

# Jean Ann Burns Zoani

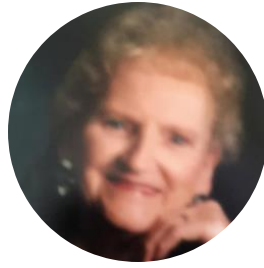
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**J**ean Ann (Burns) Zoani, loving wife and mother, passed away on March 13, 2020 at the age of 91.

She is survived by her children; Jeri Zoani; Bob(Robert) Zoani; Jack Zoani and spouse Janet Stice; Terri(Theresa) Zoani; Jim (James)Zoani and spouse Sreyvong Zoani; Alf (Alfred)Zoani.

She is also survived by 4 grandchildren; Casey, Jason, Eric and Robert, and 2 great grandchildren; McKenzie and Bentley.

She was "Aunty" to many nieces and nephews and she cherished each of them. Many \$2 bills were given by Aunty for birthdays and visits.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas and mother, Bridget. Also preceded in death by her siblings; Clarence, Raymond, Helen, Vincent, and Marie.

She was also preceded in death by Earl Louis Zoani, her husband of 34 years.

Jean was born on August 7, 1928 to Thomas and Bridget Burns in Butte Montana.

Her early life in Butte, as recounted by her, was filled with memories of family, very cold weather, and very warm hearts. She was raised during the depression and although not having much, her fondest memories were of family and neighbors pulling together to care for each other and help those in need.

She married Earl Zoani on New Year's Eve, 1953, and they had 6 children while living a nomadic military life. She spent time in Wyoming, California, Italy(twice), South Carolina, and Virginia.

During this time she was active in military life and raising her children. Their New Year's Eve parties were EPIC.

After Earl's retirement and move to Utah in 1971, she spent much of her time as a homemaker and raising her children. She also spent time working alongside Earl in running a few small businesses, making a difference in the lives of hungry people, and being genuinely kind and good.



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They did not have much, but their house was open to all and many times the dining table was filled with more than just immediate family.

After Earl passed in 1988, she lived with her daughter Jeri for a number of years, then across the street from her daughter Terri in Sandy, Utah. She stayed involved and continued to care about the needs and welfare of her family and friends.

In 2002 she moved into City Plaza Senior Apartments where she flourished. She made many friends and was active and social, exercising, playing cards and games, and enjoying the company of people her age. She won so many Halloween costume contests they made a rule that she could not win anymore(Thanks Jeri!!)

She lived there for 15 years until the start of dementia forced a move to receive the care she needed.

The last 18 months of her life Jean battled dementia and lived at WillowWood Care Center. She still smiled often and liked to recount memories of her early life in Butte.

The family would like to thank and praise the staff at WillowWood who provided her with care, love and a sense of community. Their patience and understanding is second to none and helped Jean live as full a life as possible right up to the very end.

Thanks and appreciation to Bristol Hospice, who comforted her in her final months.

Jean's family would also like to thank all of those who made such an impact in Jean's life. You are too numerous to mention and you know who you are.

Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers and Jean's life would have been so much poorer without you in it.

There will be a viewing and visitation on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Premier Funeral Services, 67 East 8000 South, Midvale Utah, from 7 until 9 pm.

If you are unable to attend please think good thoughts and say a prayer for Jean, her family and yours, and those that are less fortunate.

Jean hated the thought of anyone being hungry, and so, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the food bank of your choice to help those in need. She often said, "There, but for the grace of



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God, go I.” And she would then give someone a meal. We know she would thank you for your donation and it would make her happy to know less people were going hungry.

There will be a Memorial Mass, Burial and Celebration of Life at a later date when all can celebrate her impact on their lives and drink White Russians in her honor.



## Tribute Wall

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JA

**Jalene** posted:

I'm are so sorry for your loss, my thoughts & prayers are with you. Although I didn't know your Mom personally, I've heard many stories about her kindness & what a beautiful giving woman she was. Thinking of you all with love, Jalene B

March 20 at 6:19 PM

BD

**Brittany Deppe** posted:

Wow! Heaven has another Angel. I have only known her as Grandma Jean 💜. I have many great memories of walking down the street and visiting or spending the night at Grandma Jean's house. These memories are filled with Pizza nights, card games, and stories. I loved spending time with her and she was a big part of my youth. She was always so kind, and loving. I am grateful to you all for sharing her with me. - Brittany Deppe

March 19 at 1:24 PM

TD

**Teresa & Lee Deppe** lit a candle in honor of Jean Ann.

Your mom was an awesome mom I loved how when you moved in Sandy and your mom lived in the apartments across the street we got to help remodel that little apartment for her I love how your mom became my daughters grandma she will be missed. I also really did enjoy her walking down to my house every day for coffee. I'm very very happy to know that she had 15 awesome years in that apartment that was the very best move for your mom. I also thought it was great when I would find out that she was too busy for you guys because she had so much going on.



March 19 at 12:43 PM

TZ

**Theresa Zoani** posted:

I am grateful for the time I had with my mom. She had the best laugh. I loved her smile. She taught all of us there is always someone who needs it more than us, she taught us to give even when you think you can't, it does not have to be money or food, it can be as simple as holding a door for someone, or just a smile. My parents home was always open for anyone in need. She loved children and pets they always brought a smile. I will miss you mom, we have gained an angel. I am glad you are with Dad. All of my love, Terri

March 18 at 7:20 AM



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JA

**Jason** posted:

The best grandmother in the world. Too many great things to even try and list them.

March 16 at 5:56 PM

SR

**Stella & Ed Rojas** posted:

Our condolences Alfie to you and your family.

March 16 at 3:47 PM

BD

**Brenda Dotson** posted:

Aunt Jean Ann you will forever be in our hearts. Your smile, your kindness and gentle voice. You and Uncle Earl have passed on to your children your kindness and humble nature, how blessed they are. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and we can't wait to get together and enjoy memories and a White Russian. Love Brenda & Russ

March 16 at 2:44 PM

MN

**Michael Nook** March 18 at 1:12 PM

We will miss her for sure, always a fixture at the Zoani parties. Especially enjoyed seeing her in costume at the annual hollowed party

JZ

**Jack Zoani** posted:

She was kind and a champion for those in need. She passed that along and I am so lucky she was my mom. I am happy she is free of the bonds that held her, but sad for me since I don't get to see her sparkling eyes and hear her laughter anymore. Rest in peace mom, and give dad my love. I hope there is chocolate in heaven. I love you.

March 16 at 10:13 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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