

May 30th Memorial Celebration of the Life of Juanita Nelson
(August 17, 1923 - March 9, 2015)

There will be a memorial celebration of the amazing and inspiring life of our dear friend Juanita Nelson on Saturday, May 30, at the Greenfield Middle School, 195 Federal Street in Greenfield, Massachusetts. The program will begin promptly at 2 pm.

Plans are underway for the celebration to be preceded by a New Orleans-style jazz procession from the Greenfield Farmers' Market (next to the Town Common at Main Street and Bank Row) to the Middle School, a distance of half a mile. Juanita and Wally Nelson co-founded the Farmers' Market in 1974 and sold their produce there every Saturday for almost three decades. People who wish to walk to the Middle School as part of the procession should meet at the Farmers' Market at 12:30 pm. The procession will arrive at the Middle School at approximately 1:30 pm.

At the conclusion of the celebration, there will be a time for informal socializing and storytelling in the Middle School cafeteria. Refreshments will be available.

On Sunday, May 31, at 2 pm, friends of Juanita who are still in the area are invited to participate in an informal ceremony at the Woolman Hill Conference Center on Keets Road in Deerfield for the purpose of scattering Juanita's ashes around the "Bean Patch" home that she and Wally built and lived in from 1974 onward.

For those coming from a distance who would like overnight housing, please contact Lynn Waldron <lynnw99@gmail.com> by May 9.