



# **Mrs. Betty R. Jones**

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**M**rs. Betty R. Jones  
07/26/1933-02/06/2024

Mrs. Betty Ray Jones passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2024 peacefully at her home in Parrottsville.

Betty was born July 26, 1933 in Sikeston, MO. Her father, Lawrence Ray, served as a Southern Baptist pastor for over 60 years. Betty faced a challenge early in her life with Rheumatic Fever. She is a breast and thyroid cancer survivor. Upon graduating high school, she ventured to St. Louis where she worked as a civilian employee of the Air Force. She later moved to Memphis, TN where she worked as a secretary. There, she met the love of her life, Bill Jones. They were married December 28th, 1956. In 1959, they welcomed their only child, Larry. When Larry began school, she attended Memphis State University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She taught several years in the Shelby County school system. In 1972, the family moved to Newport. She served as the Librarian and taught Sociology and Psychology at Cosby School. Upon her retirement, she began working at the Cocke County Schools Central Office where she helped other schools in the county modernize their libraries.

Betty has always had a heart for children and for helping others. She has served as a Scout mother, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School director, and any other place she could use her indefatigable energy to help others. She was the co-teacher for her Sunday School class until December 2023, when her illness prevented her from attendance. She served as the church clerk at First Baptist Church, Newport for many years. She was also the Cocke County coordinator for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. She was the treasurer of the Cocke County Retired Teacher's Association. She was also on the Stokely Memorial Library Board. She volunteered at Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice where she worked until one month



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before her death. She also loved to invest in foreign missions having contributed to mission projects in Belize a number of years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Mary Ray, her husband, Bill and her younger sister, Billie Sue Fair. Survivors include: her son Larry (Angie), her grandson Adam, in whom she delighted, her older brother, Howard, two nieces, one nephew and numerous cousins.

Special thanks to Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice for their amazing care and to her special caretaker Lecole Noland for numerous hours assisting the family.

Betty loved her family, her church and her friends.

The funeral service will be held at 6:00 P.M. Thursday evening February 8, 2024, in the Costner-Maloy & Brown Funeral Home Chapel. With Pastor Larry Jones and Dr. Rich Lloyd officiating. The family and friends will meet 10:45 A.M. Friday at Resthaven Memorial Gardens for the 11:00 A.M. interment.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Thursday evening at Costner-Maloy & Brown Funeral Home prior to the service.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Costner-Maloy & Brown Funeral Home.



## Events


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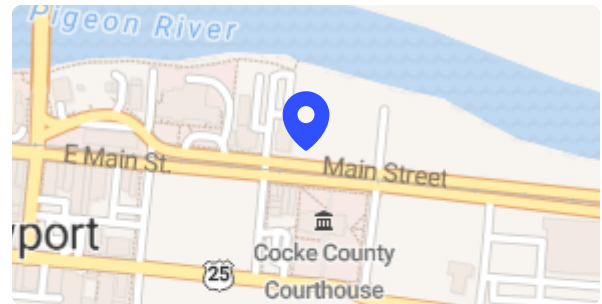
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### Receive Friends

 **Thursday**, February 8, 2024

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **Costner-Maloy & Brown Funeral Home**  
338 E Main St, Newport TN 37821



### Funeral Service


 **Thursday**, February 8, 2024

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 Costner-Maloy & Brown Funeral Home Chapel

### Family and Friends

 **Friday**, February 9, 2024

 10:45 AM ET

 Resthaven Memorial Gardens For The



## Tribute Wall

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NO

**Nancy Matthews Owens** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Forever a wonderful teacher. I have some great memories of her from Cosby High.

March 16 at 10:02 AM



KM

**Kathy McCarter** posted:

I am so sorry. She was a firecracker. Kathy McCarter

February 22 at 10:43 PM

BE

**Brenda Edwards** posted:

So very sorry to hear about Betty's passing. I always have a smile on my face when I think of our carpool rides to and from school. Prayers for the family.

February 10 at 5:26 PM

CL

**Charlotte Leibrock** posted:

Larry & all the family, Any time I saw Betty was a good time. She was superlative by every measure. Wow! She surely lived a good life and is memorable for her goodness and love. Charlotte Leibrock

February 10 at 7:22 AM

JB

**Jan Brooks** posted:

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of the family. Beatrice Brooks Jan Brooks & Family

February 9 at 5:51 AM

SS

**Sacha Steele** posted:

Kurt and I will certainly miss seeing Betty at church. She was such an active member, and it is a great loss to our church family. We will be praying for you guys during this time of great sorrow and loss. Kurt and Sacha Steele

February 8 at 12:48 PM



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DV

**Danielle V** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

So saddened to hear of Mrs. Jones passing. While I didn't know her personally, I know that her legacy will live on through the thousands of children that received Imagination Library books and learned to love reading thanks to Mrs. Jones and her work with the Imagination Library program in Cocke County. Sending thoughts and prayers for her family.

February 8 at 7:47 AM



AM

**Amy** posted:

Rest in peace, Mrs. Jones. Amy Grisham CHS class of '89

February 7 at 1:29 PM



**Costner-Maloy & Brown Funeral Home** shared 49 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.

February 6 at 11:35 AM



MB

**Missy McCurry Ball** posted:

I will never forget Ms. Jones. Not only was she my teacher and yearbook staff sponsor so many years ago, she was such a dear friend. Betty truly has left a legacy on our community. I will always remember her with happy memories. Missy McCurry Ball

February 7 at 9:38 AM

LH

**Lorran Michelle Hartsell** February 11 at 2:26 PM

I'm so sorry for your loss and Yes mine too... I loved her She was always wonderful to me in School and later We had great conversations every time we met. She was a great leader, teacher, an inspiration to decades of Students!!!

