



Helen Chun Dean

April 14, 1928 - March 17, 2023

Helen (Chun) Dean was born April 18, 1928, in Honolulu Hawaii to Hing Tong Chun and Hoon Jun Lau. She died on March 17, 2023, at the age of 94 in Corvallis, Oregon. She passed peacefully at home surrounded and supported by her loving children and family.

Helen attended elementary and junior high in Honolulu, graduating from Hawaiian Mission Academy High School in 1946. In 1941, when Pearl Harbor was bombed, Helen was at a tender age of 13. It was at this time she knew she wanted to become a nurse and to help people. She then crossed the Pacific Ocean by ship to attend Pacific Union College for her pre-nursing in 1946/1947. She attended Paradise Valley School of Nursing in National City, California beginning in 1947 and graduated in 1950. Helen passed her Board of Nurse Examiners in January, 1951 becoming a Registered Nurse. After graduating with her nursing degree, Helen returned to Honolulu to begin her nursing career at Queen's Hospital.

Rose was Helen's good friend and Jim Horn was Jim Dean's good friend. As Rose and Jim H talked, they thought Helen and Jim Dean would be a good match. (Both Jims were Navy Airmen.) They asked them to double date and from there Helen and Jim's romance began.

In 1952, Jim and Helen were married in Honolulu. In 1953 Jim was transferred

to San Diego and Helen worked for Paradise Valley Hospital. When Jim was discharged from the Navy they then traveled to Vancouver, Washington to be close to Jim's family. Helen continued her work as an RN working at several hospitals in Vancouver and in Portland Oregon. In 1968 they moved to Corvallis, Oregon. Helen began her 21 years with Good Samaritan Hospital working as an operating nurse, an operating room coordinator, and then retiring as the supervisor of the Central Services Department in 1990.

There were many hobbies and interests that Helen enjoyed. Her main interest, however, was family. She also enjoyed cooking (especially the large luau's that she would occasionally put on for the church), weekly ceramic classes, camping (as long as it was in a trailer), tending to her house plants, reading, and her church callings and activities.

Helen was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She will be missed by many, as she was loved by all who knew and met her. Her kindness shined brightly. We know of her faith in God and that she is in Heaven with her beloved husband James Donald Dean, father, mother, brothers (Henry and Herbert Chun) as well as her in-laws (whom she dearly loved). What a joyous occasion in Heaven it is. On earth we are celebrating that she is reunited with those whom she loved.

Helen was devoted to her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed attending the many activities in which her family was involved. She is survived by her sister-in-law Patricia Dinsmore (Jerry), children Karen (Darrell) Selander, Don (Stella) Dean, Rhonda (Dana) Williams, and Rodney (Deborah) Dean. Adored Grandma of Ryan (Raychel), Cory (Christina), Michael (Tory), Parker (Taylee), Kylie, Eliana, and Landon; and Great Grandma to James, Chance, Marcus, Isaac, Lainey, and Hayes. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews who have many fond and loving memories of her.

A viewing will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

(4141 NW Harrison Blvd, Corvallis, OR 97330) on April 10, 2023, at 10:00 am (PDT) with the memorial service following at 11:00 am (PDT). In honor of Helen, HAWAIIAN ATTIRE IS WELCOMED. For those who can't attend the service in-person:

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Previous Events

Viewing

APR 10. 10:00 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
4141 NW Harrison Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97330

Memorial Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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Grave Side Service

APR 10. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Oak Lawn Memorial Park
2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Aunt Helen*

I have so many wonderful memories I could not list them all! You will always be in my heart 💜 Thank you for choosing us as your family

🙏💖 Love You and Your Beautiful Family Forever 💖

shari - April 10, 2023 at 02:40 PM

TT

“ *Marisol and I send our deepest condolences to your whole family.*

We will never forget the kindness you showed us years ago.

Travis and Marisol Taysom

Grand Blanc, Michigan

Travis Taysom - April 10, 2023 at 12:45 PM

PC

“ A fond food memory from Cousin Pam:
On one of Aunty Helen’s many trips to Hawaii, she and my mother-in-law Marilyn Doi (a second-generation Japanese-American) made char siu bao (steamed BBQ pork buns) in Marilyn’s kitchen. For one glorious day, the kitchen became a steamy, flour-y dim sum factory, with the two veteran cooks chatting and chopping away. And those homemade char siu bao were more delicious than any I’ve had since.

It was always a joy to be around Aunty Helen. If I had to choose one word to describe her, it would be RADIANT. Everything about her - her kind face, her smile, her gentle presence - was shining from within. I am so happy that she and Uncle Jim are together again.

*Warmest aloha,
Pam Chun
Honolulu, Hawaii*

Pamela Chun - April 09, 2023 at 04:34 PM

LG

“ *Sharing in your celebration of your mom's life and in your sadness in letting her go. Our love and hearts are with you all, Laurie and Don Glantz*

Laurie Glantz - April 05, 2023 at 07:20 PM

DF

“ One of my favorite memories of Aunty Helen was about 28 years ago. We had just moved into our house in Kailua and Aunty decided to teach us all how to jump rope double dutch. In the living room! Another time we were visiting Maui with Karen and Aunty Amy. One night in the hotel room Aunty started sharing family secrets that I had never heard nor could ever imagine!
Rest in peace, dear Aunty Helen, with Uncle Jim, Apo, Uncle Henry, and my dad, Herbert.
Love always, Debbie

Debbie Fong - April 05, 2023 at 03:40 PM

CH

“ A Fond memory I have is when one day I had knocked on her door to ask if Rodney would come outside & shoot hoops with me! I remember her being so nice to me! Little did I know at the time Rod would later become my Brother In-Law!



Christopher Hungreder - April 01, 2023 at 05:55 PM