



## Jean Ellen Blessman

September 6, 1929 - September 29, 2020

Jean Ellen (Becker) Blessman, 91, of Havana IL, died September 29, 2020 at Havana Health Care Center in Havana. She was born September 6, 1929 in Pekin IL, the daughter of Louis E Becker and Miriam (Clover) Becker. She married Lyman “Don” Blessman on June 3, 1950 in Taylorville IL, he survives. She attended Stephens College and Bradley University where she studied interior design. She worked with her husband Don at The Blessman Agency for many years where she cherished spending time with friends and co-workers Janet, Helen, Shirley, and Rosemary.

Jean assisted in the planning and development of Hickory Hills, Sherwood Forest and others and enjoyed designing and decorating the homes they built as models. Jean was a past president of Mason District Hospital Auxiliary and the Havana Public Library Board, and was proud to participate in the refurbishing of the library in the 1970s, some of which still exists today. Jean wrote a weekly column for the Mason County Democrat while her children were growing up. She was an accomplished oil painter and enjoyed giving her paintings to family and friends. She was a lifetime member of the Havana United Methodist Church.

Jean is survived by her husband Don; daughters Gail (Rex) Beard, of Decatur IL, and Diane McGinnis of Havana IL; son Steve Blessman of Havana IL; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was

preceded in death by son Gary K Blessman, her parents, sister Janet Specketer, and niece Laura Specketer.

Cremation rites have been accorded. The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Havana Public Library. A memorial service of remembrance will be held at a later date. Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Ellen Blessman*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Jean and Don were frequent customers at Dad's Paint store and much more than customers. He enjoyed visiting with them and so did Mom after Dad passed away. I loved it when they came into the library. Very nice to talk to. I will miss her.*



**Karen Elliott** - October 22, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ *Jean was one of our mom's dearest friends for many years! They both painted beautifully! They were friends and our families were friends. I am sure our mom greeted her at the pearly gates. They are together again in heaven.....having a great time with all our loved ones!*



**angie hodgson** - October 07, 2020 at 08:38 PM

DM

“ Don and Jean were wonderful friends of my parents for many, many years. I remember so many times visiting with Jean in the real estate office beneath my parent's home and my dad so enjoyed working with them. After my mom passed, Jean looked after my dad and gave me so much help and comfort during his illnesses and passing. She was a true lady and treasured friend. I will always remember her with great fondness.

*Debi (Payne) McCarthy*

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**Debi (Payne) McCarthy** - October 04, 2020 at 11:34 AM

SB

*Debi, thanks for this. I believe your parents were also married in Taylorville, the night before mine were. Your parents were like an Aunt and Uncle to me, and your Dad was the glue that held everything together in our office. Bob could sell snow to the Eskimos and close a deal that was literally falling apart! Everyone in town admired him and Mom and Dad loved working with him. Best Wishes to you.*

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**Steve Blessman** - October 06, 2020 at 11:39 AM

CW

“ My deepest condolences to this wonderful family, I enjoyed Jean so much over the years, what a wonderful woman who will be missed by many. *Chrissy West*



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**chrissy west** - October 01, 2020 at 04:13 PM

JC

“ *Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman*



Julitta Carpenter - October 01, 2020 at 01:34 PM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman*



Larry and Mary Hundt - October 01, 2020 at 08:48 AM

AO

“ *Blessman family and friends, I am so sorry for your loss. I lived nextdoor and rented from the family for four years. Jean was always sweet to me. May your good memories of her bring you comfort.*

Anna Oest - September 30, 2020 at 08:12 PM

BS

“ *Don and family, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Jean. Mom sure did love and admire Jean's art, friendship and the Tuesday night gang. It's my sincere hope that time will bring comfort and help to heal your sorrow.*



*With deep sympathy and understanding,*

*Beth Smith (Betty and Bill Schad's daughter)*

beth Smith - September 30, 2020 at 06:49 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your family's loss!



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**Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson** - September 30, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family



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**Dan and Chris Wilson** - September 30, 2020 at 06:38 PM

MT

“ Jean was a lovely lady and a very talented artist. I miss her dearly.



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**Michelle Turner** - September 30, 2020 at 06:35 PM

LW

“ Lori Wright lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman



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**Lori Wright** - September 30, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Rhonda Neeley lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman*



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**Rhonda Neeley** - September 30, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ *Traci Unruh lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman*



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**Traci Unruh** - September 30, 2020 at 05:31 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman*



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**Nancy Wilson** - September 30, 2020 at 05:07 PM

CM

“ *Cheri Wilcoxen Muller lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman*



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**Cheri Wilcoxen Muller** - September 30, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Robert Specketer lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman



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**Robert Specketer** - September 30, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ Kraig Krause lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman



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**Kraig Krause** - September 30, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ KIM RUSSELL lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman



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**KIM RUSSELL** - September 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Mary L Potts lit a candle in memory of Jean Ellen Blessman



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**Mary I Potts** - September 30, 2020 at 10:45 AM

HS

“ Jean was a great co-worker first who became a wonderful friend for so many years. She was the one who started our Tuesday Night Gang , a group of five couples who enjoyed more than twenty five years of weekly meals and friendship. I'm sure those who have preceeded her welcomed her with open arms yesterday. I love her and will miss her forever.

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**Helen K Sarff** - September 30, 2020 at 10:02 AM

GB

*Thank you, Helen. She loved you and Bob and cherished your friendship.*

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**Gail Beard** - September 30, 2020 at 12:58 PM