



## Jean A. Nigbor

November 7, 1934 - September 10, 2024

Jean A. Nigbor, age 89, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on September 10th, 2024, in Dixon IL.

Jean was born in Milwaukee, and raised Wauwatosa Wisconsin. Shortly before completing her undergraduate degree at University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and Madison Jean met her future husband, Thomas, of nearly sixty years. They moved to Plato Center and then Hampshire, Illinois as Tom began his career as a teacher. There she completed her Master's Degree in Library Science at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, while raising a young family together. The family relocated to Woodstock IL in 1970, where she took a job as a Reference Librarian at the Woodstock Public Library. After many years of service to the community she retired and enjoyed a variety of pursuits including, the study of Aikido, taking painting and drawing classes at MCC, becoming a Master Gardener through the U of I extension and writing for the McHenry County Historical Society in Union IL. Her family will always remember her for being an astute listener, whose cherished insights and observations will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her children: Michael (Debbie) Nigbor, Brian Nigbor, Mary (Perry) Paliga, and Susan (John) Stassen. Grandchildren, Joann Nigbor, Cathrine (Landon) Savino, Jonathan Stassen, Paul Paliga, Maryann Stassen (KJ Freudigmann), and Stephen Stassen.

She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar; mother, Alama.

Internment at the Oakland Cemetery in Woodstock, IL will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Alliance for the Great Lakes, [greatlakes.org](http://greatlakes.org).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *One of my favorite Master Gardeners! Jean was such an amazing educator and gardener and the sum of the two were even more than their parts. Such a strong woman as well! She will be missed!*

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**Brenda Dahlfors** - September 16, 2024 at 04:39 PM

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“ *On behalf of IRM Illinois Railway Museum and all of the Docents and Model Railroad Museum volunteers, we send our deepest condolences. May God bless Jean and her family.*

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**Rick Marzec** - September 14, 2024 at 08:17 AM