

Harriet Jean Akin

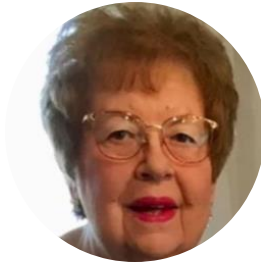
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“**F**or to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21)

Harriett Jean “Jean” Akin passed from this life in Nashville, Tennessee, trusting the promise of eternal rest in Jesus. Her steady walk with the Lord shaped every part of her 87 years, and her hope now rests secure in His presence.

Raised in Nashville, she carried her East Senior High cheerleader spirit far beyond graduation. That same bright energy later guided her through David Lipscomb College, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1960 and formed friendships she tended with lifelong care.

In 1967 Jean became Director of the Foster Grandparent Program at Senior Citizens Inc./50Forward, listening patiently to each senior and celebrating every small victory. Her caring leadership there reflected her belief that every person deserved to be seen and valued.

Jean greeted life with open arms and gentle compassion. Her kindness showed in quiet moments—an encouraging smile, a warm plate of food, a steady hand on a friend’s shoulder.

Jean’s kitchen was a place of welcome. She prepared dressing, Vidalia onion pie, and her famous MacAdoo fudge cake, laying out special china so family and friends felt honored at her table.

Her joyful spirit reached stadiums as well; season tickets kept her cheering on the Titans with the same enthusiasm she once brought to pep rallies. Travels to the beach and Switzerland, poetry written for special occasions, and endless laughter at family gatherings all showed her love for life’s simple gifts.

Jean taught ladies’ classes at Riverside Drive and Kemper Heights churches of Christ, offering thoughtful lessons and steady faith. Her Christian example encouraged many to grow in faith. Though she had no children of her own, she poured boundless love into her nieces and nephews, celebrating their every step, and



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extending that passion to the next generations.

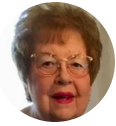
We will remember Jean's kind gestures and supportive words, knowing those small acts continue to echo in our lives. Her legacy of kindness guides us forward, gently urging us to notice others, share a meal, and cheer a little louder.

Those who have passed on before are her parents Charles Fred Akin and Pauline Estelle Head Akin, brother Billy Akin, and special friend, Tommy Holder.

She is survived sister-in-law Shirley King Akin; nephew, David (Kelly) Akin and niece, Dawn (Gary) Whittaker; grandnephews and grandnieces, Drew (Caitlin) Akin, Drake (fiancée Jenn) Akin, Demi (Reed) Keener, and Derek Akin; great-grandnephew, Brooks Keener.

Special thank you to her caregivers at NHC Sumner Place, specifically her nurses, Billie, Brandon, Delaney, and Jeremy.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37216, 615-865-1101, <https://www.springhillfh.com>.






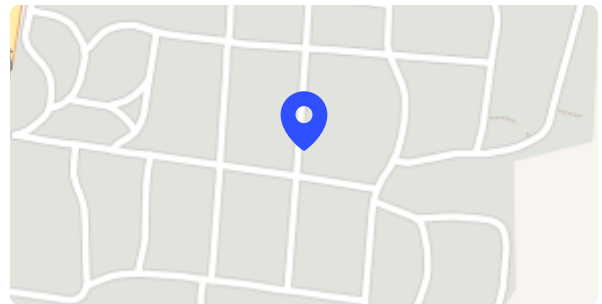
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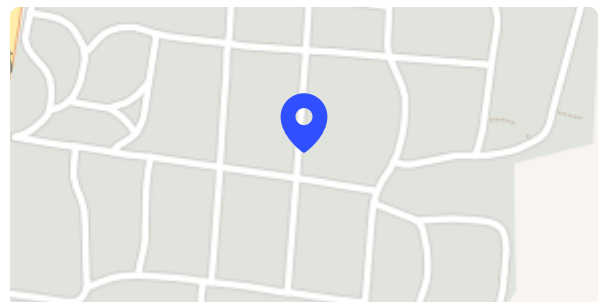
Visitation

-  **Friday**, October 24, 2025
-  4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216






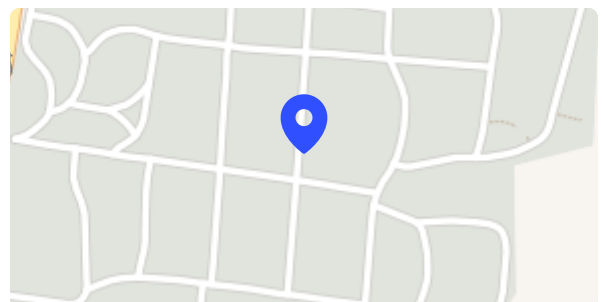
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-  **Saturday**, October 25, 2025
-  9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
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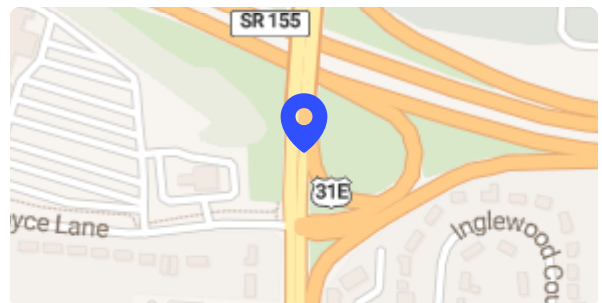
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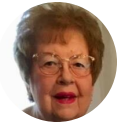
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Graveside Service

