



Garnell Hamilton Jones

January 31, 1931 - December 21, 2020

Garnell Hamilton Jones, 89 passed away on Monday, December 21, 2020 at Meadowood. She was born on January 31, 1931, in Moberly, Missouri to Garnett and Pearl Hamilton. She graduated from Cairo High School in 1948 and from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics in 1952.

She was employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri; Teachers College Columbia University, New York; Vanderbilt University Library, Nashville, Tennessee; Migrant Program, Blue River Valley School System; Mt. Summit, Indiana; and Isanogel Center, Muncie, Indiana. She typed countless Master's theses for Ball State University students in Muncie, Indiana.

She married George Jones on May 2, 1953. They were married 56 years until George's death on February 28, 2010. In 1964 they moved from Nashville, Tennessee to Muncie, Indiana where George took a position on the faculty of Ball State University. They raised their family in Muncie and moved to Bloomington in 2000 to be near their grandchildren. They were very active in the Baptist Church in both Muncie and Bloomington.

She is survived by her children, Lynette Russell (Mark) of Hockessin, Delaware, Dr. Daniel Jones (Becky Sharp) of Chillicothe, Missouri, and Dr. Andrew Jones (Jane) of Bloomington, Chris Smith (son-in-law) of Knoxville, Tennessee, grandchildren Gretchen (Sam) Chamberlain of Colville, Washington, Elizabeth (Josh) Wehe of Alamosa, Colorado, Grant (Nancy)

Russell of Washington, DC, Haley (Adam) Young of Prairie Village, Kansas, Kelsey Jones of Kansas City, Missouri, Alexa Jones of Lawson, Missouri, Harper Jones of Chillicothe, Missouri, Allison Jones of Watertown, Massachusetts, William Jones of Bloomington, Christopher (Calli) Smith of Dallas, Texas and Blake Smith of Knoxville, Tennessee. Brother-in-law John (Karen) Jones of Fayette, Missouri. She was blessed with five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her beloved daughter Wendy Smith

The family would like to thank the staff at Meadowood Nursing Home for their care and compassion over the last 3 years.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations be given to the GWJ Endowment Fund (7504) at Ball State University, PO Box 672, Muncie, IN 47308.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 26 at Grand Prairie Cemetery in Cairo, Missouri.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Garnell's family. I often talked with her at Meadowood on days I visited my husband Rockie. She was a lovely and gentle person who always had a smile for me.
God Bless.
Pam Grimes

Pam Grimes - December 31, 2020 at 06:57 AM

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“ Garnell was one of my favorite clients. I met with her many times after her husband George, whom I served with at the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, assisting her in her financial matters. A Great Lady!

Barrett Ray - December 28, 2020 at 10:33 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I loved Garnell! She was a beautiful women inside and out. I enjoyed talking with her weekly at the hair salon. She enjoyed talking with other ladies as well. She always ordered fruit for me every Christmas she was always thoughtful. I have several wonderful memories of Garnell.
God Bless
Nancy Thompson

Nancy Thompson - December 23, 2020 at 10:21 PM