



Alma Jean Schreck

August 10, 1938 - December 30, 2017

Alma Jean (May) Schreck "Jean", loved beyond measure, completed her life on Earth and was received into Heaven by her Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 30, 2017.

Jean was born August 10, 1938 in the coal-mining town of McAndrews, Kentucky to Grady May and Josephine Hackney. Her years growing up were spent in McAndrews, southern Florida, and northern California. While still in high school, she was swept off her feet on a blind date by a Navy serviceman from Chicago, Illinois. On October 19, 1955, Jean married Allen Lloyd Schreck in Nevada and relocated to Allen's hometown of Chicago. Shortly after arriving to the big city, they moved to a house Allen's grandmother built in Green Oaks, Illinois, where they raised their family and remained together until Jean's death. Jean journeyed happily through life with Allen by her side for more than 62 years. From their union, three children were born, Wayne Allen Schreck, Christine Lynn Schreck, and Connie Jean Schreck.

For more than 30 years, Jean was a self-employed business woman, owning Schreck Accounting. Her talents and dedication were recently acknowledged by one of her long-time clients, the Village of Green Oaks. The Village erected honorary street signs in her honor. Lockwood Drive is now officially known as Honorary Alma Jean Schreck Drive.

Jean graced the world with her bright smile, her endless energy, and her favorite sayings, "Where there's a will, there's a way", "I am strong like bull", and "No time like the present". Her greatest joy was to invest time in her

husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, leaving each one always feeling like her favorite. At a young age, Jean's maternal grandmother taught her the Scriptures and inspired her to ensure that her family and others knew about having a relationship with Jesus. Jean authored an Overview and Review of the Old and New Testaments and took great joy in teaching this Bible Study to others. Her message was strong and clear – Jesus is the only one who gives Hope, we could trust in Him to forgive our sins and provide the way of Salvation for our souls. We should STAND FIRM in this promise ALWAYS. Jean and Allen have been long-time members of Immanuel Church in Gurnee, IL.

The family left to carry on her legacy is: her loving husband, Allen Lloyd Schreck of Green Oaks, IL; her 3 children, Wayne (Karen) Schreck of Scottsdale, AZ, Christine (William) Kritchevsky of Gurnee, IL, and Connie (Timothy) Pfeifer of Libertyville, IL; her 5 grandchildren, Dierdre (Benjamin) Woodruff of Scottsdale, AZ, Benjamin (Lindsay) Schreck of Scottsdale, AZ, Daniel Kritchevsky of Gurnee, IL, Eric Pfeifer of Gurnee, IL, and Lauren (Cody) Burge, of Brenham, TX; her 5 great-grandchildren, Britain, Judah and Arabella Woodruff, and Lincoln and Milo Schreck, all of Scottsdale, AZ; her siblings, Randy (Peggy) May of Meadow Vista, CA, Grady (Cynthia) May of Port Orchard, WA, Connie May of Reno, NV, and Robert Scoles, plus many special friends she would consider family. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Grady (Norma) May and Josephine (Bethel) Scoles.

A Celebration of Life Service is planned at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, IL on Saturday, January 13, 2018, with visitation with family from Noon to 2:30 PM, and a service immediately following. Prior interment was private at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville, IL. The family has requested that memorial gifts in Jean's honor be given to Samaritan's Purse <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/memorial-giving/>. Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, IL is handling all arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ Dear Allen, Wayne, Christine, Connie and all the family. We are so happy to have known Jean for so many years. I've thought of her and all of you so many times, remembering our kids growing up together, being neighbors and getting together so often. I am so very sorry I didn't call sooner as I was thinking of her during the holidays. We are send our deepest sympathy and Pray the Lord will be with you and guide you all through this difficult time. Our love and prayers with you all...Carl & Marilyn Carstens

Carl & Marilyn Carstens - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

TL

“ I'm so sorry about your mom Chris. She was a sweet lady and I know will be missed by so many. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Tricia Lowe - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

JH

“ I will always treasure the memory of sitting outside by the pool with Nan and Connie talking about Christ. Just that one visit made an impact on my own walk with the Lord! She was a treasure...an angel on earth. My daughter Stephanie considered her an extra grandmother. What a loss and I am so sorry.

Joanne Hannum - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

CG

“ Dear Al and family, What a privilege you had to share your life with Jean. And oh the loved she often expressed for all of you! Many others, I included, were also much blessed by her friendship, teaching and generous nature. May God comfort and richly bless each of you, her beloved family. Let us rejoice in the glorious hope of Christ's return when we will see her again! Most sincerely, Carol and Frank Gattolin

Carol Gattolin - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

FC

“ Myself, Yvonne and my family send our sincere and heartfelt condolences and love to Connie and Tim Pfeifer and the Schreck family. God bless you, Federico

Federico Castelluccio - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

BS

“ Alan and family, we were deeply saddened when we heard of Jeans passing, but the memories are something that will remain with us forever. We hope that you are all finding comfort knowing that she is now in the arms of the Lord. I am sure that Mom and Dad are once again enjoying her laughter and company. Gods peace to all, Belkys, Deb and Rock

Belkys, Rock and Deb Stateler - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

MM

“ Dearest Alan, Connie, Chris, and Wayne, Words can not express my deepest sympathies for each of you. What can I say about Mom Schreck? She is a major contributor to my childhood story. I recall with such fondness and joy all the Sunday afternoons spent at the Schreck home. The stories and funny antics! What I remember most is her fierce love for her husband and children. She was a mama bear. Her smile that lit up the room and made you feel welcome. My life is definitely enriched because of Jean Schreck. My prayers and thoughts are with you all, Melanie McCleary

Melanie McCleary - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

RO

“ Jean was a bright candle to me after I got my cancer diagnosis. She was a shining light after my diagnosis and going through treatment. Thank you, Jean. Will miss your smiling face and your guiding light.

Rich and Mary Ondo - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

DG

“ What a wonderful lady Jean was. She is missed; praying for those of you left behind.

Dave and Sue Geer - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM

NM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Jean was such a special person. I remember when she and my dad plastered your ceiling many, many years ago. What a very special gal!! I'm sure she's having quite a wonderful reunion up there with Jesus and all our loved ones. What a great assurance that we will see them again some day!!! Love and prayers to you - Norene & Bruce (Cunningham) Massey

Norene Massey - April 27, 2018 at 03:59 AM