



Jean Swanson Oliver

October 20, 1937 - June 2, 2025

Jean Swanson Oliver passed away peacefully at home into the arms of her Lord on the afternoon of June 2. She was born on October 20, 1937 to Ray and Tillie Peterson in Hegewisch, Illinois.

Jean has been a resident of Visalia since 1965. A housewife, she raised her children in the community and was active in Bible Study Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church and River Cross Church. She was a follower of Christ and relied on her faith to guide her life.

Those that knew her remember her own spirit and willingness to persist in being satisfied with only the best for her family, friends and life's tasks.

Perfection was the standard. She was the ultimate taskmaster and caregiver to all in her sphere.

She had a passion for decorating and gardening and started Jean Swanson Interiors, which was her "business" after raising her children. It wasn't uncommon for the local garden club to ask to enter her flowers (Stalk) in their annual shows and then show up with a blue ribbon a week later.

Her children believe her greatest gift to them was the care she gave her first husband, Rod Swanson, who battled bladder cancer for more than 10 years. She was by his side every day without fail during those years, caring for his needs and giving him encouragement to "Fight On."

After Rod's passing Jean came to realize that "Life goes on" and the Lord blessed her with Wayne Oliver, to whom she was married for 24 years until her death. She met Wayne at a singles dance and was married to him within a

year.

Wayne and Jean married in the chapel at First Presbyterian Church. Faith was part of their marriage and they ultimately began worshiping at River Cross Church where they made many friends.

Jean's priority in life was the care she gave her family and that love extended to her relationship with Wayne.

Jean is survived by her husband Wayne Oliver.

She is preceded in death by her first husband and the father of her children, Rod Swanson.

She is survived by her son, Brent Swanson (Ronda) of Visalia and her daughter Lisa Swanson Moeller (Jeffery) of Redondo Beach.

She is also survived by two sisters, Janet Brockman (Carl) of Shingle Springs and Joan Mason of Minden, Nevada.

Also surviving are Wayne's children Ed Oliver (Julie) of Folsom, Liz Redwing (Ronan) of Massachusetts and Cheryl Oliver of Visalia.

Jean was the proud grandmother of Shelby Swanson Terpstra (Tommy), Jacob Swanson (Katie), Kylie Locke (Jaymes), Shelby Locke Scheiber (Josh) and Christina Moeller Baxter (Christina).

In addition, from her marriage to Wayne, she was blessed with his grandchildren Rachel Oliver, Luke Oliver, Adriana Oliver, Ashley (Kelly) Calo and Gerald Vasquez.

Jean was blessed with five great grandchildren from the Swanson Terpstra, Locke Scheiber and Moeller Baxter families.

She was gifted with five great grandchildren from the Oliver family.

A private graveside service is being planned.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *My sincerest condolences. I remember Jean when she would bring Rod in for treatment at the outpatient surgery at Kaweah Hospital. It was always a bright spot in my day/week/month to see them both and to get to visit a bit with her as she patiently waited for him. Such a wonderful lady who won't be forgotten by those who had the wonderful chance to meet her. Melinda Blankenship*

Melinda Blankenship - June 20, 2025 at 01:27 PM

AC

“ *1948 Christening for Suzanne Klucker. Jean in the front row. Photo was taken in Hegewisch, Illinois before the Petersons moved to California. We only lived a block apart and spent many hours together. It was a sad day when their car pulled away although we knew it was for the better for Uncle Ray's future . Over the years we had many long distance conversations. I will miss her. ❤️*



Anita Hanrahan cousin - June 18, 2025 at 01:37 PM

BB

Thanks for sharing this photo and memory Anita. Jean always shared with me when she spoke to you on the phone. She enjoyed your conversations

BROCKMAN Brockman - June 20, 2025 at 01:11 AM

LC

“ *Cousin Jean. I remember spending summers at the Petersons in San Pedro. Mostly I spent time with Janet and Joan catching crawdads and riding bikes. You were a bit older than us and actually could drive a car, an Olds or Buick. You used to drive us to the swimming pool and lots of other places. You were always watching over us.*

Linda Carlson - June 18, 2025 at 11:34 AM

BB

Thanks for sharing this jean memory

BROCKMAN Brockman - June 20, 2025 at 01:09 AM

JS

“ *Jean was one of my first friends when I moved to Visalia from Michigan. Her husband, Rod, had passed away two weeks before mine. We shared the “treading water” time after the death of a spouse together. We talked on the phone sometimes through the night.. (when we couldn’t sleep)... cried... laughed... shared memories of our lives... shopped.. and healed .. together. She introduced me to several people ... we went on adventures together...she was truly a bundle of energy .. a long time friend.. a woman of conviction in opinion and Faith. As much as I will truly miss her, I KNOW she’s no longer in pain and confusion .. love ya Jeano (I know she’s probably cleaning Heavens “glass and brass until it shines”)*

Judy Shuman - June 16, 2025 at 10:49 PM

BB

Judy. Thanks, I had to smile when I read your comment about Jean cleaning the glass and brass in heaven. ❤️🙏

