



Jacqueline E. LaMuth

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It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Jacqueline Ellenor LaMuth, age 77, on July 28, 2025. Her lifetime friend and partner, Daniel J. Furey, was with her at the time of her death.

Jackie, as she was affectionately known to her family and friends, was born on May 19, 1948 in Painesville, OH and graduated in 1966 from Riverside High School. Jackie attended Bowling Green State University where she was initiated into the Beta Mu chapter of Delta Gamma Fraternity. Transferring to the Ohio State University, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences/ Economic Teacher Education followed by a Masters of Science degree in Home Economics Education.

In 2006, Jackie received her Doctor of Philosophy in Human and Community Resource Development from Ohio State. Jackie's professional career started in 1971 as a 4-H agent in home economics with the Washington County Extension Service. For 43 years, she worked with the Ohio State University Extension Agency at the County, State and University levels, retiring in 2014 as an Associate Professor at Ohio State.

During her accomplished career, Jackie served as SWACO Board Chairman (Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio), Franklin County Energy Management Board and held many other leadership roles, in addition to writing numerous publications for 4-H research and the Ohio Cooperative Extension Agency. Jackie will always be remembered as a respected scholar and extension professional, but it was her many hobbies and activities, as well as her remarkable wit, that spotlighted her zest for life.

Music was at the heart of her existence and on many evenings and weekends, she would travel with her fellow musicians to entertain all ages with songs from the past. She was a gifted singer and played the banjo and bass with several noted folk music groups, including a twelve-year involvement with "Loosely Strung". She embraced her love of sailing and snorkeling on Lake Erie and was a certified boating member of the Hoover Sailing Club.



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As a counselor for Ohio 4-H Sea Camp at Kelleys Island, Jackie interacted with hundreds of young people and loved giving them the opportunity to learn about aquatic science and sailing, and to experience a variety of recreational watersports. An avid gardener and a seasoned landscaper, everyone turned to Jackie for advice and suggestions on flowers, shrubs and trees.

In addition, she had a passion for rocks, minerals and everything related to geology. She enjoyed collecting rocks and traveled near and far to go out in the fields and discover her treasures. Jackie was preceded in death by her father, Henry Frances LaMuth, her mother, Ione Williams LaMuth, and her sister, Jo Ann LaMuth.

She is survived by her brother, Henry Lewis LaMuth (Roxanne), and nieces Hillary LaMuth Fehr (Chris), Sarah LaMuth Levy (Jeremy), Lindsey Stearns Meissner (Michael) and Dana Jacqueline Stearns (Chris Jamal), in addition to Jacob, Trevor, Zoey, Ava, Graham, Evelyn, Lydia and Daphne who adored their "Aunt Jackie". Lastly, Jackie is survived by a vast network of friends, colleagues and admirers whose love, kindness and generosity over the years will never be forgotten by her family.

A private family ceremony will be scheduled in the future to celebrate Jackie's life. In lieu of flowers being sent to honor Jackie, she encourages you to buy flowers for yourself or give flowers to someone you love.



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RD

Ralph Denick posted:

I first knew Jackie through music (Loosely Strung) until we finally tried dating. A very pleasant six months, but no sparks, then we parted. We remained friends and EVERY time we would meet thereafter we would laugh, hug and celebrate our split 🤗 which freed us up - for me to eventually find Theresa (now my wife) and for her to rediscover Dan. Her life was so happy with him.

August 8 at 11:43 AM

JC

Jeff Clark posted:

Jackie was always a quiet, charming presence at the club. I got to know her a little better when the sailing club put together a "members band" to play a couple songs at our annual banquet (in addition to her playing for many years with Loosely Strung during the cocktail hour). She hosted practices, played and sang better than any of us, and gave helpful, tactful suggestions for improving every song. She arranged for us to borrow equipment from, and eventually perform with Loosely Strung at a couple of banquets, which was delightful. I will miss her.

August 8 at 7:59 AM

AB

Alan Belasco shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Around 1991, at the Park in Bexley for the Mayor's picnic.



August 5 at 11:33 AM

SS

Susan Stallings posted:

Sorry we didn't reconnect other than on Facebook after being roomies in college. My favorite memory is when she flew into LaGuardia Airport on Halloween Eve dressed as a witch with a carry on broom to visit a friend. Loved her sense of humor and chutzpah! Susan Mitchell Stallings. Ohio State University 1969-70.

August 4 at 5:29 PM



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Mike Stanley posted:

I met Jackie early in her professional 4H career when she worked with us at COSI to create the original Winter Fair. Jackie and I both took tenor banjo lessons from musician Ray Pauken, and under the guidance of Greg Hankins of the Irish Brigade, the four of us formed a group called the "Old Folkies" that met regularly to play music just for fun. A descendent of that group still plays together today - and Jackie helped to start it. My wife Mary and I cherish memories of many dinners with Jackie at the Mi Mexico restaurant, visiting her up on Kelly's Island, and sailing with her in her first sailboat. We also enjoyed observing many Bexley Independence Day parades with Jackie at her sister's. We remember her nieces and send our condolences. She was truly a special lady. -Mike Stanley-

August 4 at 4:47 PM



Kathy Lechman posted:

I have many fond memories of Jackie, seeing Wicked with her and having happy hour at Cap City are just a few. Jackie had the ability to always make me smile and lean an ear during some very difficult times in my life. She was always pleasant and rarely had a bad thing to say about anyone. I took my mother to see her band play at the North Market and my mother said that she had such a pretty voice. When my mother died, Jackie and a few of the Loosely Strung band members came to play at my mother's celebration of life. Jackie was always willing to lend a hand and had very sage advice.

August 4 at 2:50 PM



Jan Kleman posted:

Jackie was a dear friend for nearly 60 years. I loved my "soul sister" with all my heart. I last visited her July 22 🙋🏻💙👍📺❤️. Jan Kleman

August 4 at 1:30 PM



Brent Davis shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

For the last several years Jackie played bass and sang in WRYGRASS, our bluegrass group in Columbus. What a beautiful voice! We loved having her in the band, and prized her friendship. Here's a link to Jackie singing "Be Ready to Sail." Larry Tanner of our group produced this recording with Jackie.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_3KhDkCO11m18gdG-162o6kD2rLHuF_C/view?usp=sharing



August 4 at 12:39 PM



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Cheryle Syracuse posted:

Always Sea Camp memories. We served as Sea Camp staff for many years. One year we decided to skip dinner and "escape" for a while in the sail boat. The weather was not in our favor. It was a difficult sail. But always an adventure. Another year we built a cardboard boat.. it sorta sailed. I still have many "fish print" shirts. We wouldn't spend much time together the rest of the year, perhaps a lunch here and there or meetings...but at camp it was always "same time next year."

August 3 at 9:24 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jacqueline by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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