



Jean Shirley Brendel

September 2, 1926 - October 11, 2021

Jean Shirley Brendel (Orr) entered eternal life on October 11, 2021, where she passed peacefully in her home of 73 years at the age of 95.

Born September 2, 1926 in Rose Center, eldest daughter of 3 to Allen and Helen Orr. Jean was a hard worker from an early age, helping to run the family farm from picking potatoes to running the team of horses that pulled the hay wagons. She graduated from the Goodrich Rural Agricultural School in 1943, at the age of 16. After high school, Jean supported the war effort working for Bell South as an operator and at Pontiac Motors building war ammunition alongside many other women.

Jean married William Carl Brendel of White Lake in 1945. They purchased their home in White Lake where they raised three daughters, Heather, Wendy and Shana, and farmed for more than 50 years. After her husband, William (Bill) Brendel passed in 1972, Jean continued to run the family farm for over 20 years on her own. She not only managed the beef business but also grew corn and wheat plus harvested hay and maintained the farm equipment. Her strength and integrity is recognized by all who knew her.

Jean enjoyed both flower and vegetable gardening plus interior decorating for which she was featured in the Oakland Press' Homescape section in the August 26, 1972.

Jean was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend that will be missed. We are incredibly blessed to have the joy of Jean in our lives for so many years, and will treasure the love, memories and the invaluable lessons and teaching she gave so generously. Jean will be in our hearts and memories which we will hold dear as we celebrate her incredible life and rejoice knowing that she is at peace in Heaven..

Jean is survived by daughters Wendy (Lew) Fadale and Shana Brendel; grandchildren Autumn Langley (Wendy), Taylor and Brock Morris (Shana) and Emily and Will Wachholz (Heather), as well as many loving nieces, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband William Brendel and daughter Heather Brendel-Wachholz. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

White Lake Cemetery

McKeachie Rd. and White Lake Rd.
White Lake, MI 48383

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral service Jean Brendel*



Bruce Dryer - October 18, 2021 at 11:11 AM

PR

“ *Pete And Gretchen Rans lit a candle in memory of Jean Shirley Brendel*



Pete and Gretchen Rans - October 16, 2021 at 02:34 PM

LT

“ *Love, Ed, Jen, Ava, Jake & Theresa purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jean Shirley Brendel.*



Love, Ed, Jen, Ava, Jake & Theresa - October 15, 2021 at 11:34 AM

ES

“ *Elaine Smith lit a candle in memory of Jean Shirley Brendel*



elaine smith - October 13, 2021 at 07:00 PM