



McLachlan, Jean (Aird)

1933-2023

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Jean Aird McLachlan, 89, passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, surrounded by her loving family at her home in Decatur.

The sun rose and the world welcomed Jean in Morrinsville, New Zealand, on Nov. 11, 1933. A dedicated mother of two, Jean lived a full and vibrant life that overflowed with adventure, joy, and humor, making her a true North Star. Fondly remembered and profoundly missed, she spent many years in the restaurant and retail industry, serving as a small business owner and operating two coffee shops and a clothing boutique.

Jean was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, a journey she navigated with grace, courage and humor. Despite the challenges this presented, her spirit remained strong, and her love for her family shone brightly until the end.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret (Peggy) Aird and Thomas (Tom) Russell; her stepfather, Jack (Bob) Evans; her twin sister, Mary Berryman; and her brother, John Russell, all from New Zealand.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Terry Mclachlan, his wife, Karen, and their children, Ellie and Devon; her daughter, Laureen Langto, her husband Eric, and their children, Drew, Dylan, Victoria, Scarlett; as well as extended family and many friends she made along the way.

The family plans a private celebration of life gathering at Jean's home in Decatur.