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Jean Ann Blankenship, 71, of Alvarado, TX, passed away on Friday April 29, 2022 at her home.

Jean was born July 30, 1950, the daughter of Paul and Helen (Acom) Wiggins. She graduated from Argenta-Oreana High School and the Decatur Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Jean worked as an R.N. for 47 years in hospitals in Illinois and Texas, retiring from the Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth. She was a member of the Garver Brick United Methodist Church in Decatur. Jean & her late husband Charles enjoyed many trips to Mesa, AZ to watch her beloved Chicago Cubs preseason baseball games. After retirement Jean enjoyed several ocean and river cruises with her good friend Loretta Pressler.

Jean is survived by her siblings Richard Wiggins, Karen Myers, Bonnie (Mike) Peterson and Jim (Kriste) Wiggins.

She is also survived by her stepchildren Terry Blankenship, Larry Blankenship, Lynette Hanson and Dawn Hedgpeth; and many adored step grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Jean is also survived by her special friends Jimmy and Jeri Watkins and their daughter Kayleigh. The Watkins family provided great care and support for Jean during the last months of her life.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles Blankenship and stepdaughter Michelle Blankenship. Jean was also preceded in death by her brother-in-law Fred Myers and sister-in-law Dona Wiggins.



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MS

Margaret Shields posted:

Jean was most caring and awesome person to work with. I always looked forward the nights she was on cause I knew the shift will go smoothly. This world will be missing a wonderful, caring awesome person. She will be greatly missed.

June 24 at 4:40 PM

FS

Faye Crowe Smith posted:

Jeannie and I besides being Oreana neighbors worked together at the Oreana Cafe! She was always so much fun! I remember her coming in with her fiancé Charles. My condolences and prayers to the family for their loss!

May 2 at 7:04 AM

JE

Jeanette Eason posted:

Condolences to the family. I worked with Jean Blankenship at Plaza . She was the house supervisor. Praying for the family!! 🙏🙏🙏

May 1 at 12:39 PM

RB

Rebecca Agee Becker posted:

Jean and I met in seventh grade when Argenta and Oreana grade school merged for Jr. High at the High School. We had a lot of fun together. In high school we both took Latin and she took French, also. And, we didn't stop there. We kept going and took Latin II, III, and IV. The Latin IV textbook was written for doctoral students. The lessons consisted of translating the Aeneid into English, which we both felt had already been done quite nicely many, many years before. So, we went straight to the school librarian and hunted down the translated book. The problem was our copy of the book never seemed to match Mrs. Eddy's. She had her very own translation. Jean and I worked the summer of '69 at the Oreana Cafe with Nancy Sheraden and had a great time. We lost touch for a while but several years ago we both returned to the area and it was like we were never apart. Jean was a terrific friend and confidante. She will always have a special place in my heart. Remember, Jean, if you can't behave in heaven, don't get caught. Rebecca Agee Becker

May 1 at 6:05 AM



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MB

Madonna Burtschi posted:

Jeanie, one of my childhood mentors! She was as,a neighbor one of the best.Her love, laughter and caring , has been shared with many. I will always , fondly remember her , at the glimpse of a sweat pea... it's her turn to rest.

April 30 at 4:27 PM

PJ

Phyllis Johnson January 29 at 6:05 PM

Jean was always going to come and visit my husband and I, at Pecan Plantation in Granbury. She wanted to see our home that my husband built. I got a Christmas Card every year but this Christmas. I knew then, what I heard, really had to be true. I would have attended her funeral. I worked with her at Medical City (Plaza) Hospital. I bought many of Charles's things that he made. Still have them, and we still use Charle's paper towel holder. I will never forget Jean and Charles. How sad.

JK

John Karakachos posted:

So very very sorry to hear we have lost her. She was always a great person.

April 30 at 3:14 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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