



Jewel Douglas

October 20, 1924 - November 14, 2016

Jewel Janette Douglas, age 92, passed peacefully on November 14, 2016. She was born on October 20, 1924, in Wauchula, Florida, the daughter of Lucius Lafayette (Luke) and Cora Ora Lundy. Her family moved to Fort Myers when she was 4 years old. She attended Tice and Edgewood Elementary Schools, Fort Myers Junior and Senior High Schools. Jewel met her eventual husband John (JA) Ander Douglas in Fort Myers and moved to Mobile for work at the beginning of World War II. In Mobile, she began what would be a long career in telephony with the Southern Bell Telephone Company. Toward the end of the war she and JA moved to Tampa where she worked with what was then the Peninsula Telephone Company. After a couple of years, they moved back to Fort Myers where Jewel began work with the Inter-County Telephone Company. She briefly left the telephone company to manage a community grocery store with JA on the corner of Second and Evans Streets in downtown Fort Myers. After a year, she returned to Inter-County Telephone, which later became the United Telephone Company. United Telephone was purchased by Sprint and ultimately by Centurylink. She retired as a Traffic Training Supervisor from United Telephone in 1984 after a total of 41 years in telephony. Jewel had many friends with the telephone company, was a member of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), the Telephone Pioneers, and joined in monthly lunches and other social gatherings of telephone company retirees for many years. In retirement she enjoyed painting and was a member of the Fort Myers Art League.

Jewel is survived by her son, John Albert Douglas of Tallahassee, nieces Lisa Lee Kinney and Linda Marie Becker of Fort Myers, Junia Ann Marino of Orlando, nephews Robert Lamar Sherman and Jimmy Ellis Sherman of Fort Myers. She has been predeceased by brothers Lindel Lucius and Holace Alva, sister Doris of Fort Myers, half-brother Truman Lundy of Steinhatchee, Florida, half-sister Lily Virginia Lundy of Newberry, Florida, and nephew Mike Lundy of Fort Myers.

Arrangements under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., located at 2325 East Mall Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33901. 239-274-0088 www.gendronfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens

1589 Colonial Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33907

Previous Events

Funeral service

NOV **19**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jewel Douglas*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Jewel Douglas*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *As her former daughter-in-law, I fell in love with Jewel the first time I met her. Always loving, generous and thoughtful, I knew I was blessed to be a member of the Douglas family. And such a sense of humor. Jewel and I would pick on JA and John incessantly (all in good fun), and laughed until our sides hurt. I'll never forget our trip to Yellowstone for her 80th birthday, and so many other memories of holidays, trips and visits together. I'm happy she's at peace now, but as one of the great joys in my life, she'll be terribly missed.*

~ Ann Douglas

Ann Douglas - November 19, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jewel Douglas.*



November 18, 2016 at 03:13 PM

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“ Aunt Jewel was one of the kindest and sweetest people I ever met. My life has been greatly blessed because she was a part of it. I will always treasure visiting with Aunt Jewel and Uncle J.A. when they were on their way to the mountains, and our (Rhonda) short trips to visit with her when we were in the area. Those times will be sorely missed. My condolences to the family. I will keep you in my prayers.
-- Dandy Downing and family

Dianne Downing - November 18, 2016 at 02:43 PM

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“ Aunt Jewel was appropriately named. She was a jewel! I never head her say a bad word about anyone. She was an optimist and had a way about her that made you believe in yourself. Although 92 may seem old to some, it is far too young to die! She had a great heart and an unfailing love for people. I will miss her and our fun phone calls. Shine bright my dear Aunt, I will be watching for that Jewel in the sky!!

Rhonda - November 17, 2016 at 08:03 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - November 17, 2016 at 02:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jewel Douglas.* ”



November 17, 2016 at 11:22 AM