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Jean Beulah Clark

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Jean Beulah Clark was born in Chauvin, Alberta, Canada August 3, 1926. She grew up in a remote area and as a child dreamed of becoming a nurse. Jean moved to Independence, Missouri, where she worked as a nurse from 1950-1960. She received her United States citizenship in 1959. She joined the United States Air Force in 1960.

As a First Lieutenant, Jean was assigned to the hospital at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida for three years. She was then assigned to the hospital at Wheeler Air Force Base, Tripoli, Libya, North Africa. From Wheeler, she transferred to Chanute Air Force Base, in Rantoul, Illinois.

While at Chanute Air Force Base, Jean was assigned temporary duty in the Philippines, during the Vietnam War. Patients were brought from the battlefield to

the military hospital at Clark Air Force Base, Manilla, Philippines before being flown to Travis Air Force Base, California. Jean's job was to tend to patients on Air Evacuation flights from the Philippines to California. Subsequently, she received a Permanent Change of Station assignment to Clark Air Force Base, where she worked as a flight nurse for one and a half years. Upon returning to the states, Jean was assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster, Missouri. During this time, she also received temporary duty assignments back to Clark Air Force Base.

Following her tour at Whiteman, Jean was transferred to Hickman Air Force Base, Oahu, Hawaii. She worked as an outpatient nurse in the Air Force clinic. After one year, she was promoted to nurse practitioner. She transferred to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Montana where she retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Her medals and awards include:

- Air Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)
- Vietnam Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)
- Air Force Executive Award
- Air Force Unit Award (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross (with Device)
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

After retirement, Jean moved to Hawaii where she lived for sixteen years and worked as a camp nurse for youth groups and Girl Scouts before returning to Independence, Missouri. She never married and is currently living in an assisted living facility due to serious health issues. She is a member of the RLDS church. She has written a book of her memories in which she shared many of her experiences in the life she chose and the lives of those she touched.