



Jean A Martin

February 28, 1934 - June 1, 2014

Jean Ann (Gray) Martin was born Feb 28, 1934 in Lafayette, Indiana to Paul E. and Ida M. Gray. She was raised in Fowler, Indiana and graduated from Fowler High School in 1952. After graduation she attended Purdue University and earned a degree in Home Economics Education graduating in 1956. She also earned her 'Mrs.' when she married her college sweet heart, Dean Martin, on June 5, 1955. They have 4 children Robert (Judy), Richard (Doreen), Stephen (Melissa) and Sue Rees. She spent her early married life moving from Japan to Illinois, to Colorado to Urbana, Illinois. In 1970 the family moved to Cheney, WA. Jean and Dean have visited many countries including Australia, American Samoa, Fiji, all through Europe, Russia and China. For the last 25 years Dean and Jean have been traditional Jazz groupies. They have attended jazz festivals from San Diego to Virginia to Vancouver, BC. They danced and enjoyed the company of many jazzers. Dean and Jean were the co-directors of the Spokane Dixieland Jazz Festival for 9 years. Jean was an avid quilter. She taught quilting, made quilts for all the family and many clothes for herself and her husband. She entered many of her projects in shows in Washington and was awarded many ribbons. Jean is survived by her husband, Dean, 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Although Jean has finally found peace after a seven year battle with dementia she will be dearly missed. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 8th, at Cheney Funeral Chapel, 1632 W. First St., Cheney WA In Lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Association,

910 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 256, Spokane, WA 99204.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dean - Pam and I were so sorry to hear of Jean's passing. Wishing you strength to get through this difficult time.

Dan & Pam Melchior - June 14, 2014 at 01:19 AM

DM

“ Jean was a beautiful woman inside and out. I had the honor of being her daughter-in-law for almost 25 years. You will be missed. Rest In Peace~~

Doreen Martin - June 07, 2014 at 12:41 AM

BB

“ Dean,
We will truly miss seeing Jean on the dance floor. Our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Black Swan Classic Jazz Band - June 05, 2014 at 01:38 PM

"J

“ Dean, may you find the strength to go forward after a wonderful 59 years together. We truly share in your grief.

"cousin" Linda & Jack - June 04, 2014 at 02:56 PM