



Jeanette Burns

January 24, 1940 - January 1, 2022

****Please note, there is no public attendance for the funeral service.**

Jeanette (Jean) Burns passed away peacefully on January 1, 2022 in Utah Valley Hospital from complications related to open heart surgery 22 days earlier. She was the wife for over sixty years of Frank Joseph Burns, the mother of Mark (Erin), Jeff (Sue), and Caren, and the grandmother of Emma, Adam, Anna, and Sam Burns. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Earl Hibbard, her mother, Evelyn Laborn, and her brothers Corky Burns, Walt Burns, and John Burns.

Early in life, Jean was ambitious in her studies and was a member of the National Honor Society. She received a scholarship to the University of Buffalo to attend their nursing program and graduated at the age of 19 from the Buffalo Deaconess Hospital with an RN certification. From there, she worked in the Labor and Delivery unit, Emergency Room, and later as a school nurse at Nardin Academy in Buffalo, NY. Her final nursing position was as a Chiropractic Assistant for the Patriarcho family, where she loved the patients but hated working with the insurance companies.

Jean had a wealth of friends from her years in Buffalo and Syracuse, New York and then finally Lindon, Utah. She was good at both making and keeping friends and was lifelong friends, for example, with several people she went to nursing college with as a young woman, former coworkers, in crafting clubs throughout the years, or who were in the different LDS wards she was a member of. More recently, she made friends in her neighborhood book group (she loved to read), her water aerobics group at the gym, a card making club, and her lunch group at the Lindon Senior Center.

The word that most characterized Jean was love. She was filled with love for her husband, children, and grandkids and for all others in her social orbit. One thing she shared with all those people were her talents at cooking, knitting, painting, and stamping. She would begin planning out what she was going to make for family Sunday dinners at Mark and Erin's up to a week in advance and was famous for her stuffed shells, her spaghetti sauce

with meatballs, her baked goods, and especially her Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey stuffing. The best family dinners were the ones where we played a rousing card game of Hearts afterwards around the kitchen table. She was competitive, loved Hearts and was always the first one to encourage the weekly Sunday game.

With her knitting, she was constantly involved in a project of one kind or another for others, usually scarves, sweaters, or her specialty, homemade socks. All her children and grandchildren and even the newborn babies of friends all the way back in New York received the blessings of Jean's knitting. She knit for charity organizations as well, and made headbands for sister missionaries. Her last pair of Christmas socks she knitted for Mu, a friend of Emma's living with Mark and Erin this year: bright yellow socks to match his bright yellow Sunday suit.

Stamping and making homemade cards was a hobby Mom acquired in Syracuse. She would make beautiful homemade stamped cards for birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Halloween, and any other excuse she could think of—always hand-colored and in a fancy, decorated envelope. Every holiday, many of her loved ones would receive cards from her in the mail, and it was something we always looked forward to. A related hobby was scrapbooking and she gave each of her children and grandchildren a scrapbook of their life. She also loved to paint and kept learning skills in different mediums throughout her life. All her cooking, knitting, stamping, painting, and scrapbooking were true gifts from the heart.

Jean also loved to go on vacations with Dad and her kids. From weekends in Toronto with Jeff and Mark when they were young to a long planned-for trips to Florida with family, to yearly summer camping trips in upstate New York, to trips around southern Utah with Caren later on, she loved to plan and anticipate travel—especially to warmer climes during the cold New York winters. Her favorite place was Disneyworld, especially in February when it was generally freezing at home. After they retired, Jean and Frank enjoyed traveling to Mexico twice and several cruises to the Bahamas, Alaska, and New England and eastern Canada.

Jean was dedicated to serving others and loved her time as a missionary for the LDS Church at the LDS Conference Center, located in Temple Square. At church, she served as a Young Women's president and Relief Society callings throughout her life. Every Christmas, she set aside funds to help families in need and was often generous with strangers who needed help. She also volunteered for Meals on Wheels as a delivery driver for 2 years before her passing. Anytime anyone was sick, Jean was the first person to show up with food, medical advice, and a listening ear.

We feel lucky that Jean lived so many years as our wife, mother, and grandmother. After a lifetime of health issues and 22 surgeries, it was a miracle that she almost made it to her 82nd birthday. We're grateful for her constant love and care and have full confidence that we'll all be with her again in a few years.

Services for Jeanette Burns will be family only, Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 9:00am MST (11:00am) EST, but available online for live viewing or playback later at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJZYc8ilLv5Y5ijlgsL5a5Q/>

The family requests that friends and family make donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in lieu of flowers. Donations can be made at: <https://www.stjude.org/give.html>

There is no public attendance for the services. Please view the live stream to watch the funeral service.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Events

Lindon City Cemetery

600 North 200 East

Lindon, UT, 84042

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Live Funeral Service Broadcast09:00AM - 10:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Utah Valley Mortuary - January 06 at 04:46 PM



“ Jean was the first to welcome me into the pool at the American Fork Vasa. Her smile and interest in me let me know she cared. In fact, Jean cared about everyone and made sure we had a birthday lunch each month to celebrate each swimmers birthday. Jean encouraged donations for friends who were struggling and was the truest of friends. She will be dearly missed here, but I am sure she is spreading her love in Paradise. Lots of love to Frank who walked as one with Jean. Much love to all the family, Dian Gibb

Dian Gibb - January 06 at 06:50 PM



“ We have many fond memories of Jean and her family. She was a loving friend. She will be missed by her many friends.

