



# Jean A. Bastian

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**J**ean Aloice Bastian, 94, died peacefully on October 10, 2024 as a new day dawned.

She is survived by many dear friends and former students. She is preceded in death by her parents Carl William and Mabel Clare (Willson) Bastian of Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Jean will be remembered for many things but especially for her beloved dogs: Chukker, Lucky, Rosie, Charly, Molly and Buddy who were her loyal companions throughout her life.

Jean also will be remembered as an avid reader often seen walking her dog and reading! She enjoyed her "book-buddy" drop-offs.

Jean enjoyed sports both as a player and a spectator. She waterskied on the St. Clair River. She golfed at Pine Shores and cheered on the LPGA. She played on the M & L Belles softball team and she cheered on ball games. But, her loyalty was always to her alumni team- the Louisville Cardinals. And, of course, the Kentucky Derby was never missed on the first Saturday of May!

Jean was MUSIC! In the 3rd grade, Jean chose the trombone as her instrument. She ultimately obtained a Master's degree in Music Education from the University of Louisville, Kentucky. Jean's first band teacher job was in Clear Spring, Indiana and from there Jean found her way to the East China School District teaching music in Marine City until her retirement. She established the "Marine City Alumni and Friends" scholarship fund for students looking to pursue music education as a career. And, Jean mentored many accomplished musicians from the area.

Jean was a trombonist and she loved playing. She was recruited for an all girls orchestra while in high school and even put together her own swing band – The Gay Notes which played gigs locally in her home town area. Through college, playing trombone earned her enough money to buy a car and support her education. She played in many Blue Water Area groups: Blue Water Brass,



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Sarnia Citizens Band, SCCCC Band and the later the International Symphony Orchestra. Jean also conducted the orchestra for St. Clair, Port Huron and Richmond Theater guilds for many years. And Jean was a co-founder of the East China Community Band and conducted the Double Brass Quintet at Port Huron Music Center.

Opera was Jean's joy! She would travel to Detroit or New York City or to the Krafft 9 in Port Huron to see live MET performances and she hardly ever missed a "Live at Lincoln Center" broadcast on Saturday afternoons on the radio.

Jean gives special thanks to her "keep-hers", Blue Water Hospice (Home) and Coughlin Cares for helping her help herself to stay home, be safe, and be happy.

Jean was steadfast in her faith. Memorials can be made to Grace Episcopal Church, 1213 Sixth St., Port Huron, MI 48060.

Service and reception will be held on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church. You are invited to bring your instrument as we plan to give Jean a musical send off!

Cremation arrangements entrusted to L.C. Friederichs & Son Funeral Home, St. Clair. To send a message of condolence or to share a memory please visit: [www.lcfandson.com](http://www.lcfandson.com)



# Events


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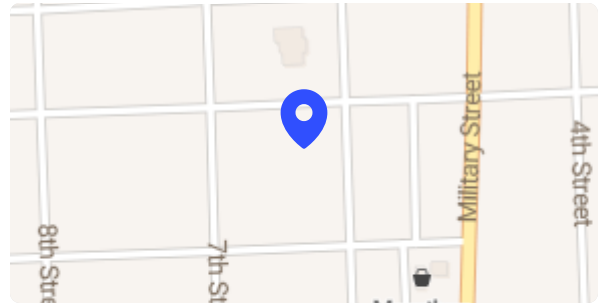
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## Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, November 1, 2024

 11:00 AM ET

 **Grace Episcopal Church**  
1213 Sixth St., Port Huron MI 48060



## Cemetery Details

 Cremation



# Tribute Wall

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**Mj** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You were and always will be my Anam Cara.

January 26 at 4:04 AM



**Lou Anne Totzke Kaufman** posted:

I had the honor of having Jean for band in junior high and then high school. She was a remarkable teacher & has left a lifetime of memories for me. She will be greatly missed, both by myself, and the entire community.

October 31 at 3:21 PM



**Karen Klink** posted:

Miss Bastian I was Blessed to have you as my fifth grade music teacher and will always remember how you talked my father out of me playing the trombone and told my mother and father that you would suggest I play the flute because of my small stature. 😊😊 I have so many fond memories of my years learning flute then oboe and continued through St. Clair High with Don Weber. You will always have a place in my heart!! I wish I were playing for your sendoff. . . There is no better way to say Thanks to you 😊😊😊

October 29 at 9:23 AM



**The Defever & Kochheiser Families** sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Bastian family.



October 27 at 10:14 AM



**Amy Bowden Marland** posted:

Ms Bastian fills my memories of Junior High and High School in Marine City! (both band and choir) She lived near my grandpa in St.Clair and I would walk to her house to visit her. She was a great mentor, teacher, and friend!

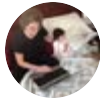
October 25 at 11:54 PM



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**Ruth Zeiner** posted:

Jean, you made high school band a place to belong and grow. I owe my career in the piano world to your teaching me harmonics. I'm grateful we reconnected much later and I thank you for helping me connect to classmates who mean so much. I share the admiration for you that everyone is expressing.

October 24 at 5:31 PM



**David And Donna Schwartz** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jean.



October 20 at 4:24 PM



**Donna Schwartz** posted:

I had the honor of being Jean's oldest and last trombone student. My lessons grew longer and longer - partially because I was a beginning student and also because they developed into deep discussions and a wonderful friendship. We solved the problems of the world in our two hours together. I am forever grateful to her for the East China Community Band, and the friendships made there. And most especially grateful for her saying "yes" to directing the Double Brass Quintet. We made beautiful music.

