



## Margaret R. "Jean" Zello

December 5, 1930 - January 17, 2012

Margaret R. "Jean" Zello, 81, of Bluffton, passed away at 8:05 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Zello was born in Pittston, Pa., on Dec. 5, 1930, to Edward and Margaret (Maughan) Kelly. She married Nick M. Zello in Sayre, Pa., on July 23, 1949; he survives. Jean worked outside her home as a financial secretary in Greenville, Ohio, and also as a teaching assistant in the Bluffton-Harrison school district. She was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and volunteered her time there. She was a member of Foltz-Bay Reading Club. She loved her family and spending time with them. Other surviving relatives include five sons, Mark (Kathy) Zello of Lafayette, Joe (Kathy) Zello of Phoenix, Ariz., Nick (Lee) Zello of San Jose, Calif., Ed (Mara) Zello of Mesa, Ariz., and John (Sue) Zello of Tempe, Ariz.; two daughters, Peggy Bowman of Bluffton, Colleen (Rodney) Yee of Sag Harbor, N.Y.; one brother, Larry (Pat) Kelly of Rotonda West, Fla., one sister-in-law, Jo Anne Kelly of Waverly, N.Y.; 16 grandchildren, Rita, Matt, Gina, Mark, Rachel, Lily, Maria, Johnny, Ava, Evan, Adesha, JoJo, Kaitlin, Kourtney, Matt and Shannon; and seven great-grandchildren, Milo, Sadie, Luci, Luke, Mattie, Sydney and Roman. Mrs. Zello was also preceded in death by one brother, Edward Kelly. Calling hours will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bluffton. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, at the church with Father Steve Colchin officiating. Burial is in the Garden of Chimes at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church. Online condolences: [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-3850  
info@thomarich.com

## Visitation

JAN **20**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 N Main St  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret R. "Jean" Zello*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Margaret R. "Jean" Zello*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dear Nick and family,  
I was so saddened to hear today of Jean's passing. What a wonderful person she was, always so kind and cheerful every time I saw her. It was literally heartbreaking to open the Christmas card she had written out to us but only mailed this week by one of your family with the obituary enclosed. Brenda never was fortunate to have met her but she heard all about Jean from many of the old Bluffton group to the point she feels she knew her. We both send our deepest sympathy and love to you all.##imported-begin##Bruce Meyer##imported-end##*

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January 26, 2012 at 12:03 PM



“ Colleen, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mom. I hope you and your family know that she is ready to be with our Lord. He has other plans for her. - Pete -##imported-begin##Philip T Bricker - (PETE)##imported-end##

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January 25, 2012 at 07:28 AM



“ I want to tell you I am remembering Jean in my prayers. and you too Nick and children. last time I was in Bluffton Jean picked me up at Jackies and took me to Mass . She was a LOVELY lady. Take care

Anne##imported-begin##anne Mayock##imported-end##

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January 24, 2012 at 12:08 PM



“ Dear: Zello Family,

*While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.*

*Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever....." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.*

*If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? IF you have any Questions, please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here ([b.molina56@yahoo.com](mailto:b.molina56@yahoo.com)).*

*I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.*

*Sincerely Yours,*

*Brandy Molina##imported-begin##Brandy Molina##imported-end##*

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January 20, 2012 at 11:56 AM



“ Jean was a wonderful woman.

*I remember great times at the brick house on the corner.##imported-begin##Leah Huvendick Nugent##imported-end##*

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January 20, 2012 at 10:52 AM



“ In case the weather tonight is too bad to make it down from Ft. Wayne, I wanted you all to know that I'm thinking of you.  
Craig###imported-begin##Craig Leonard###imported-end##

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January 20, 2012 at 09:55 AM



“ To the Zello family and to Nick SR., from Kathy Z's sisters: Marge and Eileen in AZ.

*Please accept our thoughts and prayers for you and yours during this difficult time. I was glad I met and knew Jean. She was a very special, sweet, loving person and will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Marge Walker###imported-end##*

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January 19, 2012 at 10:15 PM



“ My thoughts are with you Colleen, and the entire Zello family during this sad time. I am so sorry for your loss. The picture of Jean and Nick on the porch swing is exactly how I remember them! My your many memories comfort you now. xo###imported-begin##Jill Stevenson Roddy###imported-end##

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January 19, 2012 at 09:36 PM



“ Dearest Peg and all the Zello family...My heartfelt sympathies go out to you all. Jean was such a sweet woman. It seemed every time I saw her she had a beautiful smile for me. My thoughts and prayers are with you all...Love, Deb###imported-begin##Deb White###imported-end##

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January 19, 2012 at 07:45 PM



“ Zello family,

*I was so saddened to hear the news of Mrs. Zello's death. She, your dad, and your family became such an important part of our lives after we moved to Bluffton. Jean had a natural way of making others feel welcome and valued. I have always remembered the advice she gave me in reference to child rearing, and she had some experience in the field. She told me, "Children only do what you let them do." These words have served me well as a parent and as a teacher. She was a fine person, and she will be remembered and missed. May her memory be a blessing to you all.*

