



Janice Lea Dean

November 13, 1934 - March 22, 2026

Janice Lea Dean, age 91, of Sarasota, passed away on March 22, 2026.

She is survived by her children Jeffrey Dean, Leslie Sheekley (husband John), and Michael Dean (wife Patti), Gaylyn Lang, and grandchildren, Tara Donoghue (husband Corey), Kaley Lang, Ryan Sheekley, Taylor Petrick (husband Erik), Evan Dean, and Lily Dean, and her great grandchildren Conner and Fallon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Dean, who passed away in 2016.

Born on November 13, 1934, in Springfield, Minnesota, Jan moved to Florida in the late fifties after serving as a flight attendant for Northwest Orient Airlines. She helped build the fledgling law practice started by Roy in the sixties in Venice, working in the office, contributing to making it a success. In addition to being a star stay-at-home mom, she was active in the community, in her church, and worked in the 1970s as a real estate broker and served as an elected and valued Venice City Council Member.

Jan leaves behind a treasure trove of rich and wonderful memories for all the many people who knew and loved her throughout her life.

Private services are planned for a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, a cause dear to Jan's heart.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Dean was immensely integral in my childhood years while growing up in our community. She always demonstrated the value of family and education. What a powerful lady. Leslie, sharing your mom with me, at such an impressionable age, was the best gift, thank you. My prayers for you all is to know those who accept Jesus as Lord will spend eternity in His presence forevermore. Bye for now, Mrs. Dean.*
Bonnie Vitale

Bonnie Vitale - March 26 at 06:45 AM

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Bonnie, I remember those years so fondly and so well! Thank you for your kind words❤️ Leslie

Leslie Sheekley - March 27 at 09:03 AM