



## Joyce Osborne Jones

January 18, 2021

Joyce Osborne Jones, 79, of Woodbridge, VA, went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 18th at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Foster Ed Jones, parents Gladys Kester and Staley Oscar Osborne, sister Virginia O. Ackerman and brother David Osborne.

Mrs. Jones leaves behind a son, Stewart Jones and wife Patricia of Norcross, GA, a daughter, Courtney Jones of Dumfries, VA and five grandchildren- Sherissa Reed, Xavier Reed, Matthew Jones, Jordan Reed, and Madeline Jones.

She was born and raised in southwestern Virginia, received her B.A. in English from Appalachian State University and her M.A. in education from East Carolina University. Her career was devoted to high school students, spending over 30 years at Gar-Field High School as a guidance counselor. After her retirement, she enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and volunteering at Sentara.

She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Woodbridge, VA and thoroughly enjoyed being a member of The Upper Room Sunday School Class.

Services will be held at a date yet to be determined due to safety precautions.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Paul UMC.

# Comments

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“ I am incredibly sorry to hear about Mrs. Jones. She was my Guidance Counselor, and one of my biggest cheerleaders during my time at Gar-Field Senior High School (1974 to 1978.). Her kindness, beautiful smile, easy laugh, and words of wisdom always made me feel sooo very special like her friend and not a student. I just adored her!! As it happens, my Senior year Home Room teacher turned out to be Mr. Ed Jones. How lucky was I to have both of them in my corner?! What an incredible pair!!

Those 4 years at G-FHS were very happy ones for me. The entire student body was amazing, and I was lucky enough to have many wonderful friends. The teachers were superior, supportive, patient, creative and fun. Just the best! And, ALL of the Coaches were absolutely top notch in every way. Thanks to them, G-FHS was a HUGE power house not only in our District, or Region, but in the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. Several top team and individual championship awards went to both girl and boy athletes. The Music Department saw many awards as well, and the Spring Shows were something else!! Of course, I have to mention how great Mr. Jones and the marching band were, and how they always made the football games great!! Everyone was rocking in the bleachers!! I could go on and on and on!!

With all of my happy memories, Mr. and Mrs. Jones were the absolute brightest stars in my high school universe. I know their favorite songs are playing now. I can just see them arm in arm, dancing and laughing across the Milky Way. Still the brightest stars in the sky.

I love you Mrs. Jones. Please give Mr. Jones a big, tiiiiight hug from me. Have an amazing time together on your new great adventure!

Margaret Gentry Myers  
G-FHS Class of '78

Margaret Gentry Myers - January 28 at 02:49 PM

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“ Mrs. Jones was my guidance counselor 40 years ago. Her extraordinary kindness and caring made a huge and lasting difference in my life. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss.

Rebecca Young - January 23 at 06:32 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences for your loss. Such a kind women with the warmest smile and greeting. Our Lord welcomed a new Angel to Heaven. Prayers for The Jones Family.



**Susie Lewis** - January 23 at 09:40 AM

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“ Joyce and I both volunteered at Sentara Hospital. She was such a fine lady, with a saucy side (her jokes were salacious but funny). She had such a strength of character m. I remember her giving the eulogy at her husband's funeral; I was astounded at her ability to do that! Sleep well my friend!

**Joyce Pieritz** - January 23 at 07:35 AM

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“ Grew up across the road from Joyce and her family in Mouth of Wilson. We were apart of each other lives for many years. All her family are in my prayers. Sharon Parsons

**Sharon Parsons** - January 22 at 07:05 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear about Mrs. Jones. She was my guidance counselor at Gar-Field and her suggestions to me about class schedule literally changed the course of my life. I know she's happy to be reunited with Ed up in Heaven. Condolences to all the family during this sad time. Love, Leah (Wilson) Munnis



**Leah Wilson Munnis** - January 22 at 04:37 PM