

# THE *Life* OF JEAN MAYNARD

Jean Audrey Maynard, age 86, of Fargo, North Dakota passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Sanford Health, West Campus, Fargo.

Born on June 7, 1940, in Langdon, North Dakota, she was the daughter of Nicholas and Anna (Pollock) Shanker. Jean graduated from Langdon High School and soon moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where she met her future husband, Norman Maynard. They were united in marriage on January 7, 1961. As a loving wife of a military serviceman, Jean embraced a life of travel, living in various states, including Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Virginia, and even Japan, before returning to Fargo after Norman's retirement.

Professionally, Jean served with dedication at Railroad Retirement and the IRS, ultimately retiring in 2002. Following her retirement, she continued to contribute her talents by working part-time at an insurance company for several years.

Jean treasured the time spent her grandchildren, Claire, Michaela, and Nathaniel. She shared a special bond with her beloved dogs and took pride in maintaining a meticulous home when her health permitted.

She is survived by her sons Jeff, West Fargo, ND, and Nick (Mary), Fargo, ND; and grandchildren, Claire, Michaela, and Nathaniel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters Rose Shanker, Mary Cummings, and Helen Haman; and brother Richard Shanker.



*Jean Maynard*

June 7, 1940 - June 16, 2026



## *God's Garden*

God looked around His garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful.  
He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, "Peace be Thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

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### FUNERAL MASS

10:00 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2026  
Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church  
Fargo, North Dakota  
Father Robert Keller, *Presiding*  
Anastasia Gavin, *Accompanist*  
Brenna LaRue, *Cantor*

### PALLBEARERS

Rich | Zack | Curt  
Jason | Nathan Maynard

### FINAL RESTING PLACE

1:00 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2026  
Fargo National Cemetery  
rural Harwood, North Dakota

