



Juanita Ruth Jones

September 1, 1933 - January 30, 2026

Nita Jones went to heaven after the culmination of 92 wonderful years of life. Raised by her parents, Lester and Dot Oldacre, Nita and her brother Bill spent early years in the coal mining camps near Jasper before her family settled in Birmingham.

She attended Woodlawn High School where she was a majorette and cheerleader and enjoyed dances and trips to the beach. At Woodlawn she met the love of her life, Deacon Jones. Nita and Deacon married in 1953 while attending the University of Alabama, where she was a cheerleader and he was a baseball player, and where they made some of their best friends while living in married housing on campus. An honor student in education, Nita taught at Woodlawn High and at Franklin Academy while raising their 3 children. She was a member of the Eastern Women's Committee of Fifty, the Elgithin Literary Club, the Limestone Ladies Auxiliary, and served at the Eastern Area Christian Ministries.

Nita was an avid bird watcher, a consummate homemaker, an excellent cook, who made the world's best mac and cheese, sweet potato casserole, and peanut brittle. She and Deacon shared their love of travel during their 67 years of marriage by bringing friends and each of their 9 grandchildren along on their adventures to far parts of the world, which Nita planned and executed with flair and acumen long before technology existed. They made numerous

friends along the way that they welcomed to their Trussville home, including from Austria, Tokyo, Zimbabwe, and Copenhagen to name a few. Whether it was playing golf, enjoying ski trips, attending Bama games, or playing bridge with dear friends, Nita always added laughter and fun to the mix with her colorful personality.

Adored by her 9 grandchildren, Nita called each by their number in birth order, and they called her Honey, or CW for “Crazy Woman”! They delighted in her zany humor while playing cards and games around the kitchen table, a favorite pastime of hers.

Though she will be greatly missed, she leaves a legacy of a fully savored life, and she’s thrilled to be dancing beside Deacon in heaven, and thanking her Savior for all the many blessings of her 92 years.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Deacon, her parents, Lester and Dorothy Oldacre, and her brother, Bill Oldacre.

She is survived by her sons Jeffery (Patti) Jones and Barry (Lee) Jones and her daughter Jodie (Hans) Carlson; by her grandchildren, Michael (Isabel), Christopher, Stephen, Zeke (Kathlyn), Ellen, and Sam Jones, and Nils (Valerie), Daniel (Katherine), and Anders (Abigail) Carlson; and by six great grandchildren, William, Lily, Jones, Alexander, Jack, and Cooper Carlson.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Big Oak Ranch @big oak.org, Tunnel to Towers Foundation @T2T.org or First Baptist Church of Trussville.

Celebration of Life will be Saturday, March 28, 2026 with visitation at 10:00 and service at 11:00, in the chapel at First Baptist Church of Trussville, 128 N. Chalkville Road.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Trussville
128 North Chalkville Road
Trussville, AL 35173

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Juanita Ruth Jones.

March 26 at 09:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Juanita Ruth Jones.



March 26 at 09:02 AM



“ Aunt Nita was so much fun in her life. Her many friends and family will miss her dearly. There is only one Aunt Nita and we loved her so.

Ben and Susan Dowdey - February 06 at 09:08 PM