



## Sister Jeanne A. Jarvis

November 3, 1921 - May 21, 2020

Sister Jeanne Jarvis

“LIFE loved her. She loved LIFE.”

Sister Jeanne (formerly Sister Jude), OSF, age 98, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross, died on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

The former Agnes Jeanne Jarvis was born in Crystal Falls, Michigan, on November 3, 1921. She was adopted and raised by Edward, Sr., and Malvina Jarvis, because of the early death of her immigrant mother, Mary Szeroki and her grieving father, Martin Szeroki.

At a young age, Jeanne entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross where she served in many different positions in the Diocese of Green Bay and also in Milwaukee and Madison Dioceses: St. Joseph, Madison; Crippled Children’s Home, Champion; Green Bay Diocesan Offices for 13 years; St. Bernard, Green Bay; St. Mary, De Pere; St. John the Baptist, Howard; Literacy through the Diocese and Literacy-Green Bay (29 years); Our Lady of Lourdes, Milwaukee; Christo Redentor Parroquia, Nicaragua. She owes preparation for all of this to St. Norbert College, Theological Institute, Marquette University, and College of St. Teresa, Winona, MN.

Jeanne welcomed all the seasons of her life with gusto: both those of “nature” and those of “growing up”. She was a wicked card player. She loved her Sisters, enjoyed visiting family, taught all grade levels, played the organ in parishes where she ministered, and enjoyed biking and cross-country skiing. Jeanne’s source of energy flowed from her prayer as a family, from the people

themselves, holy hours before the Blessed Sacrament, faithful priests, encouragement from her Sisters, and guidance through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sister Jeanne's favorite earth hero was Pierre de Chardin. The Jesuit Retreat Center was her favorite place of quiet. Her favorite prayer was "Abba: Father; Jesus: Brother, Savior; Holy Spirit: Other, Love. Her final message to everyone: "I love you all; you helped me love LIFE!"

Survivors include the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross and Associates; a special niece, Sandi Campbell and family; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Preceding her in death were her adoptive parents, Edward, Sr. and Malvina Jarvis; her brother, Edward Jarvis, Jr and his wife, Alice; birth parents, Martine and Mary Szeroki; siblings: Bud Johndrow, Charles Szeroki, James Varney, Colleen Dooley, Veronica Whitcomb, Neil Johndrow, and Josephine Plourde. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, a Funeral Service will be live streamed on the Hansen Family Funeral & Cremation Services Tribute Page for Sister Jeanne Jarvis at [www.hansenfuneralservice.com](http://www.hansenfuneralservice.com) beginning on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. Burial will be in the Convent Cemetery. A Memorial Mass for Sister Jeanne will be offered at a later date.

The Sisters of St. Francis and the family of Sister Jeanne Jarvis wish to express their gratitude to the nursing staff at St. Francis Convent and Unity Hospice for their loving care and support.

# Cemetery Details

**Holy Cross Cemetery**

Green Bay, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hansen Family Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Sister Jeanne A. Jarvis*



**Hansen Family Funeral & Cremation Services** - May 22, 2020 at 04:43 PM

MO

*I will miss you Sister JEAN ....you will always be in my heart .  
Rest in peace*

**Martha Osorio** - May 26, 2020 at 04:30 PM

DJ

*It won't let me watch the video. Says "warning cannot play video" 🙄  
am I the only one having this problem?*

**Deserai Jarvis** - May 26, 2020 at 04:31 PM

DJ

*Rest in peace Aunt Jeanne. I love you*

**Deserai Jarvis** - May 26, 2020 at 04:33 PM

JO

*I am having problems too. Nothing is on the screen*

**Joanne Goessl OSF** - May 26, 2020 at 04:34 PM

SL

*We could see the practice, but it froze at 3:00.  
Sr. Ruth Ann*

**Sister Ruth Ann LaBine** - May 26, 2020 at 04:36 PM

CJ

*I just called the funeral home. They said the WIFI went down at the Convent so they will be uploading the video after the service. It takes about 1 hour to upload. Hopefully it'll be up around 5/5:30.*

**Chelsea Johnson** - May 26, 2020 at 04:39 PM

SD

*I couldn't get it either.*

**Sister Donna** - May 26, 2020 at 04:41 PM

KS

*Is this a sign from Sister Jeanne? I hope you are peace now. You will be missed.*

**Karen Shipley** - May 26, 2020 at 04:44 PM

DD

*Very disappointing not to be able to say goodbye to her in person or on video. But I do remember saying goodbye to her the last time. The hello's were always the best until we meet again love you Jeanne*

**Donna Doffinf** - May 26, 2020 at 08:34 PM

RB

*Friends -- The memorial service is available as of 6:30 pm May 28. It starts at 22 minutes into the video. Thank you, Renae Bauer, communications director for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross*

