



Jean Marie Coard (Cockerill) (Suey)

July 6, 1942 - March 6, 2026

Jean Marie Cockerill was born July 6, 1942, in Omaha, Nebraska to John James 'Jim' and Gladys (Elwick) Cockerill. Jean lived in Omaha for a short time and the family moved to Gretna where she attend school, graduating from Gretna High School in 1959. Growing up Jean helped on the family farm was a cheerleader in school and met the love of her life Walt Suey.

Jean attended the College of St. Mary in Omaha but then left college to marry Walt in May 1961 at St. Patrick's Church in Gretna and they moved to California as Walt was in the Navy. To this union seven children were born: Debbie, Brenda, Nadine, Kaleen, Michelle, Janette and Lonnie. The couple moved from California in 1965 to raise their family near Springfield, NE.

Jean was a stay-at-home mom for many years and would always take in more kids to babysit. Scott Kreifels became her eighth child (what's one more when you have seven). When all the kids were older, she started her job at Dana, Larson and Roubal (DLR Group) in Omaha as a receptionist until eventually the admin supervisor.

When all her kids had grown, Jean decided it was time to expand her life and moved to Seattle WA, relocating her job to the Seattle office in 1994. Jean then met Gary Coard and she would retire early and started her new adventure of living on boats and traveling the world. Her first was 'Ghost Fox', a sailboat and then Gary and Jean bought their beloved Krogen 'Daisy' where they started many years of boating around the East coast, making friends everywhere they went. Jean has always been the social butterfly, and she had

many new boating friends she would cherish. Jean and Gary were married on Daisy on November 28, 1998.

Jean returned to Omaha to live for health reasons and reconnecting with all her extended family and friends. She enjoyed throwing her tea parties and being around all grandkids and great grandkids.

Jean passed away on March 6, 2026, at Marquis Place in Elkhorn, Nebraska at the age of 83 years. She was preceded in death by her parents Jim and Gladys. Jean is survived by her children: Deb (Bryan) Holzworth, Brenda Wyzenski, Nadine (Gary) Chuba, Kaleen Ryder, Michelle (John) Chappuies, Janette Suey, and Lon (Terri) Suey; 16 grandchildren: Jake, Laura, Shane, Joe, Mandy, Kyle, Cammi, Listy, Kurtice, Anthony, Jessica, Jack, Storm, Kieron, Sasha and Khloe; 11 great grandchildren; siblings: Marialyce (Gerry) Wagner, John (Hoa) Cockerill and Maggie (Mark) Starling and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn. Inurnment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Gretna. Memorials will be to the family for later designation to local Alzheimer's organizations and to Jean Marie's Babies, to purchase baby dolls for Alzheimer Memory Care Facilities.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre

Gretna, Nebraska
Gretna, NE 68028

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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P.O. Box 711
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services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

A lunch reception will follow the urn burial

Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jean Marie Coard (Cockerill) (Suey)*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - March 31 at 04:24 PM

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“ *Growing up and being around the family was a great time. And then seeing Jean at my brother Jeff's funeral. It was good to see her. We talked about getting together with the girl, but i couldn't find the right time before I had to leave for home in Maine. She will be missed and I'm praying for the family.*

Kimberly (Hayes, Merrill) Small - April 03 at 10:06 PM

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Thank you Kim!

Brenda - April 08 at 06:35 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Coard (Cockerill) (Suey).*



April 03 at 04:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Coard (Cockerill) (Suey).



April 02 at 08:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Coard (Cockerill) (Suey).



March 28 at 03:51 PM



“ *Much love "The Dinner Club" purchased the Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Jean Marie Coard (Cockerill) (Suey).



Much love "The Dinner Club" - March 28 at 10:05 AM



“ *Much love "The Dinner Club" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Marie Coard (Cockerill) (Suey).*

Much love "The Dinner Club" - March 28 at 10:05 AM

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“ We met Jean in 2003 in the Pacific NW while they were cruising aboard Daisy. We became fast friends cruising together on our boats in WA, Canada & SE AK waters. She had great stories to tell about her Great Loop trip on the east coast. After she moved to NE, and we moved to FL, we texted almost every day. We visited her when she was staying with Nadine in Milton, FL. She was always talking about her family and how proud she was of all of them! Rest in peace my friend, until we meet again! Love, Susie Day

Susan Day - March 20 at 10:55 PM

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Thank you so much Susie for always texting and calling her even when it got tough. Your friendship to her was wonderful. Love Brenda

Brenda - April 08 at 06:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jean Marie Coard (Cockerill) (Suey).



March 12 at 03:00 PM