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Jean Broadwell Obituary

Jean M. Broadwell (nee Murray), 89, of Oberlin, died March 31, 2021 at her home after a 6 month illness. She was born May 28, 1931 in Oberlin where she has been a life long resident. Jean was a 1949 graduate of Oberlin High School, attended Miami of Ohio and received a Bachelor Degree in Education from Ashland College in 1954. For 28 years, she was an elementary school teacher in the Oberlin City Schools, retiring in 1988, as well as substituting for 10 years. She was named as a Cleveland Jennings Scholar. Jean was a member of ZTA Sorority, Christ Episcopal Church in Oberlin and Oberlin Heritage Center. She was a volunteer for the Literary Book Group Sorosis, Oberlin Heritage Center and Mercy Health-Allen Hospital, Oberlin. Other interests included, reading and daily walks. Many people saw Jean out and about walking and enjoyed talking with her as she covered many miles around Oberlin. Her brisk pace amazed those who saw her and showed her pleasure in being out and enjoying the sights of her hometown. Jean is survived by her husband of 65 years, Howard C.; children, Scott (Ellen) Broadwell, Oberlin; Julie Broadwell, Bowling Green, OH; and Anne (Robert) Smith, Findlay, OH; grandchildren, Carrie Broadwell (Caleb) Tkach, Lafayette, CO; Steve Broadwell, Glen Ellyn Il; Greg (Ashley) Smith, Hilliard, OH; Ally (Andrew) Zahler, Hilliard, OH; Zane (Krystle) Polack and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Mildred Murray. Interment will be at the Chapel Grove at Christ Episcopal Church and memorial service to be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy New Life Hospice, 3500 Kolbe Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053, Oberlin Public Library, Oberlin City Schools or a charity of choice.

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RH

Richard Herman posted:

The morning paper comes and there's one page I hold of till last because I'm afraid of what it might say to me. But I can't escape those words that mean this beautiful person is no longer with us. I have so many holes in my heart since - at our age, time is not on our side. I so wanted to arrive at Jean's doorstep again - after a long delay, to renew those sweet memories of High School, those Class Reunions and parties where Sylvia and I enjoyed the gathering. We will forever miss you Jean.

April 20 at 8:00 PM

FG

Fran Geiger posted:

Sincere Condolences to the entire Broadwell Family.

April 6 at 8:00 PM

JK

Jody Kannen posted:

Sending our condolences to you Howard, Scott, Ellen, and all the Broadwell Family, from the entire Stetson Family. One of the best things Bill and I have experienced since moving back to Oberlin, has been the opportunity to see and visit with people as they walk by our house on College Street. Jean and indeed, Howard, have been at the top of the list. They each have had their own routine, and speed, but they both get out there. My mother and sister, while sitting on their front porch, have also appreciated the lift it gives them to see and greet Jean and Howard as they walk past, and especially since mom has known Jean for her whole life. People like Jean make Oberlin a very special place. We'll miss her and her vim and vigor. Sincerely, Jody and Bill Kannen

April 2 at 8:00 PM

LG

Lee Gilbert posted:

Growing up Mrs. Broadwell was always one of the moms. As an adult I enjoyed her company. My condolences and love go out to Howard, Scott, Julie, Anne and the rest of the family.

April 2 at 8:00 PM



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The Drummond Family posted:

Two generations of our family were blessed to know Jean Broadwell over a span of 60 years. She earned our friendship with her infectious smile and caring personality, as well as our admiration for her remarkable contributions to the Oberlin community.

April 2 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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