BROCKMAN Brockman - June 18, 2025 at 02:12 PM

Jl

“ Rest in Peace with the Creator Aunt Jean 🙏
Sharing memories of Aunt Jean from childhood when I would visit
and swim in the pool at her home in Visalia and the dog sugar. Love
you So Much. You made the Ultimate Best frozen slushies. I feel
extremely lucky to have had Aunt like her.
Her Warmth Love and fabulous Laugh are forever in my heart.
A beautiful person, a beautiful soul.
Love you Aunt Jean
Jill and Carter

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Jill - June 16, 2025 at 07:54 PM

BB

Thanks Jill for sharing these beautiful memories ok Jean ❤️

BROCKMAN Brockman - June 20, 2025 at 09:46 AM

JA

“ I wanted to express my condolences to the Swanson and Oliver
families. My connection to Jean was through my friends Brent and
Ronda Swanson. The passing of an appreciated parent /
grandparent / friend is one of life's biggest milestones and not an
easy transition to go through, no matter how expected. It is
wonderful to see photos and read about memories of the younger
Jean. Hold on to the memories of the good times! Warmest regards
to all, Jaime Aguet

Jaime Aguet - June 14, 2025 at 09:42 AM

DB

“ We became, not only neighbors, but instant friends in 1999! Jean had that “magnetic” personality you couldn’t resist. She was caring & a dynamo wrapped into one beautiful person. Our thoughts and prayers to Wayne and the entire family. Blessings. Gary and Darlynn Billingsley

Darlynn Billingsley - June 13, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ Aunt Jean! I am her nephew. One of my favorite relatives. BOTH of my mother's (Janet Brockman) sisters, actually, are among my favorites. Jean and I would have regular conversations going back to my mid/late 20's (56 now). She was always very candid with her perspective on life and spirituality. That's not to say that we only spoke on such deep levels. She was truly interested to hear about my life and eventually about my family. I am not religious. Jean was very religious. I am spiritual and feel there's more to us than what we can currently "see". Our differences in perspective on this aspect of our human experience led to many hours of "spirited" conversation, and most times led us to find common ground. Jean's outgoing and upfront demeanor was always refreshing in a culture that can sometimes feel overly polite to the point of dishonesty. She was very kind and maternal, and perpetually the gracious host. I always knew when Jean and family were due to arrive at our house because the "bear claw" breakfast rolls were stocked up. The smell of fresh coffee seemed to be a type of "perfume" to set the theme of the visit, along with her distinctive voice reverberating from the kitchen and up the stairs. I recall a certain time when we were in Visalia for a family event. Jean felt it important in the spirit of our relationship to have us drive to a place of particular natural beauty that she'd found.

She said:

"Now David, how can you not believe in God when you see something so beautiful?"

Good point, Jean.

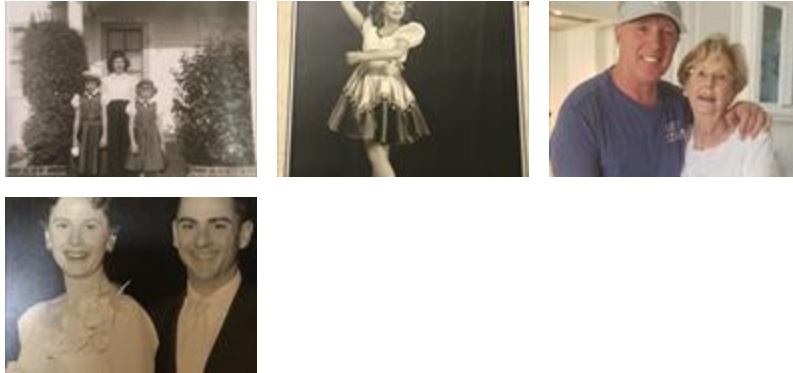
I love you and I'll miss you. I am grateful for our time.

-Your nephew David Brockman

Dave Brockman - June 12, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Jean Swanson Oliver



BROCKMAN Brockman - June 12, 2025 at 02:51 PM

LC

“ Love Joan and Janet (Carl) purchased the Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet for the family of Jean Swanson Oliver.



Love Joan and Janet (Carl) - June 12, 2025 at 10:26 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Jean Swanson Oliver



BROCKMAN Brockman - June 10, 2025 at 02:02 PM

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Our family in the 1950's

BROCKMAN Brockman - June 10, 2025 at 08:15 PM

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“ My younger sister Joan and I (middle sister) Janet have been so blessed to have Jean as our big sis. She watched over us when my mom was working and couldn't be with us. Joan and I are close in age and Jean was the “bossy” big sister. I laugh when I think about when we tied her up on a chair for fun. How she didn't kill us back then!!! I am at peace knowing she won't sink further into dementia and the pain in her knee is finally relieved. I have faith in the afterlife and I know in my heart she will be with our Lord and all our loved ones who have already passed. 🙏❤️❤�

BROCKMAN Brockman - June 10, 2025 at 01:57 PM

BJ

“ Brother Carl And Sister Janet planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Swanson Oliver.

Brother Carl And Sister Janet - June 10, 2025 at 01:33 PM

BJ

“ Brother Carl And Sister Janet purchased the Forever in our Hearts - 11.5" Wind Chime for the family of Jean Swanson Oliver.



Brother Carl And Sister Janet - June 10, 2025 at 01:33 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album Jean Swanson Oliver



BROCKMAN Brockman - June 10, 2025 at 01:24 PM