



Joan "Jenny" Bartlo

August 17, 1915 - October 30, 2015

Joan (Jen) Bartlo passed away Friday evening October 30, 2015. Her parents had immigrated to Summit, IL from Italy. Jen was born August 17, 1915 in the middle of WWI, Woodrow Wilson was President. Jen started assisting Dr. Howard Allison in his practice and caring for the Allison family. She came to live with the Allison's in 1934 and was a second mother to Virginia, Bob, and Dick Allison and grandmother to 11 grand-children, great-grandmother to 10, and great-great-grandmother to 9. Jen lived in Summit for 98 years, but spent her final year and a half with her grandson Fulton Sheen and his wife Cheryl in Otsego Michigan, where she celebrated her 100th birthday in August. She always told everyone she planned to live to 100. She is survived by her 93 year old baby sister Agnus Meredith, nephews Michael & Greg, and nieces Carmela & Margaret Ann. She was called Joan, Jen, mama Jen, Aunt Jen, Gramma Jen, Great-Gramma Jen, no matter what her family called her we all loved her and she loved us. Jen was a woman of faith and she was a blessing and a joy to all who knew her, she always put everyone else's needs and concerns before her own. Bishop Fulton Sheen called such a person a "treasure in clay" and that is what Jen was, a treasure and a gift to each of us that we will never forget. Her visitation will be held at Foran Funeral Home on Friday, November 6th at 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM CST and a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 PM following the visitation. After which she will be buried at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Please make donations to St. Joseph Church for Masses to be celebrated in Jenny's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Mass

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Tribute Wall

RA

“ Dear Aunt Jenny,
You were a true gift to our family. I have fond memories of you visiting every summer, to Florida. Always eager to take us swimming, even though you were not a fan. You looked so beautiful to me, in your swim cap. Always younger than your years, you were never too tired to take us three boys on adventures. Eager to make any of our favorite meals, mine of course, your fried dough. Thank you for all your love! Heaven is now more heavenly, because now you're in it. Give my dad a kiss from me!
Love Always,
Bobby Allison (Florida)

Robert Allison - November 08, 2015 at 11:47 AM

RS

“ I cannot believe this day has finally come for Jen to pass on to her afterlife. Jen has been such a big part of generations of family for the Sheens and the Allisons. Jen was the most unselfish and caring person I have ever met. Jen sacrificed a lot of her life so she could help family and other people. I remember growing up she used to come over every Tuesday so my mother could have a day to herself. Jen would cook, clean and sew for everyone. I especially remember all the sewing she did for me when I played hockey because I had many patches and jerseys to be sewn. Its impossible to sum up all my feelings and love for Jen in a short memory but I will miss her and never forget all the fine memories I have of her .
Love You forever Jen. Richard J. Sheen

richard sheen - November 06, 2015 at 12:39 PM

AS

“ Alisa Sheen sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan "Jenny" Bartlo



alisa sheen - November 06, 2015 at 11:22 AM

AS

My heart is sad , we lost a true angle i am blessed to have been in jen's life .I truly will miss jen. Love always alisa sheen

alisa sheen - November 06, 2015 at 11:29 AM

MS

“ Grandma Jen.... I only knew her for a short time but i'm very thankful that I got to meet such a wonderful sweet person. Such an amazing story to have lived for so long and touched so many lives... I'm so thankful that she was such a big part of Jess life and that Brady and Blake were able to spend a little time with her over the last few years. Grandma Jen set the bar high and we would all be very blessed to be on this earth as long as she was and blessing so many people all along the way!

Mike Strickler - November 06, 2015 at 09:48 AM

AS

“ I also wanted to mention that Jenny has called me her Angel since I was a toddler; but the true Angel was really her all along.



Allison Sheen - November 06, 2015 at 12:29 AM

AS

“ Jenny and I were out eating lunch and Jenny proudly announced she was 97 years old to the waitress. When it was time to pay for the check the waitress said some man paid for our lunches and said that he hopes he's as happy and sharp as Jenny when he gets to be that age. Jen then asked where else could I take her to get more free things!



