



Elmarie Jones

December 28, 1933 - December 25, 2020

Elmarie Jones, a long-time resident of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, passed away on Christmas Day just three days short of her 87th birthday. She was born December 28, 1933, in Temple, Oklahoma, to Ervin and Frances Miller and was their only child.

She grew up in North Texas and married Murse G. Jones, Jr. in Petrolia, Texas, and they lived in Texas, Michigan and Ohio before settling in Broken Arrow in 1959. They bought a yellow house off County Line Road and raised three children and a big garden and were active in church, the community and schools.

In 1966 at age 32, Elmarie attended Broken Arrow High School to complete her high school education. She became editor of the school newspaper and set the curve in her shorthand class after diligently completing her homework every night alongside her children, who were in 5th, 6th and 10th grades. She made many new friends in high school and chose to eat lunch with her classmates rather than accept the invitation to eat with the faculty. It was a proud day when she graduated with the class of 1967. During her time as a student at BAHS, she began working as the counselor's secretary, a job she continued until 1973.

Elmarie was a faithful member of First Baptist Church for 61 years and lived a life of service, which included teaching Sunday School to children, newly married women, senior adult women and, probably her favorite, the newborns in the nursery. She taught Sunday School into her early 80s, delivered sermon recordings to members unable to attend church and volunteered at Vacation Bible School for decades, along with Cornerstone Mission and Arms Around Broken Arrow. One of the most important ministries to her was the bereavement committee providing meals to church families at funeral gatherings. She served in most of these ministries weekly for many years, some for decades.

One of the more remarkable ministries with which Elmarie served was Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, where she was trained as a "yellow hat" and assisted with preparing and serving food for volunteers and victims. She deployed to Galveston, Texas, following

Hurricane Ike in 2008, where the Oklahoma contingent slept in a huge tent for two weeks in sweltering heat, getting up at 2:30 a.m. to work the shift that ended at 10:30 a.m.

Shortly before her 80th birthday, she deployed to Moore, Oklahoma, following deadly tornadoes, where she worked for a week with the SBDR cooking team providing hot meals and encouragement to the volunteers and victims whose homes were badly damaged or destroyed.

Elmarie never met a stranger and enjoyed meeting people through her travels on many scenic bus tours and trips to England, Israel and Greece with her church. She also enjoyed singing in the adult and senior adult choirs and attending Triple L and Bible Study Fellowship. She loved helping people as a volunteer at Broken Arrow Public Library, which eventually led to a part-time job. She was an avid reader and library patron.

She was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, grandmother and friend and will be missed by those whose lives she touched.

She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years and her parents and is survived by her children, Alinda Jones, Devereaux (Debbie) Jones, and Tamela (Doug) Lanier, and six grandchildren.

Elmarie's life will be celebrated on Saturday, January 16, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers friends may honor Elmarie's life with a contribution to First Baptist Church, 100 W. Albany, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow
100 W. Albany
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
<http://fbcba.org>

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Elmarie was a delight and a treasure to First Baptist Church, Broken Arrow. We had a great relationship and always enjoyed visiting with her in the foyer between services and especially in the worship center on Sunday evenings. We appreciate all she did for our church and the people to whom she ministered. We will miss her as you will but also treasure the memories.*

David & Brenda Ross - January 15, 2021 at 05:27 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 15, 2021 at 08:53 AM

LS

“ *Ray and I have truly lost a dear friend. Elmarie was my Sunday School teacher when we first joined FBC BA. She helped us through the loss of our first child at age 14 months. She continued to be a close friend for many years, capping it off at the track at FBC BA, where we exercised to try to stay young! She and Murse, plus their three kids, were always smiling when we met them-such a dear family. Our hearts go out to you in your loss.*

Lou and Ray Schwab

Lou Schwab - January 14, 2021 at 11:14 AM

VD

“ *Vickie Dodson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elmarie Jones.*



Vickie Dodson - January 11, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmarie Jones.*



January 06, 2021 at 11:38 PM

JR

“ *What a loving, kind woman Elmarie Jones was! She truly had the gift of serving others. We, the members of the Mary & Martha Sunday School class, count ourselves blessed to have known and loved Elmarie! She served us as our class teacher several years ago. As with the other “jobs” Elmarie did - she took her role as our leader very seriously. We are proud to have been her “girls.” We will miss Elmarie and her sweet smile - until we meet again.
Well done, faithful servant! With our love, Mary and Martha class FBCBA*

Jerry Rountree - January 06, 2021 at 12:20 PM

BG

“ *Alinda I am so sorry to hear of your loss! You mother was a delightful person, and I always benefited from bumping into her. She always brightened my day. I think you inherited that talent! God bless you!
Betty Martin Gerber*

Betty Gerber - January 03, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elmarie Jones.*



January 01, 2021 at 01:45 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 28, 2020 at 11:54 AM

HH

“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Jones family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Elmarie.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 28, 2020 at 10:23 AM

TD

“ *Some people live life while others give life and meaning to those of us who are fortunate enough to have crossed their path. Our lives have been enriched and made so much more than just biding time on this planet. Elmarie had much to give and gave of herself in community, church, and family. The Jones family was very much a part of my youth, and I am very blessed to have been shaped by their commitment to serve their local church, which was my church.*

One of the reasons why I've served in church ministry these past 30 years is due to their faithfulness in teaching my Sunday School class at First Baptist Church. I am forever grateful for the saints of old who stayed the course and gave life principles that helped shape a young boy in a small town. My thoughts and prayers are of gratitude for this very special lady who loved and lived life by giving. Pastor Terry L. Dashner, Faith Fellowship Church of Broken Arrow.

Terry Dashner - December 26, 2020 at 01:07 PM

BW

What a blessing this sweet lady was to every single person she ever encountered. She was truly the picture of what a servant is like. Always giving of herself and ministering love and compassion to others. She ALWAYS had a smile on her beautiful face and shared joy in Christ through the actions in her life. She will be missed beyond measure!

Brenna Wolfe - January 01, 2021 at 11:07 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 26, 2020 at 12:02 AM