



Jackie Dexter Then and Now

## JAQUELINE LEE TAYLOR DEXTER LANIG MARTIN 8/18/1941-9/5/2020

Jaqueline Lee Taylor Dexter Lanig Martin passed away at home in Albany Oregon, on Saturday September 5, 2020. Jackie was born on August 18, 1941 to Elwood Nairn Taylor and Helen Maxine Buell Taylor in Dallas, Oregon. Jackie married Lawrance Dean Lanig Sr on 9/5/1959 in Dallas, Oregon, they later divorced in 8/8/1972. Jackie's second marriage was to Melvin Leroy Martin on 10/26/1973 in Reno, Nevada and they made their home in Albany for 40 years until his death on 1/28/2012.

Jackie was preceded in death by her mother Helen Buell Taylor Dexter (1920-1992), step father Orin George Dexter, (1918-2004) father Elwood Taylor (1917-2002), former husband Larry Lanig Sr (1938-2011), husband Mel Martin (1941-2013), her oldest Son Lawrance Dean Lanig Jr (1960-2014); her older sister Lois Maxine Taylor King Dhabolt (1939-1985), brother Lawrence Wayne Taylor (1943-2010).

Jackie is survived by, Lorie Wisecup Lanig (widowed wife of Larry Lanig Jr) and her children and grandchildren, Terry Michael Lanig, his partner Lisa Iverson and her children and grandchildren of Albany, Sheila Jaqueline Lanig Oleman and her husband Daniel Oleman of Lebanon, OR, two step sons, Craig Martin, Oakland, OR, Don Martin, Roseburg, OR, brother Charles E Taylor, Medford, OR, LaVerne A Dexter Call, Reno, NV, Derryll R Dexter, Hood River, OR, Orina G Dexter of Brenda, AZ, and grandchildren Shiree Lanig, Michelle Oleman Bergara, Terry Lee Lanig, Kevin Lanig, Eric Oleman, Katelynn Lanig Hill; and great grandchildren Kloey Bergara, Ethan Lanig,, LeeLou Martin, Tayven Bergara, Hunter Lanig, Zoey Fox, Brooklyn Hill, Clayton Hill,, also by her domestic partner of the past 3 years, Elton Kramer.

Funeral services were held at Willamette Memorial Park with a gathering at her home in Millersburg, OR, September 12, 2020, at 12 pm. She is buried at Willamette Memorial Park in Albany, OR.

Jackie enjoyed life, was always busy, her hobbies included 4H, hunting, arrowhead hunting, sewing, sculpting, wire wrapping, rock hounding, snowbirding, and dancing. She was a people person, she cultivated many friends in Albany, OR and Brenda, AZ.

She worked 21 years at the Albany Veterinary Clinic as Office Manager, she did it all, including assisting the Vets during surgeries, she raised miniature poodles for many years.

### Stories Shared at Funeral

By Klancee: Jackie was born Jaqueline Lee Taylor in Dallas Polk County Oregon, to Elwood and Helen Taylor on August 18, 1941. Her young years were spent in Oregon. Helen divorced Elwood and married Orin Dexter and the family moved to King Hill Idaho, where Jackie went by the name of Jackie Dexter from first grade to Senior year, then moved to Oregon where she

had met Larry the summer before and married him. Larry Lanig was her first husband, they later divorced. Jackie's second marriage was to Melvin Leroy Martin; they married in Reno, and they were happy living in Albany for 40 years. They had a happy full life.

Jackie went to King hill grade school, and High School in Glenns Ferry. She grew up in a farm community where her stepdad was a mechanic. She was very popular with everyone. In high school she was voted most popular and outgoing. She loved to dance and was the best jitterbug dancer there was. I remember watching her with her partner practicing in our living room where the furniture pushed out of the way and their legs were moving so fast and she were flying around our living room floor, Sshe would be airborne and tossed over the back of her partner and under his legs and pulled back up and flipped and sent into a half circle to land in front of her partner and keep right on doing the jitterbug.

As a little bit of coincidence, Jackie's mother Helen and her dad Elwood got married on September 5th, Her dad's birthday was on September 5th and her brother Chuck's birthday was on September 5th, and she passed on to meet Jesus on September 5th.

By Derryll: Some of you call Jackie as "gramma", I've always said she embodied many traits of a lioness, well coifed blonde hair, gathering her "pride" for family events. Batting anyone who got out of line.

Jackie was 7 ½ years older than me, she considered herself our little mother, she was left in charge of us in Idaho when our parents went dancing at the Grange or Rocky and Glen's. I will remember forever the business end of the coat hanger. She learned this from our own mother (raise your hand if you had to cut your own switch). I fought with her and against her as I tried to grow up, sometimes not so gracefully. But it was to Jackie's in Albany I moved when I left home for the final time with my months' old child. Jackie opened her house to me and helped me to get my start in life, where I got a job, my own apartment and car. If she was unavailable to pick me up, I rode a bicycle with my girl on the back to day-care and work. Jackie was always bubbly and positive in those years.

By Derryll: Albany is centrally located in the valley and the state, and for 47 years this house in Millersburg has been a beacon to all. I used it as a destination and pee-call so many times as I,

my daughter, and sometimes a friend, were between Portland and Eugene, or the coast and Bend,. Crystal told me she can't begin to count the times she showed up here unannounced (many times after dark) and was given a pillow and a bed, or a couch if the beds were all taken, no questions asked until morning.

Because of Jackie, it is also the final stop for many of us. Willamette Memorial Park is where Mom, Dad, Maxine, Joe, Larry Jr, Larry Sr, Mel, and now Jackie are buried or interred. Jackie was fierce in her love of family.

By Klancee: Jackie was so proud that it was her family that always had the largest attendance at the Dexter and Buell reunions. She loved the Buell reunion because it was at Buell park and she had permission for them to stay overnight in the park with their campers or trailers and tents because our grandfather and his brother had donated the land to Polk County for the park. Larry and Lorie, Terry and Lisa, and all the kids would go down to Mill Creek and catch crawdads, then have a big feast for everyone. It was a much loved family tradition for years.

By Terry: A couple of years back Terry, Lisa and Jackie were coming home from AZ they stopped at Disneyland. They did two days at the park and Jackie was a trooper by staying with them from early morning to late at night and going on all the rides with them. At one point the rides got too much for her and she looked up and saw a ride across the street she thought would be a milder ride so she and Lisa went over to ride it. Lisa says it was way too fast and dippy and Jackie was screaming and laughing and wanting off. She loved the attraction "It's a small world," and went back to it many times. I looked it up on the internet and found many sweet pictures.

By LaVerne: At the 2012 reunion that James and Maria came to at Devils Lake Park Jackie taught Maria to make Round-To-Its (hand crocheted kitchen scrubbers made from nylon netting). They sat for hours while Jackie and Maria both patiently worked together for Maria to learn each step. Jackie says she picked it so quickly and she was so happy **that** Maria wanted to learn. She said no one else wanted to learn this. She had learned from Momma. When Maria got home to Sun Valley she promptly taught her own mother who was living with James and Maria at the time. They would sit for hours on the couch making "Round-To-Its", boxes full of them. Maria's mother Alisha Avina, was 83 at the time.

By Derryll: Jackie was fond of saying she wanted to live to be 116 years old so she could say she was two things, sweet 16 and never been kissed, and sweet 116 and never been missed. I would like to point out that she had just turned 79 and if you add her age she will have made it to 16 again ( $7+9=16$ ).