educators' Association, Adventures in Lifelong Learning at UW-Parkside, and American Association of University Women. She enjoyed being a troop leader of Girl Scout Troop #103 based out of Jefferson Lighthouse Elementary School. Jean also generously gave of her time with charitable organizations such as the Susan G. Komen Foundation and other local charities.

Jean will be lovingly remembered by her son, Justin (Sarah) Gummow; daughter, Ann (Jake) Patty; stepchildren: Craig (Kathy) Gummow, Susan Trotter, and Cindy (Tom) MacKinney; grandchildren: Jessa, Julia, Micah, Mina, Paxton and Everly; and nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Jean was also preceded in death by her parents, Hollis and N Maye Hedgecock; and siblings, Elizabeth Verlena Faegre, Barbara Faye (Donald) Bartle, Judith Maye (George) Graves, George Houston (Jeannie) Hedgecock, and John Hollis (Michelle) Hedgecock.



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A celebration of Jean's life will be held at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, Racine, WI 53405, on Saturday, February 24, 2024, with public visitation beginning at 2:00 PM until the memorial service starting at 3:00 PM. Pastor Justin Kierzek will officiate. In Lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society have been suggested.


The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at Eagle Crest South Assisted Living and Gundersen Hospice Care for their kind and compassionate care given to Jean and her family.



# Events


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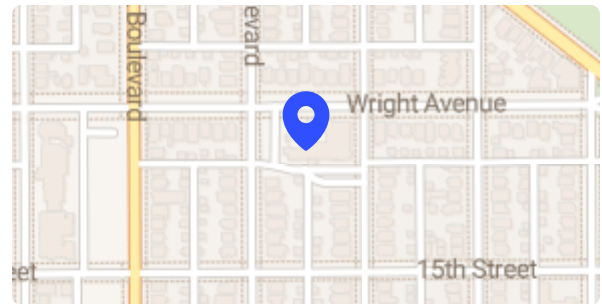
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 24, 2024


 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT

 **Living Faith Lutheran Church**  
2915 Wright Ave, Racine WI

 The public is welcome to attend. In Lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society have been suggested.



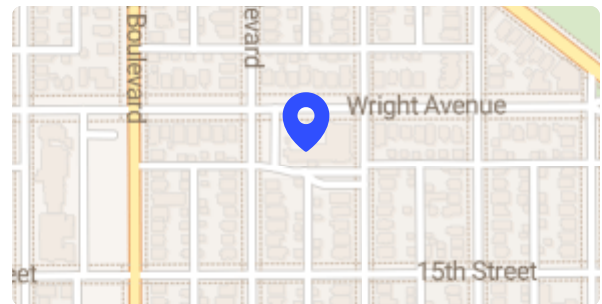
## Memorial Service

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 3:00 PM CT

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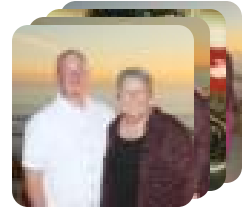
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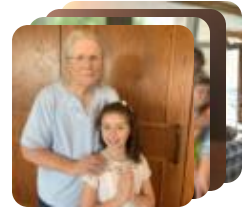
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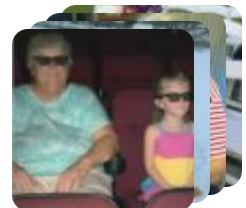
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**Love, Paula, Lou, Heather, Brett, Brynn** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gummow family.

February 20 at 5:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gummow family.

February 20 at 3:06 AM



**Douglas Jones** posted:

Aunt Jean was my favorite Aunt as I was her favorite nephew so the story goes.....!m sure my brother has a different one....lol

February 19 at 5:24 AM



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KR

**Kathy Rasch** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Ms. Gummow's death. She was my second grade teacher at Knapp. It was the year she was married because we called her Miss Hedgecock, then Ms. Gummow. Although I didn't attend the wedding, some of my classmates did and it was a big celebration for all of us. I'm a teacher now and so her lessons live on in me. She made a difference. Thinking of you and remembering her gift of knowledge.

