



Martha Jean Crain

July 7, 1937 - January 25, 2023

Martha Jean Crain, of Dolomite, AL passed away January 25, 2023 at the age of 85. Martha Jean was born on July 7, 1937 in Birmingham, Alabama to Mildred and Claude Crain. She lived all her life in the Crain family home in Dolomite, Alabama. She was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Methodist Church. Martha Jean was a prolific instrument maker and musician. She made over 600 dulcimers, and, with her Mother, played and sang for hundreds of schoolchildren, as well as admirers of Appalachian music and instruments. She would often be seen at Tannehill State park, playing the beautiful dulcimers that she made.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Mildred and Claude Crain. Martha Jean is survived by her loving family and devoted friends. Funeral service will be Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Methodist Church with burial following at Elmwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Reverend Kay Mutert and Reverend Roy Williams will be officiating the service. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 1491 Allison Bonnett Memorial Drive, Hueytown, AL 35023 (205) 744-9211.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Elmwood Cemetery
Birmingham
Birmingham, AL 35211

Previous Events

Receive Friends

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Methodist Church
1491 Allison Bonnett Memorial Drive
Hueytown, AL 35023

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ 2 files added to the album Aunt Jean



Mack Crain - February 02, 2023 at 07:44 PM

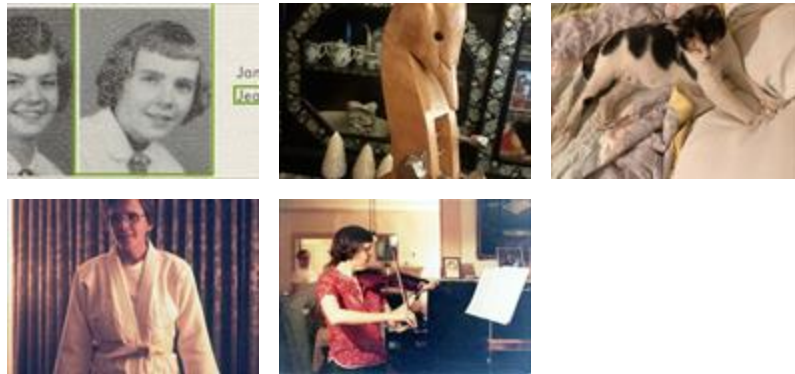
AB

“ I will miss my Aunt Jean. She was my Dads sister. We talked regularly on the phone and I will miss those conversations. Love u Jean!

Angie Bennett - February 02, 2023 at 06:34 PM

MC

“ 22 files added to the album Aunt Jean



Mack Crain - January 31, 2023 at 03:11 PM

MC

“ Aunt Jean was a wonderful person and I'll miss her. I always enjoyed her sense of humor. She's the one who got me into genealogy, and I greatly appreciate the folk instruments she sent. She made some of her mountain banjos using hide from a deer hunted by my Dad. I'm looking forward to seeing her again.

Mack Crain - January 31, 2023 at 12:54 PM

RS

“ I will greatly miss daily phone calls from Aunt Jean. The musical instruments she made and played-played very well and were unique. Another well honed expertise she had was in old and antique tools. A good genealogist. A very talented person. We have been good friends since I was born. She was like a sister to me. She was kind and always excessively generous. She will always be in my heart.

Richard E. Scott, nephew

Richard E. Scott - January 30, 2023 at 06:45 PM

MB

“ I have known Jean and her family all of my life. We have lived close in our community and Jean is a Dolomite historian in her own right. Very quiet, but always welcoming when I called. Kind at all times. but independent. I will miss Jean as my neighbor. Margaret Zimmerman Beard

Margaret Zimmerman Beard - January 30, 2023 at 12:09 AM

MF

“ *Mack, Dawn, And Family lit a candle in
memory of Martha Jean Crain*



Mack, Dawn, and Family - January 28, 2023 at 07:20 PM