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Decatur-Jean Marie Baum, 86, of Decatur, passed away Thursday, February 20, 2014 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Jean was born November 26, 1927 in Nashville, Tennessee, the daughter of Deskin and Nell (Johnson) Turrentine. She graduated from Central High School in Nashville. She then attended nursing school in Bethesda, Maryland. She did her nurses training at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington D.C. where she met B.J. Baum. He was serving in the U.S. Navy at Anacostia Naval Air Station. They were married October 4, 1947. She was a longtime member of Sunnyside Church of Christ and retired from the Adolph Meyer Zone Center. Jean and B.J. provided a home to several exchange students over the years mostly from Japan. Up until two years ago she could be seen in the summers riding a motorcycle behind her husband around central IL.

Jean leaves behind her husband of over sixty-six years B.J. of Decatur, daughter Marie Baum of Morgantown, North Carolina, sons Russell Baum Sahuarita, Arizona and James (Betty) Baum of Decatur, she also raised a granddaughter Lisa (Andrew) Fay of Granite Falls, North Carolina. Also surviving are granddaughters Bari Baum of St. Louis, Missouri and Kasey (Kevin) Carroll of Granite City, five great-grandchildren, and one brother.

Jean was reunited in Heaven with her parents, two sisters, one brother, and her son Michael E. Baum who was killed in Vietnam in 1970. The Michael E. Baum Elementary School is named in his honor.

She will be fondly remembered and missed by all who knew and loved her. Services to celebrate Jean's life will be 2 p.m. Monday, February 24, 2014 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, February 23, 2014 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.



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The family of Jean Baum is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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SF

Stephen Fisher posted:

BJ: Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Stephen & Donna Fisher Family

March 1 at 2:19 PM

GE

Genanne posted:

Dear "Aunt Jean" Im sorry you had to suffer with Alzheimer's, I always enjoyed your warm hugs we shared and you eyes filled with compassion. My sympathies to Uncle Jim, MariBeth, Russell and the family. You walk with the Angels and have Peace now. Will see You again one day. I will certainly miss you

February 24 at 4:44 AM

LB

Linda Brown posted:

I remember Jean as a very gentle person. My deepest sympathy to Maribeth, Russell and Jimmy.Linda Brady Brown

February 23 at 1:49 PM

PM

Pam Morgan posted:

Dear Aunt Jean (Great Aunt) You were loved by So many for being such a wonderfully , beautiful person inside and out. I loved hearing your stories about you looking up your 'family tree' and the excitement in your eyes when you spoke of your Exchange students from Japan. You brought So much JOY to all those around you and I will truly miss you very deeply. I Love You Aunt Jean!! Heaven Has Gained Another Angel!! Love, Pam ...

February 23 at 6:37 AM

RM

Roman Martin posted:

Jim and Family;Just a quick thought in memory of Jean. I had many great memories of both of you and fondly remember Jean. I will remember both of you in my prayers Thanks for many years of friendshipRoman Martin

February 22 at 8:07 AM



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GS

Gary Simms posted:

Deepest sympathy to BJ and the rest of the family.

February 22 at 5:36 AM

CH

Chris Horton posted:

(Great) Aunt Jean, you were loved deeply by your family. Julie and our children loved you from the day they met you. As a child, I cherish the memories of feeding the squirrels at the kitchen window and picking four types of apples off of your one apple tree. I'm sure your parents were shocked to learn that their daughter – a nurse – had married a Sailor, just as Julie's parents were surprised to learn that their daughter had also married a Sailor. Love, your Great Nephew – Chris.

February 21 at 1:17 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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