February 19 at 5:15 AM

SR

**Shirley Reynolds** posted:

I worked as a speech/language pathologist at Knapp when Jean was a third grade teacher & we shared many students during the 15 years that we were both there. She was a great advocate for her students, and she spent a lot of time working for teacher rights through the REA. She was always down to earth and had a sense of humor that made working with her a pleasure. My deepest sympathy to her family.

February 18 at 7:51 PM

EW

**Elaine Wendt** posted:

I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I am Norene Charon's sister and I met you mom while visiting the Charons. Such a fine lady.

February 18 at 5:02 PM



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DM

**Dennis Mcgoldrick** posted:

Many condolences to Jean's family. I was fortunate to work with Jean for a few years. she was a dedicated educator who always advocated for her students and fellow staff members. Dennis McGoldrick

February 18 at 4:10 AM

SL

**Sandra Lepisto** February 24 at 7:13 AM

Our hearts hurt with you. Jean was a friend and colleague both at Knapp and SCJ. She was so bright and caring. She leaves a beautiful legacy of all the students and friends she had and most importantly her children and grandchildren. Eugene and Sandra Lepisto

AS

**Audrey Swoops** February 23 at 4:17 AM

Jean was a wonderful neighbor and friend we would be in our backyards pulling flowers and she always tell me when I was pulling a flower instead of weeds then we would sit in the and talk over the fence. I am going to miss those days. RIH my friend. Audrey.

MS

**Margaret Spaulding** February 19 at 3:33 PM

Jean was a wonderful teacher to my oldest nson. I was a room mother for my children at Knapp and remember Jean as a kind teacher and person. Margaret Spaulding

DN

**Dana Nitzsche** February 18 at 1:47 PM

I am holding you, Gummow family, close in my heart. You have my sympathies for your loss. May cherished memories keep your hearts full of love. Warmest hugs, Dana Nitzsche



