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Jean Ann (nee Monagon) Freda, 81, of Pine Island, Florida entered eternal life on Wednesday May 20, 2015 following a brief illness.

Jean and her twin brother, Jim, were born in Lorain on February 3, 1934.

She was a 1952 graduate of Clearview High School, and was proud to be a Clipper. She continued to meet with her classmates for lunch whenever she was in town, and kept in touch with them when she was away. Their lifelong friendship was something she always cherished.

She worked as a secretary for the Painter's Union and at Shields Nursing Clinic in Lorain before retiring after 30 years.

Jean married her kindred spirit, William (Bill) Freda, on November 15, 1952. They were a wonderful example of love and friendship that many people envied, and that their three daughters were truly grateful for.

In 1991 she and Bill moved to Pine Island, Florida in search of warm weather and constant sunshine. The two built a life there together and became heavily involved in the volunteer and veteran communities. Unfortunately, Jean lost her best friend on September 7, 1996 after nearly 44 years of marriage.

After Bill's passing she remained involved in the VFW, IAV and Meals on Wheels. She was proud of her involvement with these organizations, and tirelessly donated her time until her passing. The friendships she made while volunteering were a constant light in her life.

Jean believed in starting her days off on the right foot. Every morning she would exercise, read beside the pool and catch up with her daughters before tackling the day's adventures. She believed in staying busy and making the most out of every moment, even if that meant putting other's needs before her own.



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She spent a good amount of time hosting her grandchildren for spring break island getaways. Everyone knew that a visit to grandma's house was not complete without stopping by the VFW for bingo and crispy chicken. This one on one time with grandma has become some of the best memories for her spoiled visitors.

Jean later met her fiancé and companion, Larry Guy, in 2003. The two enjoyed volunteering on the island and traveling together to various warm weather countries where they could soak up the sun and enjoy each other's genuine company.

Although she was in Florida, Jean did her best to stay in touch with her family up North. She was active on Facebook and loved to see the pictures of her family and friends, and even began to use FaceTime this year so that she could "see" her family when she could not actually be there. She had a magical way with timing, so her family knew that there would be a card arriving in the mail on their actual birthdate without fail.

She was a lively spirit that thrived on relationships and a quest for all things fun. Her generous heart was evident through her volunteering and constant thoughtfulness. Her legacy will be carried on by her three daughters Wendy (John) Faustini, Erin (Jim) Callahan and Tracy (Larry) Carpenter, fiancé Larry Guy, sister Joan Ackerman, brother Jerry Monagon, grandchildren Megan Taliano (Mike), Shawn Callahan (Jacki), Brandon Riegel, Kyle Callahan (Jim), Caitlin Vazquez (Juan), Justin Williamson, Michael Faustini (Hillary), Jason Faustini (Melissa), Andrew Faustini and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, William P. Freda, her brother James Monagon, her parents Merlin and Martha (nee Carlisle) Monagon, and her dear cat Figgy.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 3-8 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, where closing prayers will be held on Thursday, May 28th at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 309 7th Street, Lorain. Rev. Fr. Daniel Divis, Pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions are made to Cleveland American Veteran's Association, 1440 Rockside Road #118, Parma, Ohio 44134.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.dovinreberjones.com



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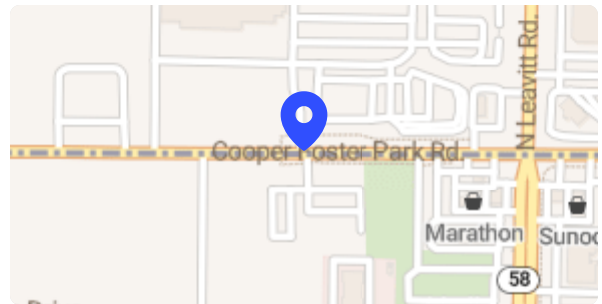
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, May 27, 2015

