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Jean Branch, 75, of Bloomington, passed away on May 7, 2012. She was born on June 12, 1936, in Augusta, Arkansas, where she was raised by her grandparents. After graduating from high school she attended Louisiana State University and earned a B.A. in Music in 1960. She received a scholarship to Indiana University to study voice and opera performance and graduated in 1964 with a Master in Music (voice). Jean sang the roles of Pam in a in Mozart's *Zauberflöte* and Helena in Brittin's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with the IU Opera. She also sang in numerous concerts as well and was a member of the Friday Musicale organization.

During her studies at IU she met Martha Lipton. They became close friends and Jean took care of Martha until her death in November of 2006. She held the position of Undergraduate Advisor at the IU Department of History from 1971 to 2001. Jean was an avid animal lover and was quite active in the local ASPCA.

She is survived by her longtime friends Marian Krajewska (Mrs. Earl

O. Bates), Sister [L] [SEP] Laurette Bellamy, Herbert Kuebler, Phil Evans, B.J. Irvine, Charles Railsback of Bloomington [L] [SEP] and David, Vita, and Anna Rose Brailow of Franklin, IN as well as Jean's adopted family [L] [SEP] Stephen & Ana Bates and daughter Sienna also Steve and Adrienne Bates-Brown and children [L] [SEP] Avery, Allison and Julian. Special thanks to Terry Sprinkle and the staff of Bell Trace and to the [L] [SEP] IMA and IU Health Hospital Oncology personnel. Donations may be made to the local animal shelter. Visitation will be held Friday May 11, 2012 from 2:00PM until 4:00PM at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old highway 37. A brief service will be conducted at 4:00PM also at Allen Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org