



Eugenia (Jean) Hebel

May 14, 2019

Eugenia (Jean) Hebel died peacefully at Arbor Terrace Memory Care, Ponte Vedra Beach, on Monday, May 13, 2019, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. She was 89 years old. Jean was born in Lysa Gora, Poland, near Krakow, and was raised on her father's farm. Soviet troops confiscated the family farm during WWII and sent the family to an internment camp in Siberia. Upon their release they had to make their own way to Poland, but the trip was affected by her father's death in Uzbekistan. Her mother, unable to provide for Jean and her brother Joe, entrusted them to a war orphan program, eventually landing in Santa Rosa Orphanage, Mexico. She and Joe eventually immigrated to Chicago, IL sponsored by the Polish National Alliance. It was there she eventually met her future Husband, Roy B. Hebel who became a career US Air Force pilot. Jean continued her nomadic sojourn as an Air Force wife bearing and raising their three children: Terry, Roy A. and Garry. After her husband's eventual Air Force retirement, she remained in Gainesville, where Roy had taught ROTC at the University of Florida.

Jean's life was forever affected by her years in Siberia, but it was her devout Catholic faith that helped her cope with her youth and her life, as best she could. She was ecstatic to learn a Polish Cardinal had become Pope John Paul II. It's no small coincidence that both Mom and Pope John Paul II were strongly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jean was a loving mother and wife, as well as an awesome cook. Despite numerous attempts, her spaghetti

sauce could never be duplicated. Eugenia also loved flowers, especially roses and orchids. When not in the house, she could always be seen lovingly attending to her flowers, which naturally spread into her home. Mom was a long-standing member of Holy Faith Catholic Church in Gainesville, where she cultivated many cherished friendships, bonded in the Lord. Jean was pre-deceased by her husband Roy in 2006. She leaves her children, Theresa Greaves (Tom); Roy A. Hebel (Debbie); and Garry B. Hebel (Marie); 7 grand-children, 8 great-grand-children and one on the way, left to cherish her memory. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends, but there is comfort in understanding that her life-long struggle with the experiences of her youth are now transformed into eternal joy with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Services will be held at Holy Faith Catholic Church in Gainesville Florida, Saturday, May 18, 2019, at 1:00PM. Viewing will occur prior to the services, starting at 12:30 PM. A Reception at the Family Life Center will follow the service. After the reception, there will be a procession to Forest Meadows Cemetery for a brief grave side service. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Eugenia and Roy's favorite charity:

Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, PO Box 64, Prayer Town, TX 79010-0064,
www.dljc.org (806)534-2312

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you Susan for your memorial and recollections!
I had forgotten so much that you brought back to my memory. That is precious. Though it's been decades,I feel connected to you.

Terry Greaves - May 29, 2019 at 10:54 PM

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“ Terry , Roy, and Gary,
My prayers are with your family in the loss of your Mom. She was such a warm and loving person and you three brought her much joy as a young mother. As your backyard neighbor in the early years, I took care of your dog and guinea pig when you went on vacations. Bike rides, sprinklers, trick or treat, "The Singing Nun" album played at your house, great food, waiting for you guys to finish all that homework before you could play, your Mom rolling her hair in stale beer to set the curl, her nickname for Terry-"Poopsy" and all her love expressed with her unique Polish accent are part of my vivid childhood memories . You all must have quite a catalog of sweet memories as well. May you find peace and comfort. Susan Bean Edwards

Susan Bean Edwards - May 23, 2019 at 07:52 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for the passing of your dear loved one Mrs. Hebel. I know this is a very difficult time for the family. May your love for Mrs. Eugenia live forever in your hearts, and may your memories shine through the sorrow. Know that God promises to fortify you and hold your hand during this difficult time. (Isaiah 41:10,13) Always rely on him for comfort and strength. My condolences to the family.

Patricia - May 16, 2019 at 11:37 AM