



Mary Lee Jones

November 9, 1927 - November 9, 2017

Mary Lee Jones, 90, of Norman and formerly of Lindsay, passed away peacefully Thursday, November 9, 2017, at Norman Regional HealthPlex, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Mary Lee was much loved and will be missed by the many lives she touched. Funeral services are at 2 pm on Tuesday, November 14, at First Baptist Church of Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Mary Lee was born November 9, 1927, in Oak Park, Illinois, to Bessie Dickinson. Her birth father, Warren, passed away three months prior to her birth, and she was raised by her stepfather Floyd Lamb. Mary Lee was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where she met the love of her life, Captain Everett W. Jones. After a brief courtship, they were married on July 3, 1947, in Norman. Their marriage endured for nearly 60 years, until his death in 2007.

In 1951, Everett and Mary Lee settled in his hometown of Lindsay where they owned and operated The Dairy Freeze, later renamed Jones Drive-In, for more than twenty years. For several years after, they were in the real estate business together, and Mary Lee also had an accounting business.

Mary Lee loved children. Although she had a career in an era when most women did not, her work never prevented her from supporting her children's activities. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother, an Acteens leader, and much

more. For several decades, she taught in her church's nursery. She loved all children, and they loved her. This was especially true of her four grandsons and her great-grandson.

All her life, Mary Lee loved reading, especially murder mysteries. As a child she checked out the maximum books she could from the library weekly, read them all, then went back for more. After her retirement, until the end of her life, she read almost a book a day, every day. She also enjoyed word puzzles and playing games with her family.

Since May 2013, Mary Lee had been a resident of Silver Elm Estates, an independent senior apartment complex in Norman, where she enjoyed playing Wheel of Fortune and brain games with fellow residents, attending church and Bible studies, and being near her daughter and son-in-law. She lived independently and joyfully until her sudden death.

Mary Lee was preceded in death by her beloved husband Everett Jones; by her son Bruce; by her only sibling, Bill Dickinson; and by her nephew Bill Dickinson. She is survived by two of her children, Wesley Jones and wife Nancy of Deltona, Florida, and Lee Ann Peters and husband Dan of Norman. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Nicholas Jones of Orlando, Florida; Christopher Jones of Boynton Beach, Florida; Adam Peters and wife Anne of Oklahoma City; and Isaac Peters of Tulsa; and by great-grandson, Everett Peters.

Her children, grandchildren, and their many friends remember her as a godly woman, a warm, supportive, kind, cheerful person who provided encouragement and generosity and laughter, affecting many lives in her ninety years. The family suggests memorial gifts to one of the institutions which were dear to her heart, the Baptist Children's Home or the American Bible Society. Arrangements are by Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Funeral Service for Mary Lee are set for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 beginning at 2:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Gene Sanders officiating. Interment will follow at the Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Services are under the direction of Scott Wilbourn with Boydston Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *In the early 90's, I worked in the nursery where she AMAZED me w/her energy to play with toddlers! She always spoke about God & family. She's rejoicing in heaven now. I'll never forget her laughter!!*

Shari Welsh - December 03, 2017 at 04:17 PM

JJ

“ *I will always remember her warm smile and sweet spirit. Praying for her family at this time of loss.*

Janet Sinclair Janousek - November 14, 2017 at 12:30 AM

HR

“ *Wesley & Lee Ann - In the 1960s Lindsay didn't have an Arnold's, but we did have The Dairy Freeze. And The Dairy Freeze was better. It seems like your mom was always there working (along with your dad). Your parents set a great example of what a successful Mom-&Pop small business entailed - a good product, friendly reliable service and LOTS of hard work. Many of my best memories of Lindsay involve your parents' drive in --- school day lunches my Junior and Senior years, the Junior-Senior egg fight, Ross Murphy hopping the new drive-in's center median in his old car (no one else had a car with the ground clearance to attempt that). And Roger, Maggie and I felt like we were pretty special because we had a charge account. I am so thankful for those memories.*

Hank Ryan - November 13, 2017 at 03:27 PM

DH

“ *LeeAnn, Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I remember her as such a sweet lady. Prayers in the days ahead for strength and comfort.*

Danna Cooper Hutchinson - November 12, 2017 at 11:25 PM

CF

“ *Wesley, LeeAnn, and families, May the Lord be with you during this difficult time. My prayers are with y'all in the days ahead. Cherish your memories.*

Carolyn Cooper Franklin - November 11, 2017 at 04:40 PM

TS

“ *Your Mother was a great mentor to me. She will be missed dearly.*

Tina (Smith) Struck - November 11, 2017 at 09:42 AM