Beckie and Chris Lindseth

Rebecca Lindseth - January 07 at 06:12 PM



“ Jeff Burns is following this tribute.

Jeff Burns - January 11 at 10:25 AM



“ It was such a blessing to have known her. Her home was always open to anyone and everyone. She was an amazing young womens leader, a staple at girls camp and the fun mom of my friend. I always felt welcomed and cared for when I was with her. We all LOVED her apple crisp...that should have won an award in Syracuse too;) Most of all I will remember her sense of humor and the way she laughed. It was always a good time with Sister Burns. I'm so happy we stopped by for a visit a few years ago to catch up...all cherished memories. Our love to Brother Burns and Caren and the rest of the family



Pam Wessinger - January 09 at 10:14 PM



“ JoAnn Burns Teal & Marlene Burns lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Burns



JoAnn Burns Teal & Marlene Burns - January 08 at 12:34 PM



“ Dave and I have never felt the spirit so strong as we did today while listening to Jean's services..We are grateful to know her better and to love her more as well as the family. We are so blessed to have had Jean in our lives if only to swim and have a monthly lunch together. Thank you for sharing your mother, wife and grandmother with us. Love, Dave and Dian Gibb

Dian Gibb - January 08 at 12:17 PM



“ We had just moved to Buffalo, NY. It was our first Sunday in Church. Jean welcomed us with open arms and made us feel like family. We greatly enjoyed her outlook on life and her humor. She was a great woman and always building up all those around her. One time she shared her dislike of classical music with us. Still, she allowed Frank the opportunity to listen to classical music while she ran the vacuum. That way she wouldn't have to listen. Then she would giggle and we understood how much love she had for Frank. We will miss her greatly. Tom and Pia Savoldi.

Tom and Pia Savoldi - January 08 at 12:15 PM



“ Mark And Mary lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Burns



Mark and Mary - January 08 at 09:25 AM



“ I knew Jean from the infamous water aerobics group as well. She was new(er) to the group in the last 7ish years, but she fit right in. The greatest thing to me was that she would faithfully come to the class, and her ever doting husband, Frank, would do his work out on the regular equipment while she was in the pool. Every day, he would wait patiently for her to be dressed and done. He never complained, and soon the group adopted him.

Jean shared find memories from being an usher at the conference center. Her testimony of Jesus Christ was evident in her everyday living.

If she had a crochet project she was working on, she couldn't wait to share her progress with the group. The items she made were beautiful, some of the finest hand made items I've seen, and could be sold at high dollar.

Most of all, Jean was a friend to all, always part of the fun, and she truly cared about others. Being a recipient of her kindness, I for one will miss her endearing accent, and friendship.

Cari Cooper - January 07 at 11:58 PM



“ One of the most generous blessings the Lord has given me was to have Jean for my best friend. It all started when she asked me to sit with her in Relief Society and grew to a more than 20 year friendship. Her love and example helped me to step out of my comfort zone, and together we enhanced our life's experience in the gym, the temple, at church, at work, and developing our talents in painting and giving service. If you have a big job to do, if you had Jean on your team it was always fun. She was a great planner and organizer. She knew how to do practically anything. We had fun cooking adventures and perfected some candy making techniques like fudge and chocolate covered cherries. We swapped canning and cooking advice. Jean was never afraid to try new things or to meet new people. She thrived on helping others. She loved the Lord. She loved her family. She blessed everyone she met. She will be greatly missed.

Susie Wesel - January 07 at 08:47 PM



“ Jean was a very special water aerobics friend. She always welcomed everyone. She called us the water aerobics family. And we were a family!
Sharing lunches, health concerns, family blessings and heart aches. I will miss her dearly but know she is happy and healthy. Until we meet again

Jeanne McFadden - January 06 at 06:56 PM



“ We shared very close birthdays. Mine on the 22 and hers on the 24. We got to pick where we had aerobic lunch. We were both nurses as our profession so another connection. I loved seeing her knitting projects. Such talent. Jean was always so friendly and welcoming to any new club members. I will miss her. This is Dixie

Dixie Van Winkle - January 06 at 07:20 PM



“ Jean, you will be sorely missed. I have known your family for over 40 years. First, Mark when we met at BYU. Then when I moved to Buffalo NY for medical school, I met the rest of you.
There will always be fond memories of Sunday dinners, holidays and incredible desserts at your home, plus outings to "Tom and Larry" Park (as young care bear, Caren called it).
Thank you for your incredible kindness and care. Love you!!!

Lenny Portocarrero - January 07 at 03:25 PM