



## Jean Rita Anderson

January 23, 1923 - June 16, 2019

Our beautiful, 96 year old mother, joined her loving husband, daddy, mother, and sister in heaven on a very appropriate holiday, Father's Day. Jean Anderson died at the Monroe Care Center on Sunday, June 16, 2019 following complications from her unforgiving Alzheimer's disease. We can only imagine the celebration of this heavenly reunion.

Jean Rita Geneva Anderson was born January 23, 1923 to Rita "Head" and Dedrick Geneva. She proudly graduated from Albia High School in 1941, and stayed very active in planning class reunions until her health did not allow. She spent endless hours working on invitations and table centerpieces to make each reunion memorable. She loved her classmates, as they loved her, as she was crowned Homecoming queen 1941.

Jean fell madly in love with a very handsome soldier, Roy L. Anderson and were married on August 9, 1944. They celebrated 49 years of marriage before Roy's death in February, 1994. They were blessed with their 4 sons, or as Jean would refer to them as her 4 C's" Craig (Thomas) Kansas City, MO, Christopher (Sandra) Albia, IA, Curtis (Julie) Melrose, IA, and Cevin, yes with a "C" (Monica) Clive, IA. How she raised and mothered 4 boys is still a mystery, but she and Roy raised a wonderful family but the addition of daughter in laws was the icing to her cake. She finally got her girl(s).

Together as a team, Roy and Jean were young entrepreneurs of Albia. From owning and managing the JR Grocery Store, they kept all the high school students in snacks and the neighborhood in fresh cut deli meats. Roy and Jean were gifted with wonderful customer service skills and Roy with a genuine expertise in being a handyman of all trades. This guided them to own and operate the Sears store on the south side of the Albia square. A business they worked hard at and were very proud of. Jean, who was born a natural beauty, was very protective of her face and skin which led her to the side business as a very successful Avon lady. She so loved her lipstick! Her business boomed which eventually led to the transformation of Chris' bedroom at 315 South Clinton, to a very crowded "Avon room." She was convinced she would hit the jackpot saving one of the Avon bottles for future sell.

Jean enjoyed working in the office of Chamberlains Manufacturing Company. She loved having the opportunity to dress up every day and enjoyed shopping for her business office attire, with matching shoes. Although, she was a perfect size 7 ½ shoe, her closet would vary from size 6 to 9 if the shoe was perfect for the outfit. The smaller size she would use a shoe stretcher and the larger size would find tissue stuffed in the toes. Jean never left the house without everything being in place. She was a stunning woman.

Jean had early aspirations of being a nurse but knew she couldn't change a bed pan, but as her mother aged and needed assistance, Jean provided the support as her loving nurse. We are so very thankful for the ones who do have the compassion to enter the nursing field. The staff at Monroe Care Center have loved Jean as their mother/grandmother and Jean felt this love as she would say, "I love you" to all who assisted her. Jean was always cared for so lovingly and they all share in this loss of her. Thank you for always dressing her up, fixing her hair, putting on her jewelry, applying her nail polish, lipstick, and Estee Lauder cologne. We will never forget your kindness, friendship, and

professionalism.

Jean loved her Methodist Church in Albia and was very active with bible studies and ladies groups. As a 77 year old woman, she volunteered to chaperone the Methodist Youth Group to New York in celebration of the millennium year. Although she did find herself alone and lost in Time Square, she was able to navigate back to the hotel and shared stories of this grand adventure for years.

Jean was active until her health declined with the Albia Meals on Wheels program, her monthly bridge club gatherings, her country club golf league, bowling league and belonged to the majority of the organizations in Monroe County and City of Albia. She enjoyed her social life and made it fun for all to be around her. Enjoying her exquisite Christmas decorating and family meals were a highlight for all to gather for.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Roy; her parents, Rita and Dedrick Geneva; her sister, Betty Cashmark; a grandson, Corbett Anderson; and a wonderful circle of best friends.

Surviving are her 4 C's, their spouses and grandchildren, Kenyon (Scott) Delk, Dedrick (Marla) Anderson, Heather Anderson, Ashlee (Bryon) Stilley, Jena (Joe) Shutman and Joel (Anne) Anderson. She is also survived by 17 great grandchildren; 2 nieces, Debbie Postel and Melanie Everson; a nephew, Daryn Cashmark; a dear cousin, Gretchen Doyle, whom she loved as a sister; and many other relatives.

A celebration of Jean's well lived and loved life will be Friday, June 21, 2019. Visitation with family from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church, Albia, IA with a funeral service to follow. A luncheon will be immediately served in

the church social hall. A private family burial will conclude this celebration of life at Oakview Cemetery, Albia.

