



Emma Jo Jones

April 28, 1925 - July 15, 2019

Emma Jo Copeland Jones passed into the arms of Jesus on July 15, 2019 at the age of 94.

She was known as Mother, Mammaw, Aunt Jo, or simply Emma to her family, and was a wonderful matriarch to us and a great friend to many. She never met a stranger and always had a positive attitude even in the midst of serious hardships.

She grew up on a farm in the East Texas county of Bowie, but picked cotton in West Texas when her family was displaced by the government so that a military munitions plant could be built in that area. They eventually settled in a one-room home in Kilgore, Texas. She then lived the next few decades in East Texas where she reared two sons.

Emma worked for Kilgore College, Gibsons on Westmoreland in Dallas from 1976-1988, and M. E. Moses in Lancaster from 1988-1994.

When her beloved husband, Oscar Benjamin Jones died on Valentines Day in 1976, she moved to Lancaster, Texas to be near her sons. One of them, Oscar Doyle Jones preceded her in death on March 29, 1992. She grieved the loss, but never let tragedy get in her way.

Her love of God, family, and life was evident to all who knew her and she made the world a brighter and happier place to live. She always looked forward to family get-togethers, church gatherings, traveling and any opportunity to celebrate something. Elvis was her hero and, to her great delight, an Elvis impersonator frequently showed up at her birthday parties to sing love songs to her. She was also a devoted Ranger baseball fan, win or lose, that was her team. She was anointed "Fan of the Game" at a Rangers game a couple of years ago. She traveled the United States (including Hawaii and Alaska) with family and friends over the years. She loved flying and cruising which took her to other countries. She requested one final cruise last year and insisted on staying alone in her cabin even though it was a risk with her health but she made it fine in her wheelchair and had a wonderful time. She had a blessed life and will be missed by so many. This week, God decided He wouldn't leave her with us any longer. He thought it was time for her to be reunited with the friends and family who have been waiting patiently for her in heaven.

Emma is survived by her loving family; son Kenneth Bottoms & wife Anne; grandchildren David Carl Bottoms & wife Tonya, Karen Michelle Bottoms Cothran & husband Jason, Kevin Doyle Jones, Oscar Alan Jones, Patricia Sue Jones Mackey; nieces Betty Caudle & husband Frank, Marcie McMillen; nephews Ellery Phippen & wife JoeAnn, Ronnie Phippen & wife Angie; and many friends too numerous to mention.

The family is so thankful for the staff at Buffalo Creek Assisted Living in Waxahachie, Texas, who cared for her as if she were their mom. We also want to thank Bristol Hospice for their love and care.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Memorial Gardens

5000 West Harrison Road
Longview, TX 75604

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown Street Church of Christ
2471 Brown Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Celebration of Life

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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2471 Brown Street
Waxahachie, TX 75165

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emma Jo Jones.* ”



July 18, 2019 at 10:28 AM

TC

“ *She is known by many people and many names. To most of you, she is Emma. She is Mother and Mammaw. My grandmother called her Baby. But to me and my family, she is Aunt Jo.*

My Aunt Jo has always been a favorite aunt, but as a young adult, we became very good friends. I moved to Dallas in 1982 and we had tons of fun together. We'd go out to eat and to the movies, or pick up a pizza and watch TV. We took road trips. After Jessie came along we would visit her the week after Christmas every year and my friend from Waco and her daughter would come up. We'd all stay with her and cook, go out to eat, watch TV, tell stories, go shopping. We had tons of fun. She was always happy to have company.

I loved listening to her stories. I remember when we all went on a treasure hunt to the home place that she had grown up in until the government built an Army Depot. I will always treasure her reaction to finding her daddy's old car – a Whippet. They had warned us to walk carefully because there were lots of old wells and springs and she was so excited she was jumping up and down. I just knew she was going to fall through. Her excitement was contagious. She definitely enjoyed life and made sure everyone else around her was enjoying it too. I have never heard of anyone who met her who did not love her.

I will miss her, but I'm so glad I got to spend quite a bit of time with her this year and so very glad we brought my great nieces and nephews to see her in December. She is their great great great aunt. I believe the older 3 will remember her because of that trip. Especially if we keep talking to them about it, and I certainly intend to do just that, because it will bring me joy to remember her.

Aunt Jo, tell Grandmother and Granddaddy I'm doing well and I love you all. Tell them all about Jessie and the rest of her great and great great grandkids. I can only imagine your reunion with them, Uncle Oscar, Doyle, Mama Cope, Pa, Uncle Jessie and your first chance

to meet Iva. I'm so happy you're reunited in Glory.



Tracey Caudle - July 17, 2019 at 10:17 AM

LD

“ *Lou Anne Burrow Norcross -Harvey's daughter purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Emma Jo Jones.*



Lou Anne Burrow Norcross -Harvey's daughter - July 16, 2019 at 03:22 PM

RP

“ *Emma was one of our absolute favorites. Every time we talked, we walked away feeling better about ourselves. She always made us feel special!*

Emma, we will always love you. Thanks for the impact you had on our family's lives.

Randy and Diane Pittard

Randy Pittard - July 16, 2019 at 11:50 AM

CJ

“ We were blessed to know Emma for more than forty years. Emma always had a smile and kind words to share. She loved her Lord, her Church, her family, and her friends.
May God's care, compassion and love embrace her family.

*Chet, Sandy, Steve and Chris Jones
Jefferson, Texas*

Chet Jones - July 15, 2019 at 07:25 PM

SF

“ Sue Smith Fabrizzio lit a candle in memory of
Emma Jo Jones



Sue Smith Fabrizzio - July 15, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ Greatest Love Casket Spray was purchased for
the family of Emma Jo Jones.



July 15, 2019 at 06:38 PM