-  **Saturday**, October 25, 2025
-  11:00 AM CT
-  **Historic Spring Hill Cemetery**
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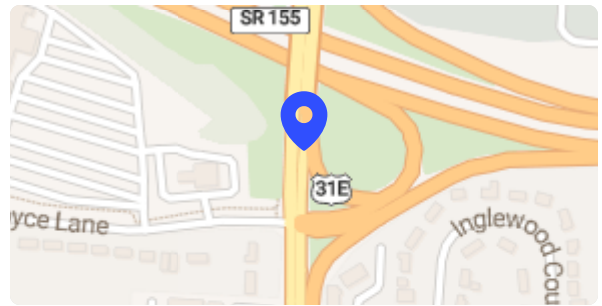
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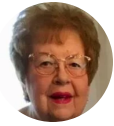
Cemetery Details



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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Akin family.

October 24 at 11:09 AM



Love, Butch And Lynne planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Harriet.

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Leydonna & Jack Dugger sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Akin family.

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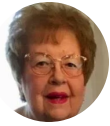
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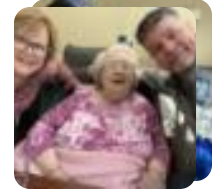
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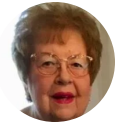


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My wife Lisa, our girls Alyssa, Maria and Sophia were the honored neighbors to Miss Akin from 1997 - 2005 on Riverwood Dr in Inglewood in East, Nashville. She was an absolute blast to be neighbors with throughout our time there. She was a self-proclaimed shop-a-holic! I can't tell you how many trips to the basement I made to bring up that season's dishes and treasures. After picking up yet another nicknack at some shopping excursion, she'd say something like "well it was right there, what was I to do - leave it on the shelf? I just had to buy it!" My girls and I would help with all sorts of little things here and there. She's join us from time to time for dinner, and of course birthdays and never missed a Christmas. We'd say "Christmas season has really begun after exchanging gifts with Miss Jean. We'd discuss sports, scripture, food, what ever the topic. I would help and advise on car repairs and things of more mechanical nature. And she had an opinion on all sorts of things. She loved our girls like they were her own nieces or grandkids. She absolutely loved, loved, loved life! When she retired, I think her paced picked up, she never stopped. She was an Eddie George and Titan's fan like no other! She had seasons tickets for years. Miss Jean taught me a few southern phrases, cattywompus (sp), hose-pipe, and I heard often "well I'll be.." or "isn't that so". She loved Jesus and her bible studies, and her church. Without question this was always the most important pillar in her life, her relationship to Christ. We have so many fond memories of Miss Akin, and the Akin family but my all-time favorite story, to be remember by me, Shirley and Dawn now, was one to cherish. Jean called me one night when Billy, Shirley and Dawn (and Derrick) were over visiting - as was often the case - because there was a squirrel running around in the basement that needed to be dealt with. So, Billy and I went down and caught the squirrel under a box. It happened to nip me through my leather glove, but that was a minor setback in Billy's thoughtful plan. After we trapped it, Billy says "let me have your glove". So, knowing something fun was about to happen, I gladly gave it up. And Billy, the fun guy he was (living a fun-filled life runs in the family) he said "watch this". As the ladies upstairs asked "how was it going?", he said "just fine, I think we've got it" (or something close to that) and tossed my leather glove up the stairs into the kitchen and you've thought the world exploded! Shreaks, and screams and jumping - I thought all three of them were gonna have a heart attack. I'm sure Billy got a word or two on the way home, but I hadn't laughed that hard in a loooonng time. Oh what a blast and what a memory. I loved every second! We stayed in touch through the years, though contact slowed a bit in the last couple of years. Her beloved brother Billy (and Shirley) would check on Jean daily, and would keep me up to date on her, and I would check in with her as well. She is in the arms of Jesus, hallelujah! What a life well lived. Here are a couple of pics from the last year or so.

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Ashlee Love lit a candle in honor of Harriet.

Visiting Aunt Jean's house at Christmastime was the best! She decorated every square inch of her home in Yuletide cheer! And the food!!! She was. Marvelous cook and I cherish many of her recipes! Rest in the arms of the Lord dear lady. You were so loved!

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From The Froedge Family. sent a Joyful Memory to the Akin family.