*Sincerely,*

*Greta Meyer##imported-begin##Greta Meyer  
(Huvendick)##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2012 at 06:11 PM



“ Ed and Zello Family -

*Your family is in my prayers during this difficult time.*

*Thinking of you,  
Frances Garcia##imported-begin##Frances Garcia##imported-  
end##*

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January 19, 2012 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Colleen and Family:

*I was so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. I know this is a very hard time for all of you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother was a very kind, caring woman who always made you feel welcome in your home. I still can see her smiling when you would come in to the house as kids.*

*Our whole family would like to offer our deepest sympathy.  
The Horgan Family##imported-begin##Peggy Horgan  
Butts##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2012 at 04:15 PM



“ Dear Colleen and Family,  
*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love, Julie##imported-begin##Julie ##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2012 at 02:33 PM



“ We are saddened to hear of Jean's passing. I remember her as a gracious, friendly, compassionate woman who cared dearly for her family. She was also a good friend to those who knew her.  
*We planned to come over for the visitation this afternoon bringing Denny Buell and Jim Sauer with us but the weather is inclement. Louise is unable to come due to health concerns.*

*Our condolences to the entire family in this time of grief.  
Terri & Dale Crandall##imported-begin##Dale & Terri  
Crandall##imported-end##*

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January 19, 2012 at 02:00 PM



“ *Nick and Family,  
Our hearts and prayers are with you. We are sad to hear of Jean's death, but will lkeep all the wonderful memories of our times sharing conversations, children and lives. May the Peace of God be with you always.*

*Mary Ann and Jim###imported-begin##Jim and Mary Ann  
Irwin###imported-end##*

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January 19, 2012 at 01:23 PM



“ *Jean was a wonderful woman and a dear friend to me for many years. My prayers are with the family at this sad time. I know that heaven is a more wonderful place with her there.###imported-begin##Kari (Scott) Emley###imported-end##*

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January 19, 2012 at 11:49 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Aunt Jean. She was a sweet person who lived a full life and was the kind of lady that everyone would be proud to share parts of their lives with. Although we did not spend as much time with Aunt Jean as we wanted, she was often in our thoughts and always in our hearts. Our prayers are with you and your family through this heartbreaking time. Nothing we can say will ease your pain but just wanted you to know we are thinking of you. Love to you and your family.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Larry Michael Kelly, Maureen Kelly, and Family###imported-begin##Larry Michael and Maureen Kelly###imported-end##*

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January 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM



“ We are so saddened to hear about Jean's passing. We will always remember her as a bright and engaging friend. Your family surely feels the loss, but those same family ties will hold you up in the days and weeks to come. You are all in our prayers!  
Carol and Kerry###imported-begin###Kerry and Carol Schamerloh###imported-end##

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January 19, 2012 at 10:42 AM



“ Nick and family: I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. I have good memories of her at your house before our bike rides. Hope to meet up with you sometime soon.

-- Steve###imported-begin###Steve Niblick###imported-end##

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January 19, 2012 at 10:06 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Zello family. So many of Jean's family are good friend with so many of our family. It was very nice to be with all of you in Indy last Summer.

God Bless,###imported-begin###Brian, Mary Fran & Madeline Falk###imported-end##

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January 18, 2012 at 11:18 PM



“ My family sends our condolences for your loss.###imported-begin###Domonic & Cherri Zello###imported-end##

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January 18, 2012 at 07:58 PM



“ We will miss Jean, her warm smile and gentle ways. Peace be with you all.##imported-begin## Maureen and Tom Butler##imported-end##

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January 18, 2012 at 07:28 PM



“ Dear Peggy and all your family, Jim and I send our sympathies to you. We have each lost our moms and we know it leaves a big hole in your heart. May warm memories give you peace. Love Chery and Jim##imported-begin##Cheryl (Brickley) Hunt##imported-end##

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January 18, 2012 at 07:04 PM



“ MaryJo and Lon gave us the sad news of Jean's passing. She was a wonderful woman and was such an inspiration to me. You and your whole family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Love, Priscilla and Clif##imported-begin##Clif and Priscilla Smith##imported-end##

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January 18, 2012 at 05:01 PM



“ Nick & Family

*We were very sorry to hear of Jean's passing. We're sure she was a very special wife and mother and will be missed by all who knew her.*

*Your Friends*

*John and Connie##imported-begin##John & Connie Beckler##imported-end##*

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January 18, 2012 at 03:47 PM



“ Uncle Nick and all my Zello cousins, I have such wonderful memories of spending time in Corning. Aunt Jean was always so very kind to me. I remember staying overnight many times and feeling very welcome. Peggy-I think of you often, you were a great childhood buddy, I'm so sorry for your loss of your mother. God Bless the Zello Family##imported-begin##Teresa Kammerman (Kelly)##imported-end##

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January 18, 2012 at 02:39 PM