



## Jean Hopewell

July 9, 1917 - March 1, 2021

Jean Hopewell, who taught school in Helmsburg, Rossville and Bloomington before co-owning and operating The Betty Jean Shop, passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021 at her home in Bloomington. She was 103 years old.

Along with Betty Rowen who also taught, she established the store that featured candy, greeting cards, party goods, and wedding invitations which served in downtown Bloomington from 1946 to 1983.

Jean was born on July 9, 1917 in Seymour, Indiana to Clarence Dale and Georgia (Lauster) Hopewell. She was a graduate of Indiana University in 1940.

A charter member of the local Altrusa, she also served as a member of the Salvation Army Auxiliary, the local American Cancer Society, IU YMCA, and was an instructor in the library Vital program, she led a drive with Altrusa to collect funds for trees in downtown and spent a number of years as a volunteer at Bloomington Hospital, she also delivered meals for Meals on Wheels. Feeling that the courthouse dome would be enhanced by lighting, she donated the first lights and wiring.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, David and her business partner, Betty Rowen.

Survivors include nieces Nancy (Jerry) Dunn of Greenwood; Janet Hopewell of Indianapolis; great niece Kelly (Trent) Sutton and children Jonathan and Jackie; Kim (Brad) Jozi of Greenwood; Katie (Brandon) Smith and children, Oscar; Charlotte and Benjamin of Bloomington.

A private celebration of life service will be held Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Bloomington, where she was a member. The Rev. Lisa Schubert Nowling will preside. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery in Seymour, IN.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Riverview Cemetery**

1603 Shields Ave  
Seymour, IN 47274

# Tribute Wall

GS

“Wow. 103... Just found out she died. She was always just Aunt Jean to me. It wasn't until I was older that I found out we weren't actually related. I remember her smile. So sorry to hear of her passing. She and Aunt Betty were a dear part of my history as I came from the Rowen side and saw them all the time when I was young. We lost touch through the later years when we moved south. My thoughts are with all of her family and I am so thankful for my memories.

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**Ginger Snook** - April 29, 2021 at 10:19 AM

JM

“Betty and Jean, co-owners of the Betty Jean Shop played an important part in downtown Bloomington, when I was a child. They were both friends of my grandma, Dorothy Catherine Romiser Moore, writer for *The Star Courier*, and later, *The Courier Tribune*. We used to take the bus downtown, from her house on E. 1st St. (for a nickel, at one time); and we would take a field trip around the square. Grandma was loyal to Jean and Betty, and proud of their friendships. She wouldn't buy cards anywhere else, for a long time. We bought a lot of candy there too. The lady who ran the elevator at Wick's at that time, was also a person we visited, then often ended our outing with a loaf of homemade bread, from Ladyman's. Yes, Jean was a prominent part of downtown Bloomington, "in the day"....(those memories are mainly from the 50's and 60's, I believe). So proud to be able to remember her!

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**Jennifer C. Mullis** - March 03, 2021 at 04:37 PM

GC

“ Jean was a favorite of mine while we were in Altrusa together. I also knew her from the Betty Jean Shop where we visited regularly. Once she took a bunch of Altrusa members to her lake cottage and took us out on her boat. What a fun day that was. I'll always remember her fondly.

Glenda Chestnut - March 03, 2021 at 12:32 PM

SU

“ Susii purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jean Hopewell.



Susii - March 03, 2021 at 11:32 AM

SU

“ It was my pleasure to work as JH Care Giver these past few months. I will always miss and love you! May you RIP in Gods loving arms!  
Susii



Susii - March 03, 2021 at 11:21 AM

CA

*This is so bittersweet!! I just learned of her passing. I no longer live in Bloomington, and havent for many years. However, I grew up in Bloomington. Like one of the previous entries, my Mother, was very loyal to the Betty Jean Shop. It began my addiction to Nancy Drew mysteries!! When I got my allowance each week, I could hardly wait to go to the Betty Jean shop to get the next one in the series. Good ladies! Very enjoyable and addictive store!!!! Catherine June 2022*

Catherine - June 23, 2022 at 02:12 AM