



Mary Regina (nee Reed) "Jean" Lightner

December 24, 1928 - May 17, 2025

Mary Regina (nee Reed) "Jean" Lightner, age 96 of Chardon, OH, passed away on May 17, 2025 at Mapleview Country Villa in Chardon, surrounded by her children.

Jean was born on Christmas Eve 1928 to Russel and Regina Reed in Cresson, PA. She married and moved to Kirtland, Ohio where she lived the majority of her life. She raised three children while keeping an immaculate home and cleaning others homes to make ends meet, often while humming a little tune. She loved to play cards and enjoyed planning parties and holiday celebrations for her family and friends. She spent her later years enjoying her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Always able to find the humor in any situation, she brought laughter and smiles to those around her.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Kathleen) Beck; daughter, Theresa Spielberg; grandchildren, Thomas M. Beck II (Audrey), Paula Crawford (Phillip), and Sarah Barto (Chris); and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Chip" Lightner; son, Robert Beck; and son-in-law, Gordon Spielberg.

The family will receive friends from 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at St. Mary Parish, 401 North St., Chardon, OH 44024.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at the church.

Guests are invited for a luncheon afterwards in the fellowship hall.

A private urn burial will be at a later date in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

Contributions may be made in her memory to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192 or donate online at www.hospicewr.org or to St. Mary Parish, 401 North St., Chardon, OH 44024 or online at www.osvhub.com/stmarychardon/giving/funds

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Parish (Chardon)
401 North St.
Chardon, OH 44024

Funeral Mass

MAY 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Parish (Chardon)
401 North St.
Chardon, OH 44024

Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Linnea Fox lit a candle in memory of Mary Regina (nee Reed) "Jean" Lightner*



Linnea Fox - May 22, 2025 at 04:49 PM

LF

Jean was always so welcoming to "us girls" growing up and going to their home for sleepovers, tea, parties, domino games, and anytime of fun! She and Chip were a privilege and joy to have in my life!

Linnea Fox - May 22, 2025 at 04:52 PM

RM

“ *Reed families: Sonny, Ron, Ellen, Mike purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Regina (nee Reed) "Jean" Lightner.*



Reed families: Sonny, Ron, Ellen, Mike - May 22, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Regina (nee Reed) "Jean" Lightner.*



May 21, 2025 at 08:11 PM

NL

“ Neil & Laurie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Regina (nee Reed) "Jean" Lightner.



Neil & Laurie - May 21, 2025 at 03:19 PM

KM

“ Aunt Mary Jean was always a kind, loving and thoughtful person! Her personality was filled with joy and laughter along with a tiny spice of mischief.
Growing up she provided us with her warmth and sense of adventure. There were times that we vacationed during Summers at her home in Willoughby. She took us on the RAPID TRANSIT TO CLEVELAND. Being from rural Pennsylvania, we were stunned and delighted.
She presented me with a beautiful crystal bracelet for my eighth grade graduation! It was admired and no other sparkles ever compared!
Aunt Mary Jean surprised me on multiple occasions throughout the years by placing a phone call on my birthday. We would talk and reminisce about her sister Kathryn, my mother.
She brought light and happiness to so many!
The world was blessed by her.
I love you sweet Mary Jean ❤️
Thank you to her devoted children who cared for her and honored her amazing legacy.

Kathryn Martynuska - May 21, 2025 at 01:34 PM