Allison Sheen - November 06, 2015 at 12:26 AM

 Fulton Sheen

“ 178 files added to the album A Pictorial History 1930-2015



Fulton Sheen - November 05, 2015 at 10:40 PM

CS

“ Grandma Jen was a wonderful, kind, thoughtful and giving person with a great sense of humor. To know her was to love her. She always welcomed people in her house, whether she knew them or not, and they did not forget her kindness and humor. We were blessed to have her live with us for a year and to learn from her wisdom of many years and enjoy the many funny things she would say. Even in her last months she didn't lose her wit or kindness. She was always helping and thinking about others. She always thanked me for everything when I tucked her into bed at night and kissed her good night. She has given us so many wonderful memories. There are few people like her, she was a very special and amazing person and I will miss her. She will always have a place in my heart and I am thankful I will see her again in heaven some day.

Many thanks and much love to you Jen,

Cheryl Sheen

Cheryl Sheen - November 05, 2015 at 08:52 PM

CM

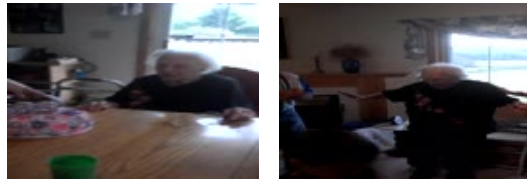
“ Jen has always been such a wonderful blessing. I'll never forget putting together countless puzzles with her on the dining room table--which she never didn't take down, but threw the tablecloth on top so we could get right back to puzzling after eating.

One summer, I took a group of my high school friends to visit on her birthday. Knowing she was going to lunch with her friend, we arrived early to surprise her. We waited by the door with confetti party poppers. When she opened the door, we popped the confetti poppers and yelled surprise! She slammed the door shut in her shock. I opened it back up and called her back before she got too far. I guess she was indeed surprised. Then she laughed about it repeatedly for the rest of our visit. She always did have a wonderful sense of humor.

Crystalyn Miller - November 05, 2015 at 08:43 PM

 Fulton Sheen

“ 2 files added to the album Jen Videos



Fulton Sheen - November 05, 2015 at 07:38 PM

JO

“ I remember when I was about 10 I got to visit Jen all by myself. I felt so special and we had so much fun. She took me on the bus to down town, the Sears Tower, and a big mall. She even got me a book so I could sit and read with her in the evenings, and we had great talks. I always wanted to spend another week with Jen, but we didn't get around to it. Traveling frequently through the years allowed time for overnight breaks in Summit, and breakfast with Jen was always a highlight to look forward to. Whether I was alone or hauling a car load of strangers there was always a warm welcome and great company at Jens. The conversations full of fun, wit, and wisdom will be missed. It's an honor to be named after such a wonderful, loving person.

Jenny Owen

Jenny Owen - November 05, 2015 at 07:18 PM

AA

“ "Aunt Jen"-

Was one of the most influential people of my life. She not only taught me how to cook, but (believe it or not) how to sew. I will never forget when I was complaining about going to "Fort Nightly", a dancing class. I told her I did not want to dance with a certain person. She said "Bill, who are you to think you are better than anyone else?" That was something that I have tried to carry with me.

I will always love you Jenny, and will never forget your valuable lessons of human kindness.

Bill

Adrienne Arnold - November 05, 2015 at 06:57 PM

CM

“ I have so many memories of Aunt Jenny. The one that is foremost in my heart is when I was about two years old. I had a book with a Teddy Bear in it. I wanted the bear so much, I tried to get it out. Aunt Jenny was visiting us and saw how much I wanted it. Jenny got me the Teddy Bear.

I remember one time when it's eyes fell off, Jenny got her box of buttons out and we choose the buttons for the eyes . She then sewed them on. I still have the Teddy Bear, he is 67 years old. Every time I think of or look at Teddy, he reminds me of Aunt Jenny's LOVE for others.

Words can't express how much I love my Aunt, I will miss her.

