



Jean E. Polnow

September 1, 1940 - March 28, 2026

Jean Polnow

Born Jean Ellen to Fred and Violet Bear on September 1, 1940 in Minneapolis, MN.

Graduated from North Phoenix High School, Phoenix, AZ in 1958, attended Phoenix College, met and married Harold (Hal) Polnow at Augustana Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ on May 12, 1961.

Moved to Elgin, IL where she worked at David C. Cook Publishing Co. Moved to Marengo, IL, in 1963 where she worked at Marengo Federal Savings & Loan, law firm of Pollock, Meyers & Eicksteadt, 23 years at Warner Electric and retired from McHenry County Assessment office.

She enjoyed traveling, trips to Arizona and Door County, fishing, reading, playing cards and word search puzzles.

Survivors include husband of 64 years Harold "Hal"; son, Mark of Huntley, IL; daughter, Kristine of Mesa, AZ; son, William of Rolling Meadows, IL; sister, Marilyn Pylant of Tempe, AZ; brother, Gary Bear of Scottsdale, AZ; sister-in-law, Elaine Fiepke of Marengo, IL.; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded by her parents; and brothers-in-law, Irvin Fiepke, and Buddy

Pylant.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 13th at Zion Lutheran Church, 412 Jackson St., Marengo IL, From 9:00 am until the Service at 11:00 am. Burial will follow in the Mchenry County Memorial Park.

Memorials appreciated to Zion Lutheran Church and the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

McHenry County Memorial Park

11301 Lake Ave
Woodstock, IL 60098

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
412 Jackson Street
Marengo, IL 60152

Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

APR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McHenry County Memorial Park
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Tribute Wall



“ Fredrick Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean E. Polnow



Fredrick Funeral Home - April 26 at 10:40 AM

PM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Jean and Hal’s passing. I worked with Jean at PM&E, and during that time I helped Hal by gathering signatures on his behalf. It was a simple thing, but it clearly meant a great deal to them. Years later, they began sending me chocolate-covered cherries every year as a thank you at Christmas—an incredibly thoughtful gesture I never forgot. Their kindness and appreciation left a lasting impression on me, and I will always remember them with a smile. May they rest in peace together. With love and gratitude for crossing paths with them, Paula Marks

Paula Marks - April 16 at 02:57 PM

DA

“ Please accept my condolences for your loss. I worked with Jean for very many years in Marengo. She was always kind and helpful to me and everyone else. She will be remembered for all she did to help Marengo be successful. Due to an illness, I will not be able to attend the services, but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Don Alfano

Don Alfano - April 04 at 12:36 PM



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