



Ruth Imogene "Jean" Christenson

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Ruth Imogene “Jean” Christenson passed peacefully at age 97 in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 22, 2022. Jean Christenson was born, Ruth Imogene Chase to William J. Chase and Rhoda May Steward on March 11, 1925 in Goodman, Missouri. Her father worked in the coal mines after he was discharged from military service in WW I. As result of his work in the coal mines, he contracted TB and passed away when Jean was five years old. Rhoda May, exposed to TB caring for William, died when Jean was ten years old. Jean and her older sister, Irene lived with their uncle and aunt, who moved to Donna, Texas. After graduating in 1942 from Donna High School, Jean moved to Los Angeles and moved in with her sister, Irene.

In May of 1943, Jean met Lawrence “Larry” E. Christenson on a blind date. Larry had enlisted in the Army Air Corp and was completing his cadet training in California. They were married on September 23, 1943 in North Hollywood, California. Completing his flight crew training as a B-26 navigator-bombardier, Larry left for Europe in February of 1944. Jean moved to Kansas City, Missouri and found a job at Pratt & Whitney.

In 1945, Larry return to Kansas City and they began their family – Larry (1947), Carolyn (1949) and Terry (1954). In 1951, Larry was recalled to active duty for service in Korea flying the B29. Jean stayed home raising three children. In December 1959, she began working in the accounting department of TWA. Utilizing her employee passes, Larry and Jean took many trips to faraway places creating tons of lasting memories. In 1983, Jean retired from TWA.

In May 1996, Jean and Larry moved to Tulsa to be near Carolyn and Terry. Larry passed away on May 24, 2013 – four months shy of their 70th wedding anniversary. The following year she moved to Country Club of Woodland Hills. a senior living community. In 2018 she moved to Forest Hills Assisted Living. At both senior communities, Carolyn and Terry decorated her apartments with many of Jean’s craft projects, family photos and memorabilia. Jean was a wonderful friendly, caring, kind person always welcoming friends and new neighbors.



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She is survived by her son, Larry Christenson of Cupertino, CA., her son, Terry Christenson of Tulsa, and her grandson, Alex Christenson of Los Angeles, CA. Her husband, Larry, a World War II veteran passed away on May 24, 2013 and is buried at Floral Haven Cemetery, "Avenue of Flags". Her daughter, Carolyn Jean Jones passed away August 4, 2022 and is also buried at Floral Haven Cemetery.

The family requests donations in our Mother, Father and Carolyn's names be made to the Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled and Burn Children. Rest in Peace Mom. We Love you.



Tribute Wall

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LC

Larry Christenson posted:

Mom's favorite poem was "God's Garden". Mom included it in Dad and Carolyn's memorials and so it's only appropriate that we include it here. Mom's gardens were always beautiful. She loved working in the yard caring for her vegetables, fruits, and flowers. She was our rock. While her early life as a child was extremely difficult, she was the perfect caring wife, mother, grandmother, friend and wonderful person -always considerate, compassionate, thoughtful, kind, helpful and loving. God's Garden
God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place,
He then looked down upon this earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw that the road was getting rough,
And the hills hard to climb.
So, He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
Mom, we love you and miss you. Go to Dad and Carolyn and be happy again. Rest in Peace. Larry, Lyn and Alex.

April 4 at 7:24 AM

SA

Sandra lit a candle in honor of Ruth.

Rip my sweet Jean, I will miss your lovely spirit at Forrest Hills Assistant Living . I enjoyed our talks on the patio. You were very loved here and will be truly missed. Love you, Sandra Drew

March 31 at 5:21 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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