

In Loving Memory of
Jean Y. Holbrook



Sunrise
July 18, 1938

Sunset
June 27, 2015

Memorial Service

Saturday, July 11, 2015 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Jean Yvonne Holbrook was born July 18, 1938 in Ann Arbor, MI. the daughter of the late Ralph Holbrook and Marion (Fauntleroy) Holbrook. Shortly after the passing of her mother Marion, Jean arrived in New York City to live with her grandmother at the young age of 7. Although the formative years of her young adult life were experienced in the “Big City”, Jean always maintained an affinity for the “small town” feel of her birthplace. Her eyes would sparkle with childish glee as she would tell the story of how much she enjoyed “sipping the cream from the top of fresh delivered milk in the mornings”. She stayed true to her birth state most notably rooting for her beloved University of Michigan Wolverines.

Displaying an early sense of adaptability, which would go on to serve her well throughout life, Jean thrived in her new environment and went on to graduate from high school and began her career as an operator for American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Jean was a dedicated employee and learned complex switchboard operations which allowed her to leave “Ma Bell” and begin working for Goldstein, Golub & Kessler PC in the early 70’s. She was the receptionist for the firm and truly enjoyed being the face of the accounting firm. From athletes to actors, stockbrokers to politicians, Jean welcomed all, on the telephone or in person, with an unmatched level of professionalism, grace and dignity. She finished her career handling phone and reception duties with George Little Management Co. Referred to as the “voice of GLM” Jean was the automated voice heard by all when calling GLM’s general number. Her voice and style were selected from several for the company. It was an achievement she was quite proud of. She retired at the age of 62.

In retirement, she volunteered her time with public television’s Channel Thirteen but mainly enjoyed the rest and relaxation retirement offered. Jean was a simple lady who led a quiet and peaceful life, helping those she could and loving the family around her.

Jean leaves in her memory: two sons, Christopher Lewis and wife, (Catherine) of Poinciana, FL., and Geoffrey Lewis and wife, (Elise) of Brooklyn, NY; two grandchildren, Justin Lewis of Brooklyn, NY and Devon Lewis of Brooklyn, NY; brothers and sisters, Esther, (William) Hampton, Ann Arbor, MI, Stephen (Mary) Grand Rapids, MI, Rosalind Holbrook, Sharon (Lee) Joplin, Jackson, MI, Marsha (Al) McSwain, Grand Rapids, MI, Reno Holbrook, Jackson, MI and Leona (George) Jones, Jackson, MI.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Eulogy

Recessional



Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

- Ron Tranmer

Acknowledgement

We would like to express our deep appreciation to all our family and friends for their love and support during our time of loss. Thank you all for your kind words, thoughts and prayers.

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