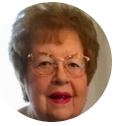
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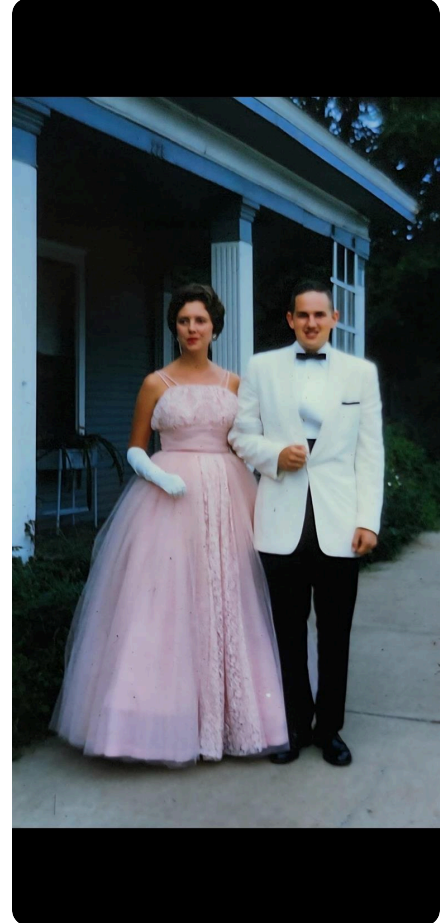
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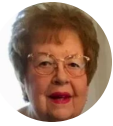
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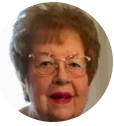




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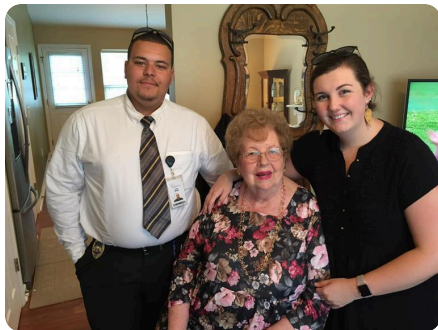
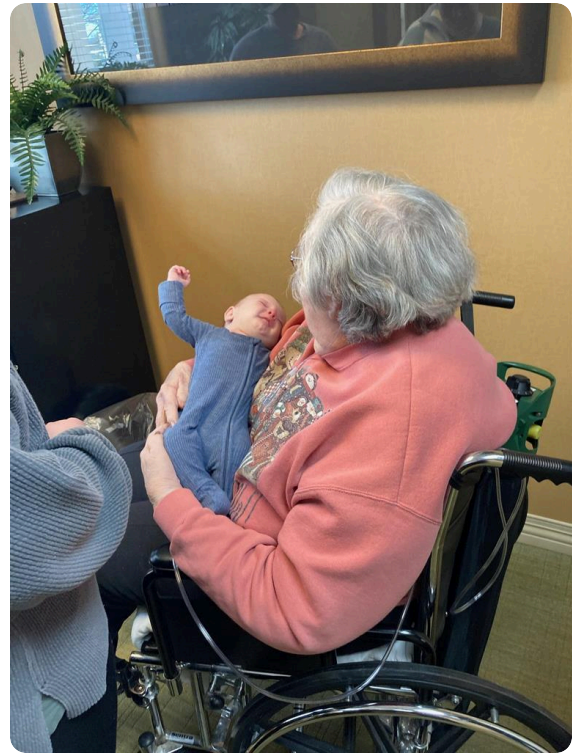
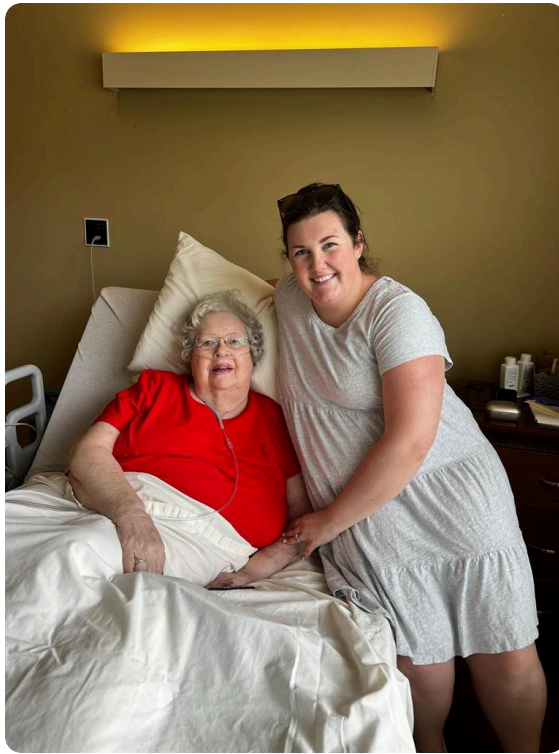
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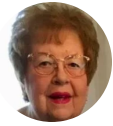




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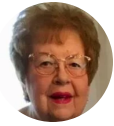
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