



## Jean Ann Walden

January 23, 1932 - January 12, 2016

### OBITUARY FOR JEAN ANN FOLK WALDEN

Jean Ann Folk Nelson Walden of Gulf Shores, Alabama, died 12 Jan 2016 in Foley, Baldwin County, Alabama. She was born 23 Jan 1932 in Kewanee, Illinois; the daughter of James Walter Folk and Garda Elizabeth Shaw Folk of Sheffield, Illinois. She was a retired school teacher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her only Brother, Gerald Walter Folk and wife, Lois, and a wonderful Aunt, Doris Pauline Shaw Reiter. Also, step-children Todd Anthony Walden (Linda) and Thomas Andrew Walden. She is survived by her husband, Toney Walden, and 4 wonderful children; Paula Jane Nelson Davies (Bob) of Richmond, Virginia, Monica Ann Nelson Ribauda (Larry – deceased) of Margate, Florida, Byron James Nelson (Monica) of New Lenox, Illinois, Margo Jane Nelson Flynn (Jamie) of Midlothian, Virginia grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also survived by step-children, Timothy Alan Walden (Marty) of Greensboro, North Carolina and Terryn Adam Walden.

Jean Ann graduated from Sheffield, Illinois High School in 1950 and Bradley University in 1953. She was a member of Chi Omega Sorority at Bradley. She

obtained a BS in Elementary Education. Jean Ann taught school in various locations in Illinois for 30 years; retiring in 1989. Most of that time she was a beloved kindergarten teacher in the East Moline School System (District 37). She married Duane L. Nelson in Sheffield on 30 Aug 1952. She married Toney Walden in Moline on 24 Mar 1972 and they enjoyed over 43 years of marriage. They lived in Moline until May 1998 when they moved to beautiful Gulf Shores, Alabama. Jean Ann had numerous health problems later in life but the years spent in Gulf Shores were definitely her happiest.

As a young girl in Sheffield, Illinois, Jean Ann was well - liked around town and at the Sheffield Country Club. She was a friend to all in her high school days and enjoyed many school activities. She was an excellent student and never forgot the admonition from her Father; "Speak the King's English".

Hobbies, such as reading, crostics, sewing, knitting Afghans, and making lovely Christmas Stockings occupied a lot of Jean Ann's time. She enjoyed walks with her husband and made several friends with folks in Alabama. Jean Ann made nearly 100 Christmas Stockings and still has some 30 completed stockings for future family members. Her granddaughter, Kate, will pass along those stockings as new babies are born, new marriages take place, etc. She only wanted those stockings to go to family members and very close friends.

Cason Funeral Services, Foley, Alabama will be handling arrangements. A Memorial Service will be held on 23 Jan 2016, 1:00 pm at St Margaret's Catholic Church, Foley, Alabama. In keeping with Jean Ann's wishes there will be no funeral and she will be cremated.

Jean Ann said she wants to be remembered as a "loyal, loving wife, mother, and grandmother"

Arrangements by Cason Funeral Service, Foley, Al



# Previous Events

## St. Margaret's Catholic Church Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We can remain but a moment in the world, but live on forever in the hearts and memories of those who love us. JA was a delight, and we will miss her. May your treasured memories comfort you in your grief.



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**Lillian Folk** - January 22, 2016 at 06:45 PM

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“ Monica, Paula, Margo, Byron, and all of Jean Ann's Family,  
  
I have such fond memories of Jean Ann. She was so sweet and always fun as my "friends mom". Although it's been many years since I had seen her, it appears as though she aged beautifully. So many great memories of her from my childhood.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know that it's a difficult time.  
With sympathy, Patty Genster, Fort Worth, TX

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**Patty Genster** - January 22, 2016 at 05:00 PM

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“ There are never enough words to say to a family at this time. I just want Jean Ann's family to know that my prayers are for them and I know that our Lord will help them thru this difficult time.



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**Janet Pasturczak** - January 14, 2016 at 11:04 PM