

**Jean Marie  
Schechinger, 90**

**Aug. 22, 1926 - June 3, 2017**

**PORTSMOUTH** – Jean Marie, daughter of Peter and Josephine (Thielen) Schomer was born August 22, 1926 in Westphalia. She was the youngest of six children in the Schomer household. Jean attended school at St. Mary of the Assumption in Panama where she learned fantastic spelling, becoming the winner of many spelling bees, she was the lead in the school musical and valedictorian of her graduating class. After graduation, Jean worked for Carpenter Paper Company in Omaha, NE.



On July 23, 1945, Jean was united in marriage to Nicholas Martin Schechinger, Jr. at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama. After moving to Portsmouth, four children were born to this union: Julie, Jack, Jolene, and Jill. Jean was a wife, homemaker, and caretaker to her family. She was an expert cook, she made incredible pies, and she was a skilled seamstress. Jean was always an active church volunteer for St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth. After her children were grown, she became an Avon representative and an insurance assistant. Later, Jean found her favorite and most important job as nanny to two of her grandchildren.

Music was always an integral part of Jean's life. Though never formally trained to read music, she taught herself multiple piano pieces by ear. She was adept at both piano and pipe organ, often improvising and embellishing her performances. Even in her later years, Jean only needed to remember the title of a song in order to serenade her family and friends.

Jean died on Saturday, June 3, 2017 in Omaha, NE, attaining the age of 90 years, nine months and 12 days. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of over 40 years Nicholas Schechinger, her siblings Cornelia Reinig, Ralph Schomer, Mildred Schomer, Robert Schomer, and Michael Schomer.

She is survived by her children Julie and her husband Dick Bulkeley of Aspen, CO; Jack Schechinger and his wife Margie of Naples, FL; Jolene and her husband Lee Graeve of Sammamish, WA; Jill and her husband Gregg Yeutter of Omaha, NE; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

An 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. David Smith S.J. on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth. Jon Christian Schechinger, Andrew Schechinger, Jeffrey Schechinger, Christie Dillon, Carey Smith and Guyle Sonderman served as casket bearers. Burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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