

Jean Jenette Schrader, age 101, passed away peacefully in her own home, surrounded by her loving family, on Thursday, October 22, 2026.

Jean was born on December 17, 1924, in Manistee, Michigan, the daughter of the late Joseph and Sallie (Bartoszek) Bladzik. Jean was a graduate of Manistee High School with the class of 1943.She married her high school sweetheart, Roger "Pete" Schrader on June 1, 1946, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Together, they celebrated over 62 years of marriage before his passing on August 21, 2008.

Pete and Jean cherished spending their winters at their home in Port St. Lucie, Florida, where they enjoyed escaping the cold Michigan winters for over 35 years. Jean had been legally blind for 35 years and really enjoyed her painting classes while in Port St. Lucie.

Jean was a devoted member of Divine Mercy Parish (St. Joseph Catholic Church) in Manistee and a longtime member of the Divine Mercy Rosary and Altar Society, where she held the special distinction of being both the oldest and longest-serving member. Her faith and dedication to her church remained an important part of her life.

Jean was a devoted homemaker who also held many jobs throughout her life, each providing her with special memories and stories she loved to share. Some of her most memorable positions included working as a ticket taker at the Chippewa Drive-In Theater, a switchboard operator, Head of Admissions at Mercy Hospital, and working at Park Dairy, Holsum Bakery, and the School House Store.

Two of her most cherished working experiences were owning and operating her very own hippie boutique, Your Thing, located on River Street in Manistee, and working at Rich's Daisy-A-Day alongside her great-nephew, Father Richard Bartoszek. At Your Thing, Jean made countless friends and created wonderful memories that she treasured throughout her life. Her time at Rich's Daisy-A-Day was equally special, giving her many fond memories and stories to share.

Jean was also a devoted Detroit Tigers fan who loved cheering on her team throughout the years.

She is survived by her two sons and daughter-in-law, Gary L. Schrader and Roger and Amy Schrader; five grandchildren, Nathaniel (Linda Marciniak) Schrader, Lucas Schrader, Garrett Schrader, Kalyn (Steven) Zatarga, and Shane (Aimee) Patulski; two great-grandchildren, Mia Zatarga and Ember Patulski. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Roger "Pete" Schrader; her son, Wayne Schrader; her daughter, Anita Schrader; her daughter-in-law, Marilyn Schrader; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth and Edward Niemierowicz and Harriet and Kenneth Sielski; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Dave and Marian Bladzik, Dennis and Lillian Bladzik, Roger Bladzik, Joe and Dee Dee Bladzik, and Dale and Linda Bladzik.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Divine Mercy Parish (St. Joseph Catholic Church) in Manistee, with Reverend James Bearss as celebrant. Burial of Jean's cremated remains will take place at a later date with a private family service at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Relatives, friends, and members of the Divine Mercy Rosary Society will gather to pray the Rosary on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the church. The family will receive friends at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass at 11 a.m. A funeral luncheon will follow at the St. Joseph Parish Center.
Jean's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Hospice of Michigan for the exceptional care, kindness, and compassion they provided to their mother during her final months. The outpouring of love and support shown to Jean and her family will forever be remembered and deeply appreciated.

Those wishing to remember Jean are asked to consider a donation in her name to the Divine Mercy Parish Louver Fund or Hospice of Michigan. Envelopes will be available at the church on Tuesday morning.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.