



Jean Cooper Riggs

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Jean Elizabeth Cooper Riggs, 86, of Land O Lakes, Florida, passed away on September 4, 2025.

She was born in the mining town of Nichols, Florida, to Randel Eugene Cooper and Grace Lillibridge Burrows Cooper. She grew up in both Tampa with her mother and Lithia with her father and stepmother, Edna Smith Cooper.

Jean graduated from Hillsborough High School in 1957, and went to work for Aetna Life Insurance the following year. She loved working at Aetna and stayed there for 45 years until she officially retired in 2003. She met her soon to be husband, Aubrey “Butch” Riggs, in October of 1971, while moonlighting as a bartender. He asked her out, but she was not interested. He persisted, however, and she agreed to go out with him only if she could bring a friend. After that first chaperoned date, she decided he was indeed quite a catch. They were married a mere 8 months later.

Family meant the world to Jean. She and Butch had two children. They lived in Tampa until moving to Land O Lakes in 1990. They celebrated their 40 th wedding anniversary just 2 months before he passed away in 2012.

Jean and Butch loved animals and had a myriad of dogs, cats, hamsters, turtles, and fish. They loved dining out and their favorite restaurant was Bern’s Steakhouse. They traveled all over and especially loved their trips to Washington DC, Las Vegas, and New York City. They enjoyed a few cruises, but their favorite activity by far was spending time with their family at home.

Jean was a fan of all things pretty. She loved buying clothes, shoes, and purses. She took great pride in her appearance and always had her hair styled, make-up applied, and jewelry on. In fact earlier this year, she slipped and fell while getting dressed. She was not injured, but the paramedics were called to help her up. Her first words to them as she lie on the floor were, “Please excuse my hair.”



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Jean is survived by her daughter Kimberly Riggs, son Kevin Riggs, daughter-in-law Sarah Riggs, and grandsons Theodore and Patrick Riggs. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, sister Jane Mayo of Lithia, and brother James Rentz of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Her celebration of life will be held on Monday, September 15 th , at Trinity Memorial Funeral Home in Trinity, Florida. Visitation will begin at 11:00, the service will begin at noon, and a reception will be held directly afterwards.

Jean had a deep love for animals. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made in her memory to PetSmart Charities at <https://www.petsmartcharities.org>.




Events


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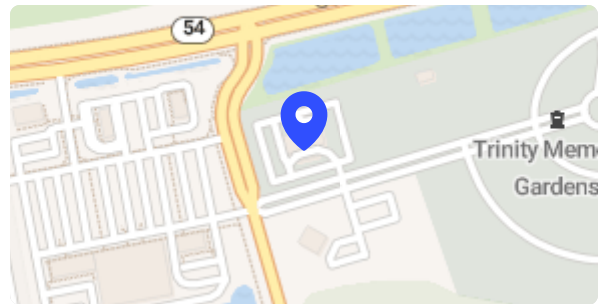
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Visitation

