



Jean Ann Schappet

April 10, 1953 - July 28, 2014

Jean Ann Schappet, 61, of LaPlata, Maryland, went home to her Savior on July 28, 2014 at home with her family.

Jean was born April 10, 1953 in Borne, Massachusetts to Robert and Jean Blevins.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her siblings, Robert and Dawn Blevins, William and Susan Blevins, her husband, Charles Schappet, her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, Patricia, Jay, and Shelbi Stine, her son and daughter-in-law, James Schappet and Tina Tootle.

Jean dedicated her life to creating opportunities for ALL children to achieve their highest potential through play and thrive together. Jean worked as a Play Advocate for over three decades. During her career, she was a driving force behind Woodset, Boundless Playground and Pure Play Workshops. She also served on several safety boards, including National Program for Playground Safety and ASTM committee developing national playground safety standards. Jean was active in her local community, serving on the local Planning Commission and Appeals Board, and Rotary Club (LaPlata).

Her highest joy was to serve in the children's ministries. Most recently Jean was lovingly referred to as "The Story Lady" by the preschool children to

whom she shared her faith . She loved to knit and crochet; she was constantly designing new patterns for everything from dishrags to doll clothes. She loved to camp, ride her motorcycle, read non-fiction, collect pottery, and spend time with her family – both relatives and “adopted” members. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 7365 Indian Head Highway, Bryans Road, MD 20616 beginning at 1PM with the Reverend Christopher Ogne officiating. A private interment will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the children’s charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Ann Schappet*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Jean Ann Schappet*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM

JJ

“ Recently, a very special person in my life passed away. Jean Schappet was my first ever "real boss". While still in high school, Jean hired me to work at Woodset/Lions Pride Playgrounds as a designer. Jean was a woman that you could never forget. Her happiness was contagious and her smile infectious. Jean taught me many things; drafting, designing playgrounds, work ethic....but most important, she taught me to love what I do and to have fun doing it. Jean "adopted" me into her family and treated me as one of her own. Even after moving on from Woodset, we kept in contact and she always inspired me. Each time we got to see each other, I could always tell how proud she was of me. Over the past week or so since she has passed on, I have come to realize just how much of an influence she was in my life and in my career. I would mess up, sometimes often. She would always get on me for messing up, but she would always encourage me to do better. She was always there to bring me up, not take me down.

I remember one day she came in and said, "Michael, we are going to build a ship". I thought she had bumped her head. But together, she and I designed a playground that would look like a ship. Once it was designed, I never heard much more about it. I knew that it was built somewhere on an island, but never really knew where. Many years later, while on a cruise vacation with my family, I found it!! It is on Princess Cay in the Bahamas. Slightly modified from the original design, but it is there.

I wonder how many structures are still out there that I designed, while I was only 17 years old. Even more so, how much of Jean's impact is still known today? She was probably the most brilliant woman that I have ever met. Her love for people, especially children was absolutely amazing. Jean will live on in my memories forever. She truly was a spectacular woman, and anyone that knew her should know that they were very lucky to have her in their lives.

J. Michael Hunt, Jr. - August 11, 2014 at 12:15 PM

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“ We know that life is never measured by how many years we live,
But by the kindly things we do and the happiness we give. - Helen
Steiner Rice

*In memory of Jean, my very dear friend and colleague whom I
shared the same love and compassion for teaching children . Her
memory and work will live on every day in the playgrounds she
designed for the children to “Learn Through Play” . Paula Sorrells*

Paula Sorrells - August 09, 2014 at 10:28 AM

GT

“ You have our condolences. We are very sorry for your lost. Jean will
remain your hearts.
May God be with you in this time.

The Tritts (Gloria, Michael, Billy)

Gloria Tritt - August 07, 2014 at 09:47 AM

TL

“ The Rotary Club of Charles County, LaPlata
purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for
the family of Jean Ann Schappet.



The Rotary Club of Charles County, LaPlata - August 06, 2014
at 02:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jean Ann Schappet.*



August 05, 2014 at 09:08 AM



“ *I'm receiving this information after Jean's memorial service, but I do want her family to know how much I loved her and you all. When I needed help, she was there to bless. I always felt she was one of the most intelligent friends I ever had, and her walk with the Lord motivated her, giving her creative ideas to bless others. How wonderful to know she's in that great cloud of witnesses, looking down on all of us. I know the Lord is enjoying her being with Him.*

Genendal Fratantuono - August 04, 2014 at 09:51 AM