



Jean Alberta Hays

June 9, 1917 - May 30, 2020

A loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, JEAN ALBERTA HAYS, 102, went peacefully on May 30, 2020. In honor of Jean's wishes, no services will be held. Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Jean's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

On June 9, 1917, Jean was born to Merenus Larson and Ollie Greiner in Nashua, Iowa. She was the beloved wife of Lester D. Hays, who preceded her in death. Jean had two wonderful children, Michael Hays, and Kathleen Buchanan. Prior to retirement, she worked in the sales industry. At 102 years old, Jean lived a full and wonderful life in the company of her loved ones. She will be deeply missed, but her joyful spirit will forever dance in the hearts of everyone who loved Jean.

SURVIVORS: Those left to cherish memories of Jean are her two children: Michael (Karen) Hays and Kathleen Buchanan; grandchildren: Tawnya Buchanan and husband Dirk Herzog, Chris (Steve) Perry, Cassie Hays; great-grandchildren: Reya Buchanan, Tanis Buchanan, DeMarcus Hays, Nathan Irwin, Will Reid, Dominic Waters, MaKaylah Waters, Zach Waters; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

PRECEDED: Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Lester D. Hays; parents, Merenus Larson and Ollie Greiner; son-in-law, Douglas Buchanan; as well as her siblings: Estel Larson, Franklin Larson, Edna (Leo) Naso

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Alberta Hays*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Going back to Houston, TX - Thanksgiving, Christmas and all the other holidays were not complete without our family dinner. Jean and Kathy, Tawnya, Reya and Tanis were - and still are - family to me. Those dinners were just joyous, warm, funny - and always contained wonderful stories from all. Thank you Jean, you were the glue that held the family together. Jean, be assured your wonderful spirit and love lives on in your children, grand and great children. And for you, and all of us. THE BEST IS YET TO COME :)*

Christl Constantine - June 03, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ *Thank you momma for always being there for all of us. You were an amazing woman, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. You taught me so much about life and living, I hope you knew how much and how many loved you.*

*Rest until we meet again,
Your daughter, Kathy*



Kathy Buchanan - June 03, 2020 at 07:53 PM

KA

“ *Rest in peace.*



Karen - June 03, 2020 at 07:23 PM

DB

Jean you were a special Lady. You will always be in our Hearts. Love you Sweet Lady.

Doris Buchanan - June 03, 2020 at 09:31 PM

KA

“ *You were one of the strongest loving person I know. You were my mother-law for 44years. You always had and open ear and loving heart. Yes I will also miss your stories and your helpful advice. You were never judgmental in anyway no matter what. You will always be remembered in a loving way. Love you your daughter-in - law.
Karen*

Karen - June 03, 2020 at 07:15 PM

CH

“ I wish i could hear one more story from you, even if i heard it a million times i would always wanna hear more. I remember when dad was going to training. And he left me with you abd wed go for walks down the Mississippi River feeding the ducks probably was my earliest clear memory of you. I miss your advice, that you never passed judgement on me for my mistakes, and loved me just that as you did before i made mistakes, understaning, considerate, and the most strong amazing woman i know.... I miss you Grandma and i love you dearly. We will meet again one day.R.I.P GRANDMA YOU HACR A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART AND THAT IS WHERE YOULL STAY. I LOVE YOU....

Cassie Hays - June 03, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JM

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting you but I admired what a strong loving woman you were. Enjoy your rest as you deserve it.

Jenny Murley - June 03, 2020 at 05:14 PM

TB

She would have adored you, Jenny! <3

Tawnya Buchanan - June 03, 2020 at 09:15 PM


CP

“ Christina Perry lit a candle in memory of Jean Alberta Hays



Christina Perry - June 03, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CP

“ I will always remember what a sweet, loving, and kind woman my Grandmother was. She's a very special lady who lived a full life. I'll remember all of our talks and laughter. And all the stories she shared with my husband and me about her life growing up. I miss and love you, Grandma. I look forward to seeing you again one day. 


Christina Perry - June 03, 2020 at 03:21 PM

TB

She had the best stories!

Tawnya Buchanan - June 03, 2020 at 04:59 PM

CP

Yes she did! I really appreciate her sharing our family history with us 

Christina Perry - June 03, 2020 at 05:29 PM

TB

“ We love you, g'ma <3




Tawnya Buchanan - June 03, 2020 at 01:56 PM

CP



Christina Perry - June 03, 2020 at 03:26 PM

CP

More than words can ever express 

Christina Perry - June 03, 2020 at 06:15 PM