



Harriett Mae Jones

April 10, 1922 - June 18, 2017

Harriett Jones, 95, of Oskaloosa passed away peacefully Sunday evening, June 18, 2017, at the Oskaloosa Care Center. Harriett Mae Smith Jones was born, April 10, 1922, to Karl C. and Jessie Clemo Smith Nye in Preston, Iowa. She was a graduate of West Liberty High School in 1940 where her father was the Superintendent of Schools. She attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa for two years where she majored in Vocal Music and Creative Writing. It was there she met Lynden Beryl Jones of Oskaloosa. They were married March 7, 1943. Two children were born to them: Philip Lyn Jones of Los Angeles, California and Nancy Elizabeth Jones of Oskaloosa. Harriett lived all of her married life in Oskaloosa. She was very active in the community including the Central United Methodist Church—especially singing in the church's Chancel Choir into her 80's. She taught Sunday school for many years and participated in the United Methodist Women. She served on various community organizations that supported what she valued most; God, her family and her community. She was involved in the Whittier Elementary School P.T.A., P.E.O Chapter X for over 65 years, and IHN Kings Daughters and Sons. She was on the Hospice Board for two terms and became a Hospice Bereavement Volunteer for many years. She also volunteered at the Mahaska Health Partnership, greeting folks at the front desk for many years. Harriett worked with her husband, Beryl, in the Jones Hardware Store in downtown Oskaloosa for almost 30 years. They worked as a team and closed the store together in 1989 to retire. Together they traveled the United States

on bus tours with their friends. When Beryl passed away in 2003, Harriett continued to live in their home, with the support of her family, on Penn Boulevard until 2014. Music and the arts were always her passions. She considered being on stage and singing to be her hobbies. She performed with Oskaloosa Community Theater and sang with the Community Chorus for many years. Harriett loved to tell stories of her youth, of her children and grandchildren. And, she loved going out to eat and playing Dominoes with her friends. She had recently celebrated her 95th birthday in a room filled with flowers and cards from her treasured family, friends, and neighbors. Harriett is survived by her children: Philip Jones and partner, Phyllis Babila and Nancy Jones and partner, Mark Dempster; her three beloved grandchildren: Allison Smith and husband, Ryan Schmitz of West Des Moines, Julianna Smith of Des Moines, Zachary Jones of San Jose California, and her great-grandson, Dominic Lynden Schmitz. In addition to her parents, Harriett was preceded in death by her husband, Beryl, on July 18, 2003. Funeral services for Harriett will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 28, at the Central United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 27 at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel. The family will be present from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday evening. Memorials can be made to the Central United Methodist Church Oskaloosa Iowa.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harriett Mae Jones*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Nancy, Allison, Julianna and family, Your mother and grandmother Harriet was a gem of a lady! I have always loved seeing her around town and it was so sweet how she cheered along my life alongside Allison's, as we were married and started our families. I have a few emails from her over the years, always in large font so it seemed she was celebrating even through the type. I can still hear her sweet, smiling voice. My thoughts and attention are with you all. Much love, Cara & family*

Cara Brostrom - June 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Your mother went to be with her Lord and Savior on my birthday! I will always remember her reprimanding me when I called her 'Mrs. Jones' (we were always taught to call anyone older than us Mr. or Mrs) She would say, "Mary!, It's HARRIETT!". She was a very sweet soul. You were lucky to have her as your mother, we were lucky to have her as a friend. Mary Kelly (Kelderman) Elsie Kelderman Room 121*

Mary Kelly - June 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Nancy and Phil, I'm very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a wonderful lady. I'm so glad we got to spend some time with her on our trip to Iowa. Keeping you all close in my thoughts.*

Sally Altman - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Phil, Nancy, and families, Sorry to hear the loss of your Mother Phil and Nancy. We have you and all of your families in our thoughts and prayers. Nancy Stapp McCurdy Donald McCurdy*

Nancy McCurdy - June 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

Garland - June 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Nancy So sorry to hear about your Grandmother. She was a Special person and I know that Lyle would have been sorry to know it also. He considered her a friend.*

Myrna Panno - June 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Nancy and family, I enjoyed talking with your mother last January at the Serenity House. She was such a dear soul. I loved the part in her obituary where you put she was involved with the Whittier PTA. Your mother was a blessing to everyone she met.*

Kathy Larsen - June 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Nancy I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. I have known her for many years, she was such a sweet lady. She will be missed.*

Jean Welsh - June 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM