



Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt BVM

August 21, 1919 - October 9, 2025

No obituary found for this tribute.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation in Church

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Madonna Della Strada Chapel
6453 N Kenmore Ave
Chicago, IL 60626

Funeral Mass - Meet at Church

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barr Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt BVM*



Barr Funeral Home - October 16, 2025 at 02:41 PM

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“ Hello. I just wanted to say what a terrific presence and influencing Gentle Soul Sister Jean Schmidt was to me in overall Life. I caught her only a few times for Appointments, her at 77 while I had been enrolled in Mundelein PT College of Loyola. Just by chance happened to be assigned her as a PT Advisor, with myself taking classes in my Mid 20s P/T. The thing is, this was long long before the NCAA stuff, which I will get to in a minute. She Believed in Me. She Believed in Everybody and wanted the Best for them, and almost just with the subtle wink of an eye and with that gentleness in her voice you extremely rarely see or feel from another human being (joked recently she wouldn't have swatted a fly. She would have shooed it away), you felt it coming from her just being her. That was unique! That is what I will always remember. Years after Loyola U, I would see just "Sister Jean"..and remember "Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt" when the 2018 Tournament was on TV, myself living way outside Chicago at the time. Just chance flipping channels. I said "No Way! ..I ran to my old Loyola/Mundelein paperwork (Um I wasn't the greatest Student, but I still kept stuff) in a dusty file cabinet, an Viola! Yes. This was her with such an influence on the Basketball team three decades later coming to fruition, just as she was remembered so fondly encouraging me... Mulling it with the game on, I absolutely was not surprised about her success with the team, the only surprise element seeing her still pretty much look the same as I had remembered her at 77 over twenty years later. 2019, I would be back in Chicago. She would see me in her wheelchair on the bike path in front of Mundelein Tower. She somehow remembered my Name! "Hi Bill. I was so honored by all the recognition"..Something along those lines as I said "You're Famous!"... ..RIP Sister Jean. Thank you for being the Gentlest of Souls on this Earth, and you are definitely seated at the Right Hand of the Father. Eternal Thanks and Prayers Here and Best to Her Family! Bill Sanford

Bill Sanford - October 22, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of *Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt BVM*.



October 15, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *George Henry, Family, and Friends* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt BVM*.

George Henry, Family, and Friends - October 15, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray* was purchased for the family of *Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt BVM*.



October 15, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ *George Henry, Family, and Friends* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt BVM*.

George Henry, Family, and Friends - October 15, 2025 at 11:28 AM

“ I can't really say that I felt "saddened" when I heard of Sister Jean's death at 106. If ever there was a case to celebrate life over death, Sister Jean is it. What a life!

Many knew her as the Loyola University Ramblers basketball chaplain during the 2010s - especially their race to the Final Four in 2018.

Much earlier, I knew her as "Jean the Dean," at Mundelein College, the all-women's college on Sheridan Road alongside the Loyola campus in Rogers Park. In her many administrative and teaching roles at Mundelein, from 1976-1980, she was director of my dorm, Coffey Hall.

Sister Jean put up with too many of our Freshman shenanigans -- like the night we stayed out too late at the local bar, plopped down in the dorm elevator and rode the car up and down, talking and laughing. Suddenly the lift stopped on the first floor instead of the lower level. The doors open to a wearied gray-haired nun in her pink robe and slippers.

"Girls, get to bed!"

Heads bowed, we pushed the up button one last time.

Although Mundelein was the blueprint for the 1966 film, *The Trouble with Angels*, Sister Jean was so much more than the disciplinarian of wayward girls. Her door at Coffey Hall was forever open and we knew that she would take the time to listen to our problems, both academic and social.

My senior year, I was battling emotional and financial issues. I didn't think I would graduate come June. I visited Sister Jean in her office in the school's main building one cold winter day. Sitting down across from her, through tears, I told her my dilemma.

"Keep moving forward Mary Ann," she said. "There's always a way around these obstacles." Then she helped me draw up a solid plan.

Thanks to Sister Jean, I graduated in June of 1980 with a bachelor's degree in Humanities.

*My favorite Sister Jean saying. "If the arc is true, the ball goes in."
Thanks for helping me with my arc, Sister.*



Mary Ann O'Rourke - October 12, 2025 at 02:46 PM