



Clara Jean Raley

December 17, 1938 - April 26, 2026

Clara Jean Raley – Obituary

Clara Jean Harris Raley passed into eternity on April 26th, 2026 at approximately 9:40 AM. She was 87 years old.

Jean was born in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on December 17, 1938 to James & Pauline Harris. She graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1956 and attended Bakersfield College thereafter.

Always beautiful and graceful, Jean participated in modern dance in High School and College, while also doing some modeling work for fun in her younger years.

Jean inherited a strong work ethic from her parents, and was called upon often, as the oldest of three daughters, to work open shifts at their three ice cream stores. She always took her responsibilities seriously and whatever she did, she gave it her all. She was valued and beloved everywhere she worked, because of her whole-heartedness and honesty with which she approached every task, while showing genuine care for her co-workers.

Jean would marry Paul Raley of Bakersfield on June 16, 1963. She spent the early years of her marriage touring the United States, Canada and Puerto

Rico, with Paul and his band, The StandOuts. She was a faithful and caring wife and mother who lived her life putting others first. Jean and Paul were married for 55 years.

Jean received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior when she was a young woman. Her relationship with God was the single most important thing to her. She was always ready to talk about Jesus and pray for everyone she met. There is no doubt that she was welcomed into heaven hearing the words, "well done, good and faithful servant."

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Raley. Jean is survived by her children, Laura Raley Sanders and her husband Dan Sanders; Brian Raley and his wife Kimmy Naik Raley. Jean is also survived by her four grandchildren: Jonathan Sanders, Benjamin Sanders, Matthew Sanders and Harris Raley. Jean was a loving wife, a caring mother and grandmother, an endearing sister and aunt, and a beloved friend.

Memorial Service

Sunday, May 10, 2026

10:30 AM

The Gathering Church

<https://www.tgctx.org/>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tranquility Oaks Cemetery
22302 Hildebrandt Road
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