



Mary Imogene Keith

November 25, 1924 - November 5, 2020

Jean Keith died on November 5, 2020 at Legacy of South Plains. She was born November 25, 1924 in Lubbock. She was preceded in death by her first husband Roy James, a grandson Joshua Parker and her second husband Don Keith. She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Parker of Houston and Carolyn McGehee and her husband Bobby of Fredericksburg, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, a stepson, Larry and wife Lori of Crowley, and two stepdaughters, Carrie and Charlotte of Austin and their children and grandchildren. Private services for the family will be conducted at a later time. Donations in Jean's memory may be made to Lubbock Meals on Wheels or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79416

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mary Imogene Keith



Sanders Funeral Home - November 18, 2020 at 02:13 PM

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Jean was a lovely lady with class and grace. She had a quick wit and always treated me kindly. She encouraged me and appreciated my work in schools. She made Don so happy. Our daughter, Lauren was so happy to get to go to their wedding. Her mind stayed so bright with her daily bridge games. Love you Jean! Gale Latimer

Gale Latimer - November 18, 2020 at 03:19 PM

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“ Growing up to present Aunt Jean was my favorite as she was the classy aunt that always looked like she walked out of a fashion show. I always remembered her perfectly matching beautiful outfits with jewelry to match and her sweetest words always with a joyful tone of voice and a smile. She was a wonderful cook but most of all she would always make me a banana caramel pie upon request, spoiling me for years. She was very special lady to all our family, so dedicated, supportive and true. We will miss her dearly. Love and Blessings to cousins Nancy and Carolyn and family. RIP my beautiful aunt Jean.

Vince Robison (her nephew)

Jeanne Robison (Vinces wife)

Vince Robison - November 18, 2020 at 10:53 PM

“ On her birthday back in 2018, Carolyn and I spent a couple of days taking Oliver up to Lubbock to visit Jean. She was in great spirits but was only good for quick visits so we had several. As was typical for her, Jean had detailed plans for exactly how her funeral arrangements would be held and reviewed them with us. At some point she said, "....and nobody is to stand or talk or deliver a silly speech about me." That didn't sit well with me, so I said, "Hey, what if I decide to stand up and say something anyway? It's not like you would be in any position to stop me, you know." Her reply, "Well, OK. You can say something if you want but nobody else." That hit home in a way I hadn't intended, and I've been thinking about what to say ever since - with very little success. So here are just a couple of thoughts that come to mind this beautiful, warm, sunny morning.

I met Jean in 1974 when she and Carolyn were living in a duplex on 54th street. I was 18 years old. a complete mess of a teenager, and had just started dating her daughter. I was really nervous about meeting her but she welcomed me into her spotless home with such grace I felt right at home. In fact, looking back over the next 40 plus years I knew her, I can say I felt as close to, and as at home with, her as I was with my own Mom. They were quite different people in many ways but at their core, were the exemplification of 1950's mothers / homemakers. Women such as Jean lived their lives in accordance with an unshakable faith in a well defined set of beliefs and ideals. Some of those beliefs fell out of favor over the years. But one has to appreciate the strength such strong beliefs gave her as she was forced into a post war, male dominated workforce by the untimely death of her first husband Roy. You might or might not have agreed with Jean's stances on many issues but it was exactly that strong moral compass, that absolute certainty of Right vs Wrong that guided her though 90 plus years on this planet - from farm girl to dedicated wife/mother to successful business woman and back to loving wife again - and that's not something to be taken lightly.

Absolute Class. Jean exhibited a level of class rarely seen these

days. She was a charter member of a class of post WW2 women who unfailingly supported their husbands and families and yet, when the times dictated, courageously ventured out into the wide, wide world and laid the foundations for today's women to achieve anything they want to achieve. Strong, smart, opinionated, yet reserved, beautiful, and above all loving.

I will miss her.



Bobby McGehee - November 18, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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“*Jean, how you will be so missed. I loved you just as much as I loved my own mom. May you Rest In Peace.*
Love Dolores Elias

Dolores Elias - November 07, 2020 at 08:37 PM