



Jean E. Garner

April 26, 2011

Jean Elizabeth Fleck Garner, age 94 formerly of Front St. and S. Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky died at Fairhaven Health Care Community on Tues. Apr. 26, 2011 at 9:05 p.m.

She was born Dec. 12, 1916 in Upper Sandusky to the late George M. and Ruby Mae (Smith) Fleck. She married John Nye Garner on Jan. 20, 1940. He preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 2005. She is survived by a son Jon David Garner, Columbus, a daughter Debra Jean Garner Stephan, Upper Sandusky, a grandson Deric (Lana) Marbaugh, Bellevue, and a great granddaughter Julia Jean Marbaugh.

She attended St. Peter's Elementary School and in 1934 Mrs. Garner graduated from Upper Sandusky High School, she attended Miami of Ohio 1934-1935 and Ohio Northern University in 1972.

In listing her memberships Mrs. Garner was a Charter member Alpha Tri Sigma Sorority, which was established in 1938, she was a life member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, life member Rosary Altar Society, life member CLC, life member Usando Literary Club, co-founder of St. Jerome Study Club, Girl Scout leader in the 1960's and Cub Scout leader in the 1950's, she was the first Welcome Wagon Hostess in Upper Sandusky, charter member Star Theatre 1975 (Community Theatre Group), USA Bi-Centennial co-

chairperson/Wyandot County 1976 Bicentennial Park founder, Hands Across America volunteer, "Wyandotte, Wyandotte", Pageant Wyandot Co. Fairgrounds, charter member of Upper's Winter Fantasy of Lights Charity Event Established 1997-1998, Upper Sandusky Citizen of the Year 1984, Committee member Upper Sandusky's Sesqui-centennial 1998 - composed the booklet, committee member of Upper's Family Fest, "Tarhe" re-enactment, at Harrison Smith Park, Aug. 2003 (Author, Producer, Director) and Ohio State Senior Citizen Hall of Fame May 2005.

Mrs. Garner's careers included working in her father's coal office, art teacher at Upper Sandusky High School, wrote for RFD News periodical, activities director for Upper Sandusky Senior Citizens Center for 14 years, wrote "Garner's Gatherings" for the Daily Chief Union, established "Chore Kids" 1990 (community program for kids age 13-15, Trader Gazette Newspaper writer 1985-1995.

Jean treasured time with family and in helping raise her grandson. She and Johnny were life long OSU Buckeye fans, attending many home football games and one Rose Bowl. They enjoyed all things about Lake Erie, having a boat and trailer for 17 years near Marblehead. They loved to travel...Alaska, Canada, German, Mexico, Austria, France and most of the continental USA. Jean and John were known for the "Gingerbread House' on S. Sandusky Ave. Jean's many hobbies included decorating real eggs of all sizes, mainly Goose Eggs even being featured in the Columbus Dispatch, also "scrapbooking" long before the modern versions. She enjoyed many card clubs, starting back in 1934.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Sat. Apr. 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Catholic Church with Fr. Robert Dendinger officiating. Interment will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Fri. Apr. 29, 2011 from 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. in the Bringman Clark Funeral Home with a Catholic

Prayer Service at 1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Wyandot Co. Council on Aging, Wyandot Co. Home Health and Hospice of Wyandot Co. in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. To extend a condolence or share a memory visit www.bringmanclark.com.

Tribute Wall



“*Deb, and the rest of the clan, your loss was the loss of so many also. My heart hurts for you but smiles also at some very fond memories. So late I am with these words and so little, but wish you to know you are always in my thoughts even if not in sight.*###imported-begin###Kelle Bond###imported-end##

July 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“*I met Jean in high school art class and loved her. Know she had a positive impact on my life. I know she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. With deepest sympathy, Jane,Laudick, Ensminger*###imported-begin###Jane Laudick, Ensminger###imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“*So sorry for your loss. Jean always had a smile and a helping hand. I enjoyed her for many years in art class. I was shocked when I read her age, she was so much younger in looks and spirit! A timeless woman.*###imported-begin###Nancy Strasser Lehnhart###imported-end##

May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Deb. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I have so many excellent memories of Jean, especially from 1975-1976. She was one of a kind, a most inspiring woman. You come from GOOD STOCK! Our love to you and yours, Dave & Ellen, Logan & Garrett Bugay##imported-begin##Ellen Bugay##imported-end##

April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Deb, so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mom was a great lady. My prayers go to you and your family. All my best, Leeann##imported-begin##Leeann (Snyder) Krikau##imported-end##

April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ May the peace of the Lord be with you and your family at this difficult time.

Jean will be missed, but not forgotten!##imported-begin##Doug and Arthur##imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Very sorry for your loss of such a wonderful iconic artist, one of the world's truly amazing women who made a difference. I know you believe in eternal life and that the transition of Jean is difficult but one well deserved. I think her life should be a documentary. If we took everything she ever created and put it in one spot they would call that heaven. My grandmother always said "You can't make a silk purse out of sow 's ear" to which I reply give it to Jean Garner with a glue gun, a stapler and some acrylic paint and betcha she would come pretty damn close!*

She truly made a difference in my life of creativity. As a youth in Upper Sandusky she was that pebble in the water that rippled out and influenced me in many ways. She made me see things different and once showed up at the theater with a 25 dollar bolt of burlap and a stapler. I could not even imagine where she was headed with that concept. Several hours later we had created an entire draped set that was one of the most beautiful stages we had ever produced. She was responsible for creating so many things including me becoming a teenaged mime performing for her at the Senior Center.

Always with a positive smile and beautiful pair of earrings. A grand lady!###imported-begin##Philip J Rowe###imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time. We have many fond memories of Jean and John. Especially living in their "lake home" in Marblehead when they no longer could. She will always be remembered for all of her contributions of time and heart to Upper.###imported-begin##Dave & Linda Denman###imported-end##*

April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To a beloved aunt: Happy trails

My late parents were from large families -- Mom was one of five, Dad was one of four. All nine had spouses or, in one case, a life partner. Last night, the last of those 16 died, a wonderful lady and a favorite aunt, Jean Garner, at 94. It marks the end of a generation, and the passing of a torch to another -- ours.

Jean lived in a small town, Upper Sandusky, Oh., where the Garners were from, and was oh-so-proud of her tiny hometown. She's one of the reasons my memories of summertime visits to the Garners in "Upper" have a Norman Rockwell glow. Jean would be first in line to organize events for centennials or village parades, and wrote a neighborly weekly column in the town newspaper. (She'd joke that I wasn't the only journalist in the family!).

On my summer visits to the various Garners in "Upper," she was the sort of beloved aunt who helped you arrange a backyard circus when you were 10, and encourage your affection for Elvis Presley's King Creole or Rick Nelson's "Poor Little Fool" or a need to go to the movies when you were 13. She loved to stir a child's imagination. You can't ask any more of an aunt or uncle.##imported-begin##Nephew Jack Garner##imported-end##

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