**Renae Bauer** - May 28, 2020 at 07:46 PM

FD

*Sr. Jeanne, you have been a gift to me many times during my life and I leave you a final message - the same as Sr. Ann - pray me home and all of us.. Also, thank you for your gift of time, sharing and love. Your eyes showed me the path of God;*

**Fr. John Van Deuren** - June 01, 2020 at 11:15 AM

MO

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**Martha osorio** - June 02, 2020 at 12:30 PM

PH

“ From our last conversation...  
"If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate.  
Give in to it...  
whatever it is,  
don't be afraid of its plenty.  
Joy is not made to be a crumb." ~ Mary Oliver  
Thank you Sister Jeanne Jarvis

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**Patti Hovde** - May 27, 2020 at 12:38 PM

MO

“ Martha Osorio lit a candle in memory of Sister  
Jeanne A. Jarvis



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**Martha osorio** - May 26, 2020 at 08:47 PM

MO

GOD rest his soul.  
Rest in peace .  
AMEN

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**Martha osorio** - May 26, 2020 at 08:54 PM

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**Martha osorio** - May 26, 2020 at 08:21 PM

MO

*I will always remember that Sister Jean liked The Jet chocolate from Colombia .*

*I will miss you ....I love you*

*thanks for everything*

*Rest in peace*

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**Martha osorio** - May 26, 2020 at 08:26 PM

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**Martha osorio** - May 26, 2020 at 07:30 PM

MO

*I will always carry Sister Jean in my heart. Sister Jean shared with me joys, sorrows and my achievements as a student who came from her . Thanks GOD for letting me share with her .*

*God have you in his glory and rest in peace .*

*Her student  
Martha Osorio*

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**Martha osorio** - May 26, 2020 at 07:37 PM

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**Martha osorio** - May 26, 2020 at 06:14 PM

MO

*Sister Jean ,I will miss you . Thanks you for each day that you shared with me and my family.  
thanks GOD for letting me enjoy and share with her ,will always be in my hearts*

*your student  
Martha osorio*

*I LOVE YOU  
Rest in peace*

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**Martha osorio** - May 26, 2020 at 06:26 PM

KA

“ I got to know and love Sr. Jeanne during her nearly 30 years as a tutor for Literacy Green Bay. She wasn't yet officially "retired" from teaching when she became a tutor for us. Monday through Friday from 9 am to 2 pm, you could find her occupying a table and chair tutoring one of her many students. To Dimas, Adriana, Maria, Elena, Martha, Salvador, Abraham, Chue, Jose, Silvia, and so many others: She was their teacher, their friend, their advocate, their family.

I have many fond memories of both her and Sr. Carlotta. A favorite was traveling to and staying overnight in Madison with both of them where they received an award from Wisconsin Literacy as Outstanding Tutors, and listening to the stories they shared of the different schools they had taught at and places where they had lived. Another would be seeing Sr. Jeanne's face light up when her students brought her flowers or candy on her birthday or in one particular case, chocolate covered ants from Columbia. One student would bring his guitar and play hymns and sing in Spanish with her. I am very humbled to have known both of them and am comforted to know that they are together again with their Lord. Rest in Peace Sr. Jeanne.

Kathy Cornell

Formerly Adult Tutoring Manager and Executive Director at Literacy Green Bay

1991-2018



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Kathy - May 26, 2020 at 05:14 PM

BP

“ I was a student at St. Joseph's School in Marinette. I believe that was Sr. Jeanne's first teaching assignment. (At that time she went by the name Sr. Jude. In later life she told me she was a mere 18 or 19 years old when she came to us.) She was such a light to all of us and she could play the pipe organ in the choir like an angel. She was so small I swear she had to stand on the foot pedals to operate them. Over the years I have kept in contact with her. She was so full of life, love and compassion. She will be missed by all who have ever met her. Thank you Sister Jeanne for your friendship, your love and your prayers.

*Barbara (Kramer) Pugmire*

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**Barbara Pugmire** - May 26, 2020 at 04:37 PM

KS

“ I will miss you Sr. Jeanne! I will always have my memories of you, and it is comforting knowing you are with your Lord and savior.



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**Karen Shipley** - May 26, 2020 at 04:34 PM

MD

“ *SISTER JEAN ,I will miss you .Thanks you for each day that you shared with me and my family.When my husband and I arrived this country ,Sister JEAN was an ANGEL Who shook hands with us and was always there until the end.Thanks GOD for letting us enjoy and share with Sister Jean.Will always be in our hearts.*



*Rest in peace*

*Thanks for everything Sister Jean.....*

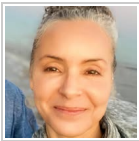
*Your student*

*Martha Osorio*

*Love you*

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**Martha osorio Dussan** - May 26, 2020 at 04:23 PM

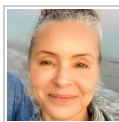


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**Susan Campbell** - May 26, 2020 at 03:57 PM



*Spirit just bursting through her like rays of sunlight!!*

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**Susan Campbell** - May 26, 2020 at 04:17 PM

LA

“ Sr. Jeanne. Those two words embody LIFE! My mother, Loraine Reinhard Dionne, was friends with Sr. Jeanne since young childhood, before she chose a life serving the Lord. She was an incredible light in our world, in my world. Kind, compassionate, filled with the Holy Spirit of Love. When you met Sr. Jeanne, you never forgot her. She touched the very soul of your being and brought out the best in you. She had endless energy since her love of life fueled her joy as she showed us how easy it could be. Simple. Love the Lord. There have been countless times I sought her counsel and her wisdom guided me.

