

Jean attended Bethany-Peniel College. The College had a custom of selecting the highest-ranking man and woman of the Junior Class to be student marshals at the commencement ceremonies. Jean's class made history by having three women with straight-A grade averages. Left to right are Colleen Karns, Mary Ellen Herren, Forrest Ladd, and Melva Jean Karns. These four Juniors were the student marshals for the Class of 1947.

