



## Jean C. Nachtwey

April 14, 1933 - February 28, 2026

Surrounded by family, Jean passed peacefully at home on February 28, 2026. She was tightly connected with her beloved family and community, leaving her mark on the many who knew and loved her.

She grew up on the Fox River in Wisconsin. One New Year's Eve in high school, she met Donald Nachtwey, who became the love of her life. They were married on March 21, 1954. Jean recalled moving 26 times during Don's career in the U.S. Coast Guard. She was an officer's wife and his partner in mischief. They spent the next 69 years celebrating their love.

Jean was a woman ahead of her time. She was sharp witted, independent, and determined, breaking from the feminine norm of her generation. She had a lifelong love of the water and walking bridges overlooking the shores. She enjoyed volunteering, gardening, observing nature and backyard birds. The pets in her life were all "family".

She dedicated her life to being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is dearly missed by her four children, David (Beverly) Nachtwey, Michelle Albrecht, Elizabeth Eagney, Carolyn (Eric) Davenport. She was "Nanny" or Grandma to six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Capt. Donald Nachtwey.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Council on Aging of Central Oregon-Meals on Wheels. ([www.councilonaging.org](http://www.councilonaging.org))

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home of Bend, OR was honored to serve the family.