Jean Maryborn, 78, of Sandpoint Idaho, formerly Jean Marshall of Norwell, Mass. died December 20, 2012 in Spokane, WA after a brief illness. She was born Jean Wright Dunbar April 17, 1934 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Throughout her life Jean was committed to sustainability practices for the planet (before the word was coined) and justice for all. She participated in dozens of non-profit groups, including Quaker Friends, Nonviolent Peaceforce, Beyond War, Union of Concerned Scientists and 350.org. She was especially committed to her work as a National Vice-Chair in the Alliance for Democracy and as Peace and Social Justice Coordinator for the Southeast Region of the United Congregational Churches of Massachusetts. She traveled to Nicaragua with Witness for Peace, and participated in multiple non-violent civil disobedience events.

Jean taught her family to love in a big way and extend kindness to all. She was a surrogate mom to her sister’s children and grandmother to their children for over 30 years. Her homes became nature sanctuaries under her care. She taught her family the names of stars, birds, and flowers, and to treasure them all.

She was in her element in her gardens, attending the symphony, at grandchildren’s events, and in her activism. She also loved sailing, wilderness canoe trips, and swimming. At age 71, she completed a 1.75-mile open water swim.

Jean grew up in Concord Mass, where she attended Concord Academy. She later graduated Magna Cum Laude from Radcliffe College. She married Douglas Marshall October 7, 1956. They made their home in Norwell, Mass and later divorced. Jean then chose Maryborn as her last name in honor of her mother, Mary Dunbar.

She was preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Mary Dunbar, her sister Martha Greene, and her nephew Brad Greene. She is survived by brother Arthur Dunbar Jr.; daughters Elizabeth, Cindy and Kim Marshall; son-in-law Eric Schmidt; former sons-in-law Michael Welp and Bill Vaughan; Rod Barcklay; grandchildren Aubrey, Jonah and Micah Vaughan; Anna and Claire Schmidt; Lydia and Nina Welp; Cheryl, Rick and Leslie Greene and their children and grandchildren; and Brad Greene’s children and grandchildren. She also cherished vibrant friendships across the country.

We will celebrate Jean’s life on Saturday January 12, 2012 11 AM at the Community Hall, 204 S. 1st. Ave, Sandpoint, Idaho. Bring your favorite Jean story; there will an opportunity to speak in her service. Optional potluck lunch to follow. Appetizers and beverages provided.

In lieu of flowers please consider honoring Jean by nurturing your kindness and generosity. If desired, donations may be made to www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org.