

Jean Jones-Olinger

1924-2022



1924 was a stellar year for the Boshart family when they welcomed their fifth child, Genevieve (“Jean”), into their family near Albany, NY. In the early 1940’s Jean went to Syracuse University on a scholarship and on graduation day, an American Airlines recruiter convinced her that a career as a Stewardess would be a great future.

In 1947 Jean was off to NYC and flew on DC3’s out of LaGuardia (LGA). During training, she remembers they were told to “Tell the passengers flying is here to stay.” When American needed stewardesses in Dallas (DAL) and offered to cover all living expenses for a few weeks for anyone who would transfer, Jean went to Dallas and continued her adventurous flying on DC3’s with 21 passengers maximum.

While based in Texas Jean met and married Bob Jones and having to leave flying, she taught in a grammar school. Jean and her husband raised three children before moving to Atlanta, GA where, sadly, Bob passed away from cancer. Jean began to volunteer for the Assistance League of Atlanta and worked part-time at the Sandy Springs library for many years.

In 2005, at the ripe young age of 80, Jean married long-time family friend Sheff Olinger, M.D., a retired Neurologist from Baylor Hospital and Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, TX. They shared a wonderful seven years together at his ranch in North Carolina, Florida and Dunwoody, GA. Sheff passed away suddenly in 2013.

Jean was a member of the Kiwis in Texas and continued her membership with the Atlanta Kiwi Club. Always proud of the Kiwis and a member in good standing, she hosted several Kiwi meetings at the Dunwoody Country Club.