



## Jean Laraway Summers

December 25, 1919 - September 22, 2013

Passed away on September 22, 2013. She was born in Catskill, New York to Mace and Frances Weed Laraway. Jean has been a resident of Albuquerque since 1927, when her family moved from New York to Albuquerque because her father had tuberculosis. Jean was preceded in death by her husband, James (Jim) Summers; her twin sister, Joan Crawford; and her nephews, William Ross and Willy Wise. Jean is survived by her daughters, Jan Lewis and husband, Donald Lewis and Judi von Gaia and partner, Val Stepien; grandchildren Kendra Hensley and husband, Michael Hensley; Kelsey Chiotti and husband, David Chiotti; and Brandon Stepien; great-grandchildren Cameron Chiotti and Caiden Chiotti; niece Jeanette Attaway and husband, Robert Attaway; nephew's wife, Regina Wise, and her children, Thurman Wise and Jaymee Wise. Jean attended grade school in Albuquerque and was in the first class of the former Sandia School for Girls, which is now Sandia Preparatory School. She attended junior high in Syracuse, New York and high school in New Mexico and Florida, graduating from St. Petersburg High in 1937. Jean graduated from UNM in 1941. She sang in the University Quartet and was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. After graduation, she and her sister, Joan, were owners of the Electronic Amusement Company in Albuquerque. Jean also acted in dramatic shows on KGGM and was written up as the First Lady Announcer of the Southwest. She was an announcer on KOB in 1943 and later on KOA, KMYA and KLZ in Denver, Colorado. Jean married Jim Summers in 1945. He was a captain in the Air Force and served

in the Pacific in World War II. After his tour of duty, they lived in San Antonio, Texas; Sacramento and Riverside, California; and Denver, Colorado before returning to Albuquerque where they raised their family. Jim was a CPA with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. and a past president of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce. Jean was a member of the Albuquerque County Club, Women's Golf Association, Petroleum Club and Daughters of the Nile. She was an avid golfer, and she began competitive dancing at the age of 70. She won many awards in both golf and dancing. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 27, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m at FRENCH – University. Services will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 1615 Copper Ave. NE. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, 924 Menaul Blvd. NE. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, Ballut Abyad Transportation Fund, 6600 Zuni SE, Albuquerque, NM, the Salvation Army, [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org) or to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
(505) 345-3536  
info@sunset-memorial.com  
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (University )  
1111 University Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
(505) 843-6333  
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

## Service

SEP **28**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Central United Methodist Church  
201 University Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM

# Tribute Wall



“ French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Laraway Summers



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**FRENCH Funerals & Cremations** - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ To all the family, I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful woman. I got to know the lady (and her sister) at Paul's Monterey Inn where I worked as a waiter. The sisters became a call party and believe me I was the blessed one because they we're wonderful. Always happy and sweet and very much ladies. I am sorry I have to mention both of them but they we're a team and I realize that this is about Jean. Sweet, wonderful, happy, charming, and my sweetheart from which I stole a little kiss every time I got to see her. I loved them both and I am a better human for knowing them. I am so sad at Jean's passing but I believe that she is together again with GOD to which we all go back to after our time here on earth. Thanks for sharing your mother with me and please know that I TEASURED her if only for a short time.....Mark

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**Mark Lines** - September 28, 2013 at 10:03 PM

SH

“ Jean was a gracious, talented woman whose smile always warmed your heart. I enjoyed playing golf with her and her sister, Joan. I never saw her dance, but I knew she was very enthusiastic about dancing (even after a hip replacement). Jean radiated warmth in all situations, and I am grateful for having known her. Suzanne

Suzanne Hood - September 28, 2013 at 10:02 AM

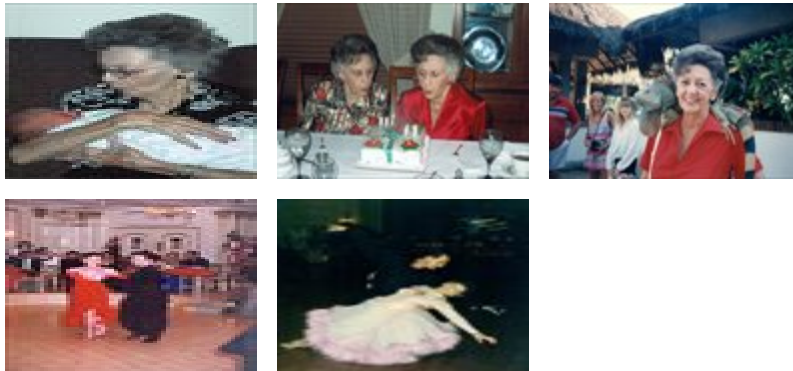
AM

“ There are no words to describe Jean! I met Jean in June of 2013 where I was a nursing student working at Northridge. Jean was one of my favorite residents. I will miss her dearly! I'm very thankful I got to met Jean where we shared many talks, laughs, and pictures, but most of all I will miss her voice. May God bless you today and always. Amber

Amber - September 26, 2013 at 07:17 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Memories Album



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - September 26, 2013 at 05:20 PM

RW

“ Regina, Thurman and Jaymee Wise purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket for the family of Jean Laraway Summers.



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**Regina, Thurman and Jaymee Wise** - September 26, 2013 at 01:06 PM

MB

“ Dear Jan and Family- How sad I am to hear of Jean's passing, yet I know she was greeted by her Dear twin sister Joan, and what a celebration they will share. They truly made an impression on me and I so enjoyed visiting with "the girls" at the Drs. office. I will always remember them. My thoughts and prayers are with You and the Family at this time. May the sweet memories give you Comfort. God Bless  
Monica Blaschke (at the Drs. office)

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**Monica Blaschke** - September 25, 2013 at 04:15 PM