Mom, Mo, Jean- YOU are our sunshine!

In lieu of flowers, her family has chosen "SAVE THE KING"/Theatre as their memorial to honor Jean. Your donations will assist in the fund raising efforts to upgrade and restore the King Opera House in Albia.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
1117 Benton Ave East  
Albia, IA 52531

## Funeral Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Rita Anderson*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Jean Rita Anderson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *To the four "C's" from the four "C" Childress girls...  
...sending BIG HUGS and remembering your beautiful Mom. As the  
youngest, I don't remember a lot of details, but I do remember the  
LAUGHTER. I remember your Dad and Mom always being happy.  
And, a lot of chaos as we kids ran around the house and the yard  
on our visits. As LeAnn said, the four of them are in heaven  
now...playing cards and reminiscing about old times. God Bless.  
Mickey*

**Mickey Childress Schaefer** - June 24, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ *Thinking of you Anderson boys and families and so sorry for your  
loss. Lots of great memories of the Anderson's and Childress' over  
the years. I remember Albia at age 3-4 and us living upstairs in an  
apartment and Craig and your folks living downstairs. Our folks had  
a lot of fun together and now again.....probably playing cards and  
toasting each other. Great to be able to see Craig here in Kansas  
City. Sympathies from the Childress girls: Linda, LeAnn, Candy and  
Mickey.*

**LeAnn Carl** - June 22, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jean Rita Anderson.



June 21, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ The Williams Family were so fortunate to know Jean plus all the Geneva/Anderson families.. Dad (Sonny) would always share memories. I will always remember her in special ways whether it was on the golf course or PEO.. you were a very special person who left a legacy.. on behalf of all of us Williams family our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families.. she was truly special

**Debbie Williams** - June 20, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Rita Anderson.



June 18, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Jean Rita Anderson



**Karen** - June 18, 2019 at 03:48 PM

KA

*Sorry to hear about your mother. Never met her but did hear great things that she did. Karen Ahn*

**Karen** - June 18, 2019 at 03:50 PM

JM

*With Deepest Sympathy and Love,  
Jerry and Sue Marcellus*

**Jerry and Sue Marcellus** - June 19, 2019 at 05:47 AM

MR

“ *God bless her. Sending love and prayers to all who love and will miss her. May she rest in peace. Big hugs to her "C's".*

**Mary Magie Reade** - June 18, 2019 at 10:23 AM

TC

“ *Tim Jones/Monroe Care Center lit a candle in memory of Jean Rita Anderson*



**tim jones/Monroe Care Center** - June 18, 2019 at 10:06 AM

LK

“ *As I remember you dearest Jean, whether on the golf course, at a meeting, in a restaurant, or on the street, your beautiful smile and disposition said it all. You were a beloved, lady whom I was proud to know as a friend. May you Rest In Peace dearheart. Love and prayers as you and Roy are both enjoying heaven's wonders. Lana Kaldenberg Eells*

**Lana Kaldenberg** - June 17, 2019 at 09:59 PM

JC

“ I have many memories of Jean and all the C'S as we were neighbors and i was at her house quite a bit. She was a beautiful loving woman and mother. To all of you my thoughts and prayers.

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**Julie carter** - June 17, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jean Rita Anderson.



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June 17, 2019 at 08:04 PM

JL

“ Love & Prayers, to Jeans wonderful family!! As I grew up in our small town of Albia...there were two (2) Jean Anderson's, this beautiful lady & me! I spent many times with Jean at her home, because we lived a block from each other (east down the alley)! As far back as I can remember she always greeted me as the beautiful young, Jean & referred to herself as the beautiful older, Jean. She had told me of her desire to be a nurse. When I started my journey in nursing school, Jean would always make it a point to check in with my mom, Edith, to find out how I was. Sometimes my mail from college would end up in her mailbox & she'd call my mom to see when I would be home so she could drop it off & talk with me about nursing school! When I moved away from Albia, Jean would keep in touch with my mom to make sure I was doing well. On my many visits home, I either stopped by to say 'Hi' or our paths would cross. She would kiss me on the cheek & give me the biggest hugs! I always looked up to her, because she made me (sharing the same name & interest) feel so important in her life. She will always hold a very special place in my heart & know she'll be checking in with my mom & dad to see how I've been doing!! ❤️🥰🌹

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**Jean (Anderson) Lozano** - June 17, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Rita Anderson.



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June 17, 2019 at 05:31 PM