 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



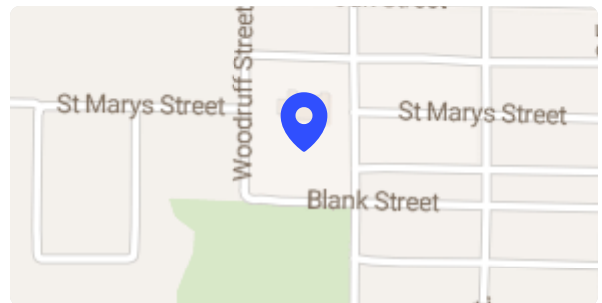
Funeral Mass

 **Thursday**, May 28, 2015

 10:00 AM ET


 **St. Mary Catholic Church**

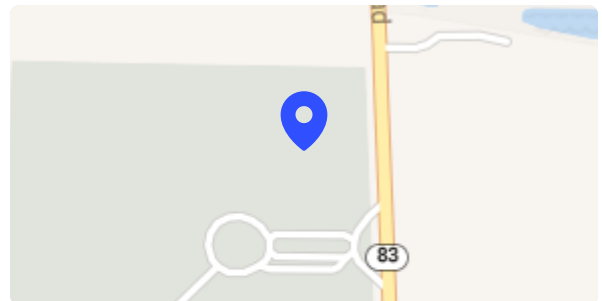
318 State Street, Leipsic OH



Cemetery Details

 **Resthaven Memory Gardens**
3700 Center Rd, Avon OH 44011

 **(440) 934-6555**





Tribute Wall

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Tracy Carpenter lit a candle in honor of Jean.

It has taken awhile for me to gain the strength to come back and read some of these wonderful memories. I miss my mom so much.

November 25 at 7:27 PM



Teresa T Goodell posted:

I loved your Mom, Tracy. She was so easy going and tolerant when we were young and dumb! Lovely lady with a great sense of humor! My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

June 15 at 7:46 AM



Sharon Miller Otero posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Jean was a wonderful sister in law to me. Even after I remarried she continued to be so good to me and my new family. She will be missed by so many. RIP Jean. Prayers for you all in this time of sorrow.

June 15 at 3:07 AM



Toni Birdwell sent a Basket of Joy to the Freda family.

May 27 at 1:04 PM



Debbie Coulter lit a candle in honor of Jean.

Jean was a wonderful friend to my mom (Olga Burt). She will be missed so very much by her. We will keep you family in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

May 27 at 9:22 AM



Erin Callahan May 31 at 7:00 AM

Thank you, Olga was a great friend to my mom!



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Anonymous sent a Heartfelt Memories to the Freda family.



May 27 at 5:58 AM



Judy Dobbins (Kelly) posted:

Tracy and family, So very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cherish the times you had and she will live on through the wonderful memories shared by you and others. Ive not seen her since I was a young kid. Sounds like she truly was one amazing woman who truly enjoyed life and helping others. Hugs to you!

May 26 at 4:47 PM



Tracy Carpenter June 15 at 2:38 AM

Thank you Judy. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers.



Beckie King posted:

We all lost a loving and caring person. The VFW lost a tireless giver. OSU lost a huge fan. Wendy, Tracy & Erin lost a most wonderful Mother, friend, buddy and someone who loved them unconditionally. Larry lost his soulmate and companion. Our sincere sympathy to all of Jean's family. We will keep you all in our thoughts & prayers.

May 26 at 2:30 PM



Jeri Kellner June 15 at 6:06 AM

My sympathy to her family. Jean was a great and giving lady. She is truly missed. RIP Jean



Tracy Carpenter June 15 at 2:39 AM

Beckie, she loved volunteering at the VFW on the island. Please keep an eye on Larry for us.



Erin Callahan May 31 at 7:09 AM

My mom loved her VFW friends thank-you for your prayers.



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Larry Guy posted:

My Jean was not only my rock but she also taught me Love and Understanding. I can't begin to explain her Loving Sprit and her relious morals and believes. She taught me what it was to be a Loving and Understanding Man in public as well as together, and alone by are selves at Home (with each other). I LOVED HER SO VERY VERY MUCH I Willl be in the church here during the prayers and Mass

May 26 at 12:49 PM



Tracy Carpenter June 15 at 2:41 AM

Love you L2!



Erin Callahan May 31 at 7:08 AM

I think of how hard this must be for you everyday and wish you could have been here with us!



Jill Davidson posted:

Jean will be truly missed by her many friends on Pine Island. She was a thoughtful and giving lady. Not only beautiful in person but also in spirit.

May 26 at 11:24 AM



Tracy Carpenter June 15 at 2:43 AM

Thanks for you kind words and thoughts Jill. I will be down in July and we can all get together to toast to Jean.



Erin Callahan May 31 at 7:06 AM

Thank-you it is so nice to know that so many people loved her like we did.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jean by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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