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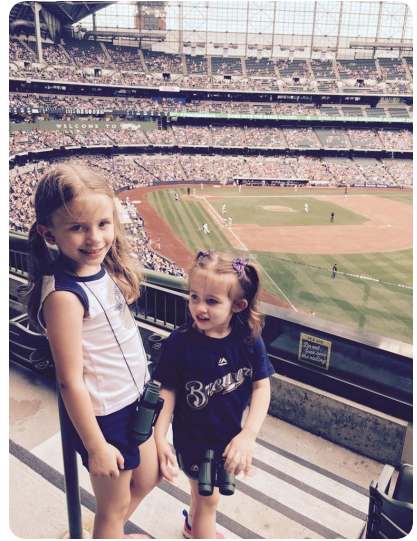
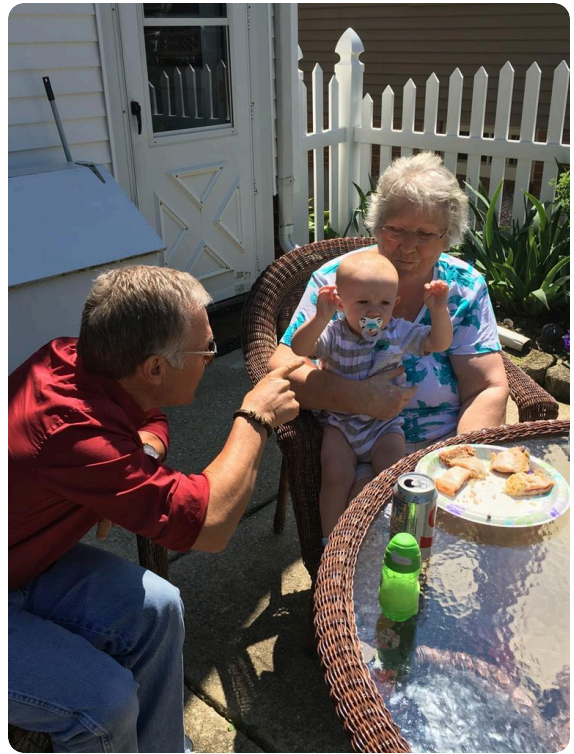
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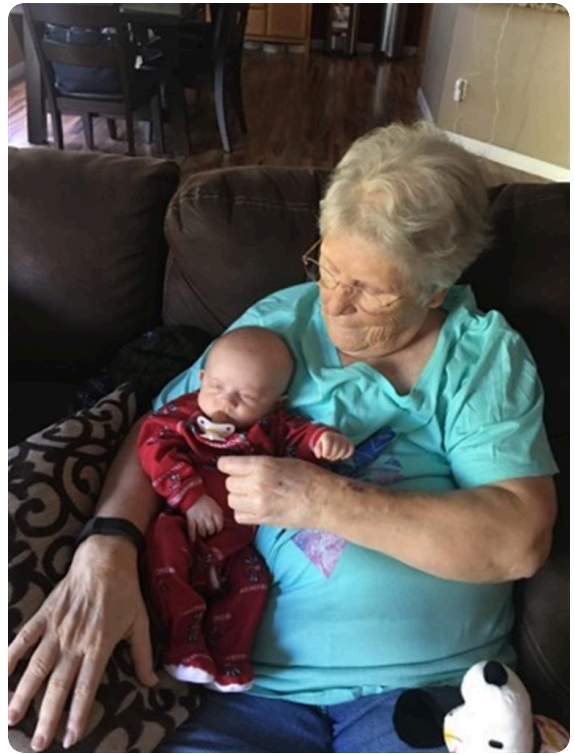
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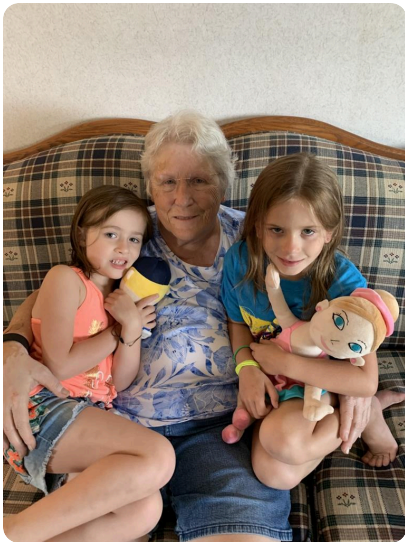
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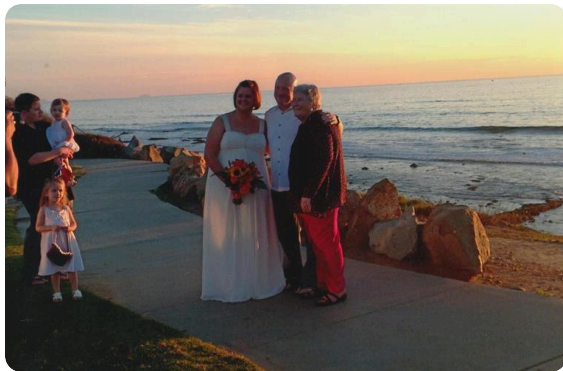
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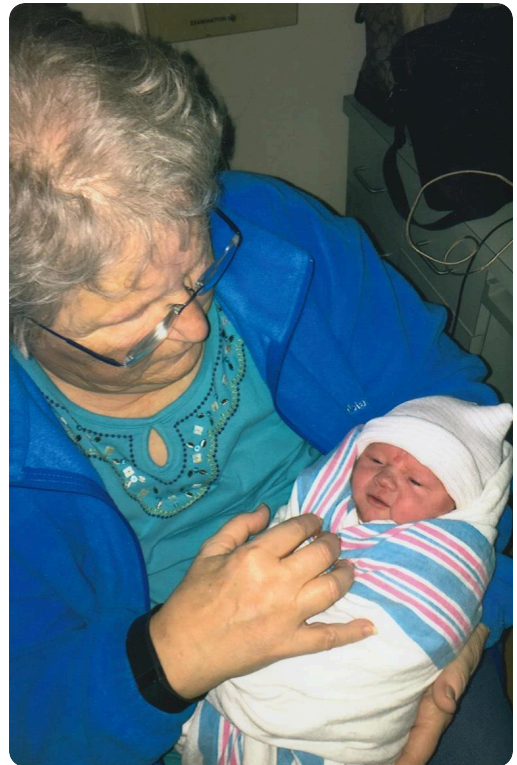
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Join us in honoring Jean by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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