



Wanda "Jean" Sullivan

October 2, 1933 - December 23, 2021

Wanda "Jean" Sullivan, 88, of Tallula, Illinois, passed away peacefully on December 23, 2021. She was born October 2, 1933, to Walter and Bertha Knowles in Havana, Illinois. She married Ron Sullivan on December 12, 1986.

Jean retired from the Illinois Department of Revenue. She was an excellent seamstress and even made her daughter's wedding dress. Quilting was her hobby and she made beautiful quilts for all of her family. She loved making homemade chicken and noodles, fudge and divinity to share with family and friends. She treasured her family. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports, hot fudge sundaes and taking rides to look at big white fluffy clouds. She always said, "You can't stay sad if you look up at the beautiful sky and heaven."

Jean is survived by her daughter, Jeanne "Lynn" (husband David) Espenschied; grandchildren, Amanda Espenschied, Matt (wife Lindsay) Espenschied and Cole (wife Kristi) Espenschied; nine great grandchildren, Isaak and Josiah Espenschied, Calla, Macie and Dallon Espenschied and Kenzi, Kasen, Micai and Ryler Espenschied; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and a wealth of friends.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Ron, on June 10, 2017; her parents; two brothers, Harold "Speed" Knowles and Walter Duane Knowles;

her sister, Betty Smith Zimmerman; and two nieces.

Per Jean's wishes private family services are planned at Oakford Cemetery at a later date. Cremation rites were accorded by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, Illinois.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Tallula BLS or Menard County Rescue.

Please visit Jean's online obituary at hurleyfh.com to leave condolences and share memories.

Cemetery Details

Oakford Cemetery

Oakford, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda "Jean" Sullivan*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *My condolences for the family love you all*



Marilyn Ferrell aka weird puppy - December 29, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *I remember her making the most famous peanut butter fudge every christmas no one could ever master it not even me. She was a wonderful sweet lady*

Marilyn Ferrell aka weird puppy - December 29, 2021 at 12:02 PM

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“ Dearest Lynn,
I am so saddened to hear about Jean; your wonderful, kind, sweet Mom. I loved her and she was so good to all of us kids.
I have many memories of her! One was when she turned 50 I remember her saying “I am now a half a century old Vicki, I can’t believe that.” Cheerleading in the front room, sewing lessons, crocheting lessons, etc. Wonderful memories of fishing experiences with her and Dad and I loved watching them dance.
I will always hold these memories close; she made my life a better one because she was in it.
I send you much love as I’m sure you are sad; yet on the flip side of that, I am sure you are filled with gratitude for the many gifts she gave you. She loved you so!
Much love and gentle hugs!
Vicki Dowell

Vicki Dowell - December 28, 2021 at 05:36 PM

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“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Wanda "Jean" Sullivan



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 28, 2021 at 08:24 AM