October 20 at 3:58 PM



**Karen Klink** October 29 at 10:55 AM

I love your comment Marsha Bennett



**Marsha A Bennett** October 22 at 6:50 AM

Jean was a stalwart in the community. Franklin and I simply adored her. She was an angel walking on earth before leaving us all heartbroken. She was a gift to us all. She was a member of st Paul's Episcopal Church in st clair when Franklin was the priest in charge. We could always count on Jean. A life well lived and remembered by all of us who loved her.



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NM

**Nancy Madtes** posted:

I knew Jean briefly when I taught at the Marine City Junior High School in the 1960s. To help us pass the time after students left, Jean organized the staff into a "band." She made an indelible impression on me and I was privileged to have a few words with her when I moved back to the Blue Water area after some sixty years. God rest you Jean! Nancy Madtes

October 20 at 2:53 AM

LM

**Lois Mccollister** posted:

Jean Bastian was remarkable and caring woman who always had time for her students and friends. Jean's talents were many and her love of music was indescribable. I often would see her walking her "children" whom she loved with all her heart. She loved life and gave it her all. My heart aches to hear of her passing. Heaven received a very special angel last week, rest in peace Jean. Lois VanSlambrouck McCollister

October 18 at 4:23 PM

LH

**Laura H.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jean.



October 18 at 1:03 PM

RC

**Robert Roberto Curtis** posted:

Ms. Bastion instilled in me an appreciation for classical music. She taught a Music Appreciation Class at MCHS in 1969 for Mike Eagen, Scott, and me. We were athletes with no musical skill and no interest in music beyond the popular radio tunes. It might have been easier to teach us Russian. Yet she had us listening to Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Grieg, and more. At the time, I didn't appreciate her efforts. Yet decades later, because of her teaching, I have taken an active interest in Classical Music and Opera. I recently was thinking how thankful I am that she planted the seed that eventually, after decades, bloomed into a true interest in what she taught us. Thank you Ms. Bastion!

October 18 at 11:50 AM



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RC

**Robert Coffey** posted:

My wife, Mary, spent many happy hours with Jean in their musical activities. Bob Coffey

October 17 at 3:00 PM

LZ

**Lynn (Horn) Zyrowski** October 18 at 8:53 AM

Jean was an excellent teacher. I can still hear her keys jiggling on her hip while she directed the band. She made us band geeks look cool. God speed her to heaven. Lynn (Horn) Zyrowski

DS

**Dave Scheel** posted:

I had the privilege of working with Jean for many years at Marine City High. She was an outstanding music director and very dedicated to her students and music after retirement. RIP and God Speed 🙏



October 17 at 10:16 AM

ST

**Sue Taylor** posted:

So many great times and a wee glass shared with a great gal. Happy trails, Jean.

October 16 at 2:12 PM



## Media

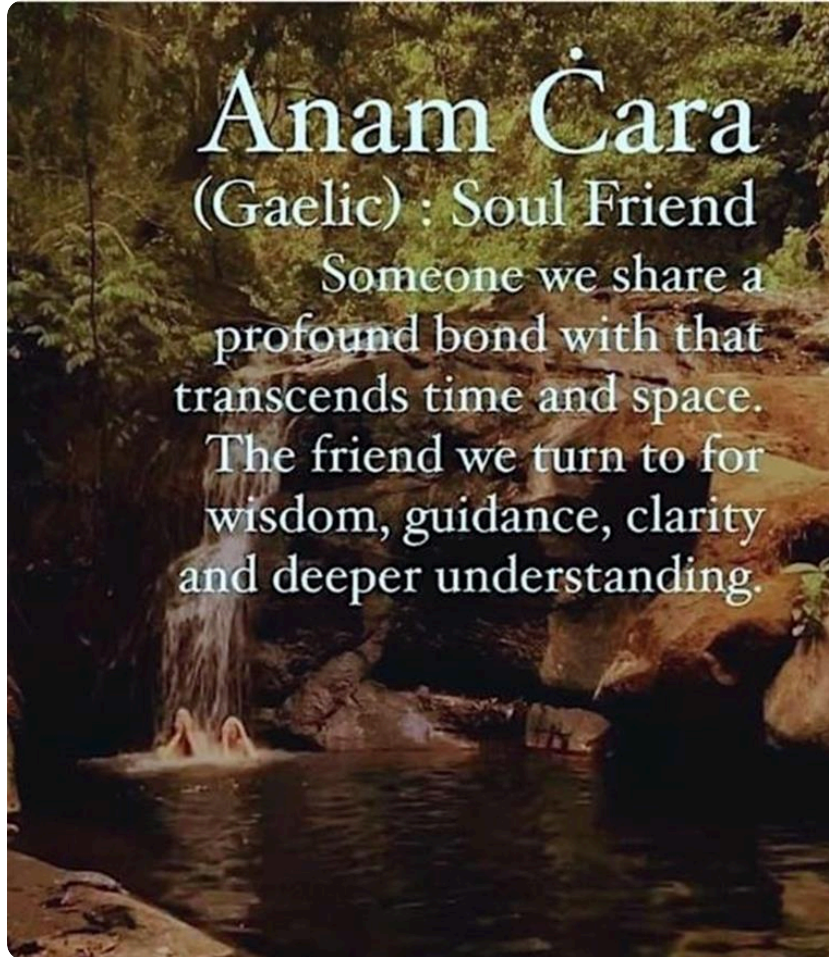
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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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