

JEAN MCCUE OBIT – LONG VERSION

Jeanette “Jean” McCue, 85, of Lincoln passed away at home on Friday, September 24, 2010, after a month-long struggle with cancer.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Funeral services will be held at Lincoln Christian Church at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28 with minister Brandon Boyd officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross cemetery.

Born Jeanette Caughlan in Pittsfield, Illinois on January 24, 1925, Jean was the daughter of Arthur Bentley Caughlan and Agnes Porter Caughlan.

She married Richard F. McCue of Elkhart, IL on June 14, 1947, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on February 13, 1992.

Jean is survived by her three sons: Richard (wife Elaine) of Spartanburg, SC; Robert (Diana) of Greensboro, NC; and Larry of New York, NY; and by her two daughters, Carol Lippo (husband Bruce) of Rolling Meadows, IL and Patricia Ballard (Ron) of Germantown Hills, IL.

She is survived also by her only brother, John A. Caughlan of Webster Groves, MO, and by her nephews Thomas, Charles, and George. Her nephew James Caughlan preceded her in death earlier this year.

By her six grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and twelve step-great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her companion, Richard “Dick” Eimer of Lincoln.

Jean was a graduate of Pittsfield Community High School and during WWII completed a two-year accelerated course in Journalism at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. She worked as a reporter for the Daily Ilini while a student.

In June 1945 she came to work at the Lincoln Daily Courier as a reporter and photographer. She left the Courier in August 1948 to start a family, though for many years filled in for Courier journalist Larry Shroyer, writing for area newspapers and radio stations.

Jean worked at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital (ALMH) from 1962-1992, holding several positions. She started in the campaign office when the hospital was raising funds to build the east wing. She began the hospital newsletter in 1966 and served as its editor, writer and photographer until her retirement. She served as Director of Volunteer Services and Special Services from 1972 until 1985 when she was named Director of Development and Marketing. She was the Director of Marketing and Public Relations at the time of her retirement.

She was a member of the Illinois Society for Directors of Volunteer Services for over 13 years, serving as president for one year. In 1981 she was named Illinois Director of the Year.

Jean served one year on the Illinois Hospital Association annual meeting planning committee. She was

a member of the Illinois Hospital Public Relations Society and the American Hospital Public Relations Society. She was a life member of ALMH and of the ALMH Auxiliary.

Among her other accomplishments:

- Served several years on the United Way Board and was president in 1974. She was its first female president.
- Named Courier Citizen of the Month, March 1975, and served on the Citizen of the Year award board in 1992.
- Was a 25 year member of Zonta Club and, when president, was a delegate to the Zonta International Convention in Washington, DC.
- Served six years on the Community Concert board, one year as membership chair.
- Served six years on the Professional Advisory Committee for the Logan County Health Department.
- Served on the boards of the Logan County chapters of the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross. For ten years was canteen chairman for the Red Cross blood collections in Lincoln and served several years as blood services co-chairman. Continued serving as a Red Cross collections volunteer for many years. In later years was a driver for the American Cancer Society, taking patients to Springfield and other area hospitals for treatment.
- Past president of the Lincoln Musical Arts Club and served on the boards of the Lincoln Woman's Club and of Lintiquers, a chapter of Questers International.

Jean loved reading and travel. She said her happiest times were when she was surrounded by her family.

Her family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the doctors and staff of ALMH, to Memorial Home Services Hospice, and to Jean's many friends and neighbors for their consideration.

Memorials may be made to Lincoln Christian Church, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, or Lincoln Woman's Club.