Carmella Meredith

Carmella Meredith - November 05, 2015 at 02:50 PM

JA

“ John Allison lit a candle in memory of Joan "Jenny" Bartlo



John Allison - November 05, 2015 at 02:16 PM

JA

“ Jenny...
Loving, Loveable, Loyal, honest, caring, funny, strong, giving, peaceful, special, nonjudgmental and accepting defines our dear Jenny to me...
Thank You Jenny...
Annette Allison

John Allison - November 05, 2015 at 02:09 PM

JA

“ Dear Jenny,
I just want you to know how much I have loved you through the years...I have told you everything already, but I will reiterate that I think you were the most incredibly giving person I have ever met....and you gave and loved me unconditionally.
Thank you for just being you Jenny!! And for all your acts of kindness....
I love you forever,
John Reynolds Allison

John Allison - November 05, 2015 at 02:01 PM

SO

“ My dear jenny, I had you as a patient of mine for years and then we became friends and I was with you in the evening to tuck you to bed! The kids and especially your boyfriend Ken will miss you dearly. We love you! Sondra ,Ken and the girls

sondra - November 04, 2015 at 09:30 PM

MM

“ Aunt Jen our Chicago Mom

It was a privilege and delight to share 5 years with Jen in Chicago. She was always game for an adventure, a trip downtown, to the arboretum, out for lunch. She always had a kind word and gave wise advice. She gave me a drawer in the kitchen for me to keep some tools in as she always had a project or two to do. Jen was special we miss her greatly and look forward to being with her again in the resurrection.

We love you

Mike and Jan Meredith - November 04, 2015 at 06:20 PM

AM

“ Remembering my beautiful sister Jen.

There are so many beautiful memories I have. I remember her always doing something good for the family. She was to me the missionary of the family. During WWII she donated blood every six weeks until the war ended. I remember her sewing patient belonging bags for the patients at Cook County Hospital. I also remember Jen and her friend taking care of a family for one year. They paid their bills and found a job for the dad.

There are so many beautiful things she has done. I love her dearly and miss her much. One day I will be with her in the new earth with our savior Jesus.

See you soon Jen

Love Agnes

Agnes Meredith - November 04, 2015 at 05:57 PM

BL

“ After hearing all the stories about "Big Jen" – Jenny Sheen's namesake – and watching Fulton and family make all of the trips to Chicago to visit and work on her home, it was a great joy to finally meet her in person when she moved into the Sheen home in Otsego.

Her kindness, generosity, self-sacrifice and beautiful smile will always be remembered – what a remarkable person.

Our sincerest condolences to all the family and friends who will miss her,

Bruce and Lorraine Lenardson

Bruce & Lorraine Lenardson - November 04, 2015 at 08:10 AM

MS

“ I can remember so many wonderful things about my Aunt Jen, I will miss her with all my heart. To me she was the wise lady who knew everything, she could tell a story and put a smile on your face. She worked hard and took care of everyone. I love you, Rest in Peace.
Margie

Margaret Silvey - November 03, 2015 at 12:30 PM

JS

“ My sincere sympathy to the Alison Family on the loss of their beloved Jenny., She was a life long friend of my Mother and Aunt Jennie Ciraulo. I grew up knowing Jennie and always sensed she was very special person. Jennie would often visit with my family and we would always greet her as she went to and from St. Joseph Church. God Bless all of you for making a special home for Jennie and for her being such a special part of your lives.

Eternal Blessings,

John H. Santoro

John H. Santoro - November 02, 2015 at 01:38 PM

JS

“ 8 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Jessica Strickler - November 02, 2015 at 08:45 AM

JS

“ *Great Grandma Jen lived a life dedicated to others. She was one of the most spirited, loving funny, stubborn, wise souls you could ever meet. She was a mother/grandmother to 4 generations of our family; she was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Love you Jen!*

Jessica Strickler (Sheen)

Jessica Strickler - November 02, 2015 at 08:41 AM

FI

“ *We called her Joan, Jen, mama Jen, Aunt Jen, Gramma Jen, Great-Gramma Jen, no matter what we called her we all loved her and she loved us. She was a blessing and a joy to all who knew her, she always put everyone else's needs and concerns before her own. My great-uncle Bishop Sheen called such a person a "treasure in clay"and that is what Jen was, a treasure and a gift to each of us, that we will never forget.*

Fulton J. Sheen III

Fulton J. Sheen III - November 02, 2015 at 08:16 AM