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Champ, Jean Esther, age 79 of Pinellas Park, Florida passed away Tuesday, April 16th 2019 at Bayfront Health Center in Saint Petersburg, Florida. She was a graduate of Northeast High School in 1958. She was a life insurance under writer for Crown Life Insurance, Saint Petersburg, Florida and later Vice President of AIMS Systems in Roswell, Georgia. She relocated back to Florida in 2013 and retired. Jean was best known for her witty, and sometimes sick-twisted humor. Jean was fully fluent in sarcasm. No-one was a stranger, she was a friend to everyone and loved to make people laugh. She was a beloved Mom, Sister, Aunt and Grandmother. The family is honoring her memory by spending time at the beach, this was her happy place. Preceded in death by her parents Reginald and Hazel Martin Robertson. She is survived by her companion of 40 years, Jack Clyde Banning. Her son, William Robert "Bobby" Champ, Jr. of Saint Petersburg, Florida; daughter, Debbie Champ Finelli of Gilbert, Arizona; daughter, April Champ Pemberton (Michael) of Chattanooga, Tennessee; sisters, June Robertson King (Donald) of Fleming Island, Florida; Joan Robertson Wilson (Kevin) of Saint Petersburg, Florida; Marcia Robertson Boreland (Daniel) of New Port Richey, Florida; grandsons, Theodore Richard "Theo" Stekhuizen, Jr.; Joseph Robert "Joey" Finelli, II, Ethan Jack Pemberton; granddaughters, Nina Laren Finelli and Shelby Jean Rauch. As well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial will be held on her favorite holiday, July 4th at Redington Beach, Florida where Jean often spent vacations with her best friends; Barbara Melka, her sister Joan Wilson and her niece Leslie Kelly Edwards. If desired, friends may make memorial contributions to Jean's favorite charity to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital,

Memorial and Honor Gifts
P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142
Memphis, TN 38148-0142.



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Condolences may be sent to the Moss Feaster Funeral Home 693 S Belcher Rd,
Clearwater, Florida 33764.



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April Champ Pemberton posted:

Jean Champ's grandson, Ethan, which she adored, had his middle name officially changed. On 07/07/2023, his name was legally changed in court from Ethan Jack Pemberton to now :~Ethan Michael Pemberton ~April Champ Pemberton- Mommy

July 5 at 6:28 PM



Chris Custer shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Jean I just found out about your passing. Just wanted to post something and say thank you for hiring a ne'er do well, high school dropout at AIM all those years ago. When I retired I was reflecting on singular moments and people that changed the entire course of my life, and you are one of them. It breaks my heart that I couldn't get to tell you this in person, by the time I started looking you up to tell you, you were already gone. I had been unemployed for months, about to lose my house, and didn't have many options left. I don't know what you saw in me, but I'm glad you saw something. You taking a chance on me changed my life completely. I never would have had the money to go back to school, never would have had the career I had, would have never met the love of my life, and wouldn't be sitting here retired early. That degree might as well have your name on it. It never would have happened without you giving me that job, where I actually had some tuition money and wasn't eaten Ramen (ok some Ramen.....) and you worked with me on my crazy schedule so I could go back and forth to class and keep working when I finally did go back. I still remember the devastated look on your face when AIM had the layoffs, I know you fought hard on it, but don't worry, that was one of the best things to ever happen to me too because I met the love of my life a couple months later at the next job I had and got to spend 15 wonderful years with her. (If you see her where you are, I think you two would get along, she likes people who are a little bit salty, she married me!) None of those things would have ever happened if you wouldn't have taken a chance on me. I have no idea where I would be today without you. I don't even have the right words to express how grateful I am and wish I would have had a chance to tell you this. Thanks for everything boss.

April 23 at 7:15 AM



April Champ Pemberton September 10 at 3:49 PM

Hello Chris, Thank you for posting this. I think the hardest part is feeling like everyone forgot my Mom. I've struggled with that the most. Anyway, my Mom did not have a degree. She always said she was just as smart and accomplished as the people that do & could match their knowledge. I can see why she hired you. These truly captured the words of who she was. At her memorial so many stood up and told stories of how generous she was with her time, spirit, & surprise gifts. It has been 5 years and decided to Google her name tonight to find this. Brings tears of happiness. I feel like I've already meet you in person with these words. Thank you. It means more than you'll ever know. ~April Champ Pemberton ~ Jean's baby girl.



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AP

April Champ Pemberton shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I miss you everyday, Mom. I will see you again, one day, in heaven. ~Love Your Baby.

June 21 at 9:00 AM



BC

Bobby Champ posted:

Thank you for being the best Mom in the World. You were my very best friend. Thank you for never giving up on me. You always believed in me. My greatest moment in life was when you gave me my plaque and 20 year medallion on Dec 16, 2018 at the Serenity club. I'm so grateful I made you proud of me! I will love you forever!

April 15 at 12:27 PM

TD

Trudy Caldwell Daffron posted:

I remember spending time at the Robertsons as a young teen with Joan and being in awe that the big sisters allowed us to be in the same room. I so enjoyed the fun and laughter. Jean will be so missed.

April 28 at 5:54 PM

JW

Joan Wilson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

She was my best friend. Her happy place was the beach. We went 4th of July week to a condo on the beach for years I am missing her so much ❤️❤️😭😭

April 28 at 2:33 PM



SC

Susan Chaney posted:

Debbie, Nina & Joey...I know your hearts ache with the passing of your Mom and Grandma. Peace and blessings to your family in this monumentally difficult time. We Love you guys! Susan, Len and Atom xoxoxo

April 26 at 7:34 PM



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Virginia Rabun posted:

Jean was a dear friend to me many years ago in St. Petersburg. I recall a horrific flood , where all streets including mine were waist high with water. My 4year old daughter and my sheltie swam up the street and walked to her condo, shivering, filthy tired and with only the clothes we wore. We'd been up all night as our home was filled with rushing waters. Jean took us in, mangy dig included, and tucked us all into her bed without a seconds hesitation. I laughed and cried many tears with Jean. I'm so saddened by her passing. She survived hell and kept going. Unstoppable. So sorry for Bobby. I know they were best friends. Blessings to her family. Virginia R.

April 23 at 7:15 AM



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July 25 at 11:03 AM



That's yours as much as mine.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jean by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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