 **Monday**, September 15, 2025


 11:00 AM ET


 **Trinity Memorial Funeral Home**
12609 Memorial Dr, Trinity FL 34655

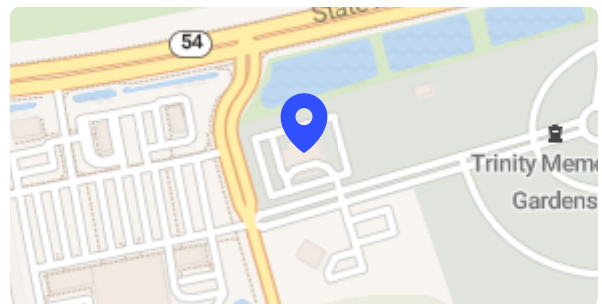


Funeral Service

 **Monday**, September 15, 2025

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET


 **Trinity Memorial Garden Funeral Home**
12609 Memorial Drive, Trinity FL 34655

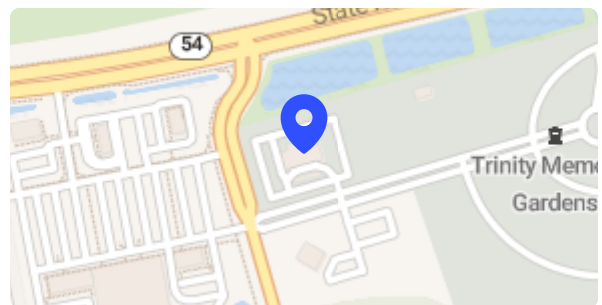


Reception


 **Monday**, September 15, 2025

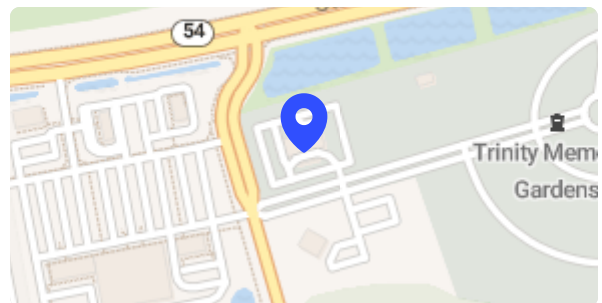
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Cemetery Details

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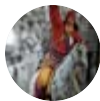
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Pamela Valdes lit a candle in honor of Jean.

For the past 20 years, we have had the privilege of living next door to Jean. Every time we saw her, she greeted us with a radiant smile. She will be deeply missed, but her memory will live on in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know her. The Valdes Family

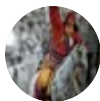
September 15 at 10:39 AM



Janet Leone sent a virtual gift in honor of Jean.

I met Jean when I was working at Aetna as an RN Supervisor for the UR department. Jean was always informative and had a great spirit. Later at Aetna she actually became my supervisor and friend. I can remember always hearing her laugh. She, Butch, & her sister went to my parent's home in Sarasota where they became great customers of my father's jewelry business. All of them actually. She was such a great person and someone I treasured and respected. You will be missed but I can still hear your laughter. Always in my heart and thank you for all your support. RIP my friend. Janet Leone

September 15 at 9:58 AM



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September 15 at 9:57 AM



Joanne Anderson-Taylor posted:

When someone said the name Jean Riggs it was often with a smile. I had the pleasure of meeting Jean very young in my career. Although I did not have the privilege of working directly with her, our paths crossed frequently. I admired her for her patience, kindness, compassion and dedication. Many others, like myself, held her in high regard. She was an incredible woman! May you rest in peace.

September 12 at 11:41 PM



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Jan Fales lit a candle in honor of Jean.

I was also in Jeans customer service unit. It just so happened that our wedding anniversary was the same as Jean's birthday. When my husband would send me flowers at work she always said "tell your husband thanks for the flowers for my birthday.Thanks for the memories.



September 12 at 4:46 PM

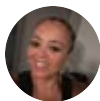


Marcy Howell lit a candle in honor of Jean.

Jean was my team leader @ Aetna. And like most people that were under her she taught them great professional work ethics. She also was like a mother to everyone in her unit anything personal in your life she would help with. She would always stick up for her team but if you got in trouble you knew you were in trouble because her eyebrows with that raised look did it. We all enjoyed her Christmas parties at her house and especially drinking would she commonly referred to as Hooch. Cheers Jean Riggs we will always love you & miss you.Marcy Howell



September 12 at 4:31 PM



Elsa Rodriguez lit a candle in honor of Jean.

I had the honor of meeting her when my very young children and I moved to Florida. She was so super kind, caring, and nurturing. She became like the momma of all the transplants from CT. She will never be forgotten! We love you Jean Cooper Riggs!!!👩❤️



September 12 at 4:04 PM



Leslie Jimenez lit a candle in honor of Jean.

She was my supervisor as a young customer service representative but was more like a mother to many of us! She taught me many things and had the patience of a rock! I will never forget her! Love you Jean Cooper Riggs!!!!



September 9 at 10:57 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Riggs family.



September 9 at 9:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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