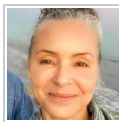
Sr. Jeanne was dedicated to all life forms and I loved her passion for animals and our planet. Being good stewards of the planet Earth was something she spoke to me about often.

After our mother passed, every year in June, my sisters and I came together to visit with Sr. Jeanne and take her to lunch. Our most memorable memory is the year she invited us to the Sisters of St. Francis home, and we were guests for lunch there! Finally, attending Sr. Jeanne's 75th Jubilee, seeing her joy and happiness, enjoying her quick wit and humor, and feeling her love is something I carry in my heart and will be with me for life.

I would say "May she rest in peace", but I don't know that she is resting! She is lighting up the Heavens with laughter, joy, and love. Thank you, Sr. Jeanne.

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**Laurie Dionne Asbeck** - May 26, 2020 at 12:26 PM



Yessssss!! Thank you for sharing your delightful memories!! I imagine her spunky as every and as you said "lighting up the Heavens with laughter, joy, and love"!!!

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**Susan Campbell** - May 26, 2020 at 04:15 PM

MH

“ I worked with Jeanne at St. Bernard Parish in the last 70's and early 80's. I can't begin to tell all that I learned from her. She was encouraging under the most difficult circumstances, always cheerful, and taught those of us who worked with her so much. She started out teaching in Marinette when she was in her late teens and those students who had her have never forgotten her. I have missed her and thought about her often in recent years and glad to know now that she is where she was meant to be...bringing laughter and cheer to Heaven. Love you, Jean.

Mary Lynn Hall - May 25, 2020 at 11:24 AM

JS

“ I directed Sister Jeanne during one of her eight day retreats several years ago. My enduring memory of her are her eyes that sparkled with a deep love of the Lord.  
John L. Treloar, S.J. Jesuit Retreat House

john treloar, s.j. - May 23, 2020 at 05:18 PM

AF

“ You are a light to the world. Bless you, Jeanne.

Agnes Fischer - May 23, 2020 at 03:02 PM

JY

“ Julianne Youngren lit a candle in memory of Sister Jeanne A. Jarvis



Julianne Youngren - May 23, 2020 at 12:37 PM

JY

“ My memories of Aunt Sr. Jeanne are more a feeling. Warm, soft, caring, kind, in and from the heart, as I really only new her as a small child through 2nd grade. Oh yes... we came in contact every several years, at, you know; events.

*My biggest memory, as I've shared many times, is when, in Green Bay, my mother, dropped me off at church one day, by myself. (As I recall.) I sat near the front with many nuns. Having only been in the 1st or 2nd grade, and NOT having taken my 1st communion yet, it was time to go up for communion. Yikes. I was so very shy.... I got up and followed everyone else, down the line and on to communion. I suppose I didn't know that I could just sit back! Anyway, the next day at the Catholic school I attended, here came Sr. Jeanne in that long habit she wore at the time. I remember being out in that school hallway with her for a. very. long. time. I still smile remembering this event.*

*What a true joy she was.*

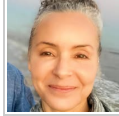
*My heart goes out to her entire family. She will be remembered and missed.*

*Julianne (Jarvis) Youngren*



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Julianne Youngren - May 23, 2020 at 12:37 PM



*Our Sweet Aunt Jeanne! What a vibrant and inspiring light in this world! Kindness and love sprinkled about to everyone in her presence! Remember her infectious smile, her sparkly blue eyes shining with Spirit, her sense of humor and mischievous playfulness, her spunky spirit, her clarity and commitment, her quick and witty mind, her compassion, her sense of fashion, her ability to drive like a pro at 98, her genuine love for life in all the ways it shows up!! I strive to be just like her when I grow up (with my own twist :))! How she lived... Heart wide open, reflecting the beauty, value and worthiness in everyone, giving love freely and inspiring others to do the same! Oh, to be seen by such unconditional loving eyes! What a gift, a gift I am committed to share with all those that cross my path. Thank you my Sweet Aunt! You live in my heart and I promise you will grow there and continue to shine as I know you will in the hearts of all who know you! I love you beyond time and space. No body needed... just pure love!❤️🙏🌟*

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**Susan Campbell** - May 25, 2020 at 09:47 PM

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**Daniel Linssen** - May 22, 2020 at 11:44 PM