



Jean Marie Burns

April 30, 1944 - October 17, 2018

Jean Marie Burns of Saline, MI passed away peacefully after a prolonged illness on Thursday, October 17, 2018, at 74 years of age. Jean was born on April 30, 1944, in Port Glasgow, Scotland. She emigrated to the U.S. at 4 years of age with her family and cried when she observed cargo being removed by nets to the dock from her ship, fearing that was how she was going to be unloaded. Her parents settled in the Dearborn Heights area and Jean went on to obtain her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Michigan. She became a teacher initially at the University of Michigan's Neuropsychiatric Hospital, where she taught inpatient adolescents. Jean subsequently was hired as a special education teacher and a counselor by the Ypsilanti Public Schools, where she worked with generations of students at the East and West Middle Schools. She is survived by her life partner of 43 years, George Jabol, her brother James Burns and by her nephews Keith and Brian Burns. Jean and George enjoyed many years of domestic and international travel together and were fond owners of 7 amazing cats (Tiz, Tizzie, Tunky, Shadow, Katrinka, BC and Peanut). Jean will be remembered for her intelligence, for her excellent practical skills including cooking, sewing and house wiring and for her fairness and compassion. She had the gentle ability to love without hurting and the grace and wisdom to place the needs of others often ahead of her own. A gathering of friends and family will take place on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 1:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at the home of George and Jean, 9186 Whispering Pines Dr., Saline, MI 48176. To sign Jean's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions, please visit <http://www.rbfhsaline.com>.

Events

OCT **Celebration of Life Gathering** 01:00PM - 09:00PM

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Jabol Home

9186 Whispering Pines Drive, Saline, MI, US, 48176

Comments



“ I really enjoyed working with Jean for several years at West Middle; she was terrific with the kids and liked and respected by the staff. We will be out of town Sunday, but our thoughts will be with the gathering.

Bob Wilkinson - October 22, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ As a fellow teacher with Jean at the Adolescent NPI School for many years, I got to know Jean well. She was an excellent teacher who taught the students with respect & love. We were part of a treatment team that included psychiatrists, nurses, ward workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists. Being part of this team was very rewarding to Jean & the rest of us. Many adolescents benefited from being taught by Jean.
Carole Rycus

Carole Rycus - October 21, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ Jean was a beautiful soul and a wonderful neighbor, willing to help whenever needed. Her domestic skills were to be envied and cooking skills to be admired.. She will be missed.

Kathy Eisele - October 21, 2018 at 10:05 AM