CF

**Chris And Cyndee Harrison And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Betty.

February 7 at 8:24 AM





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CF

**Chris And Cyndee Harrison And Family** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Jones family.



February 7 at 8:24 AM

TF

**Tammy Francis** posted:

We cannot lose someone we love, for whoever touches our hearts deeply is a part of us forever. May God's loving presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this time of loss. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted..." Matt 5:4 With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy, Jabo & Tammy Francis Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice

February 7 at 5:59 AM

LM

**Lena Marler** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

Lena Marler lit a candle in memory of Betty Jones



February 7 at 5:07 AM

JK

**Janey Clevenger Kinser** posted:

My deepest sympathy to Betty's family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

February 6 at 6:05 PM

FP

**From Steve, Jody, Alex, And Patrick** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Betty.



February 6 at 3:34 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Jones family.



February 6 at 3:34 PM



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NC

**Nancy And Carol** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Jones family.

February 6 at 2:41 PM



DH

**David Hembree** lit a candle in honor of Betty.

David Hembree lit a candle in memory of Betty Jones

February 6 at 1:56 PM



DA

**Dawnjohnson** posted:

So sorry for your loss she was my librarian at cosby high always liked her prayers

February 6 at 1:54 PM

DN

**Duay O'Neil** posted:

I came to know Betty in 1973 when I started teaching at Cosby. She was a tremendous help to the greenhorn and we became friends. When she and Bill began looking for a home to rent, I was able to connect them with Joe and Mary Hurst who had a vacant brick home near City Park. Over the years we worked together in several organizations, including the Music Club, Stokely Library, and Cocke County Retired Teachers. She was truly a worker bee. I think her most lasting legacy will be the hundreds of children who have received and will receive books through the Imagination Library. The world is indeed a better place because of Betty Jones.

February 6 at 1:23 PM

LG

**Lisa Giles** posted:

Larry and Angie I am so very sorry for your loss. I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if you need anything.

February 6 at 11:35 AM





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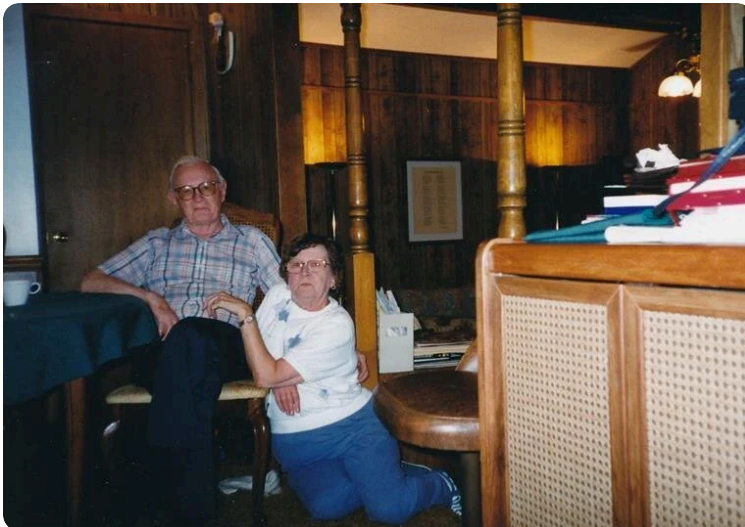




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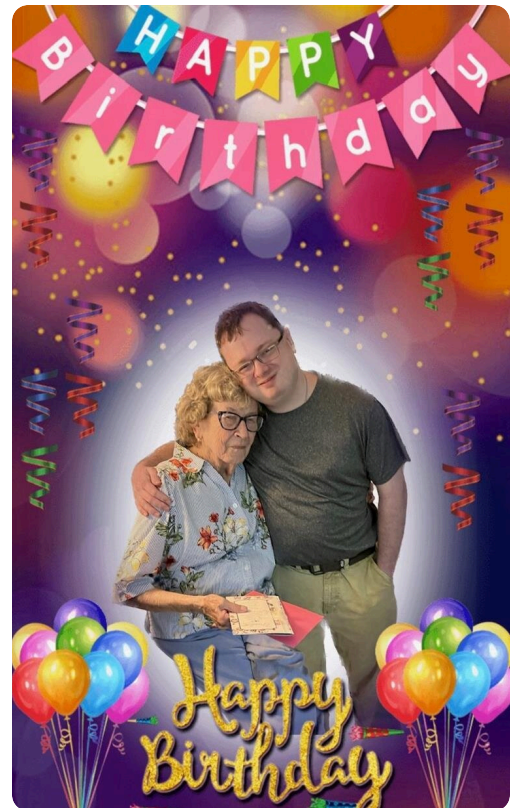




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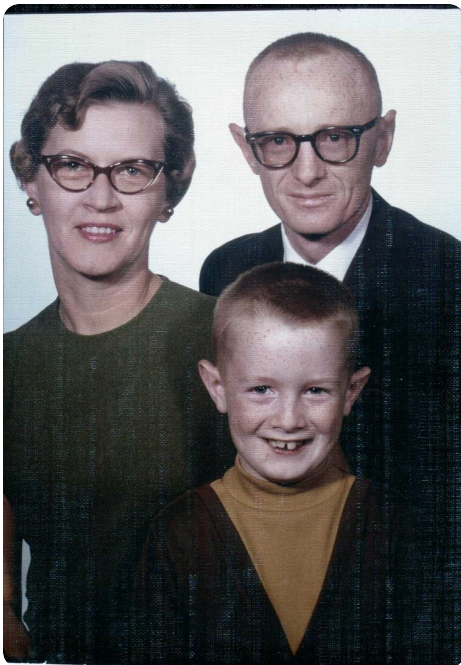




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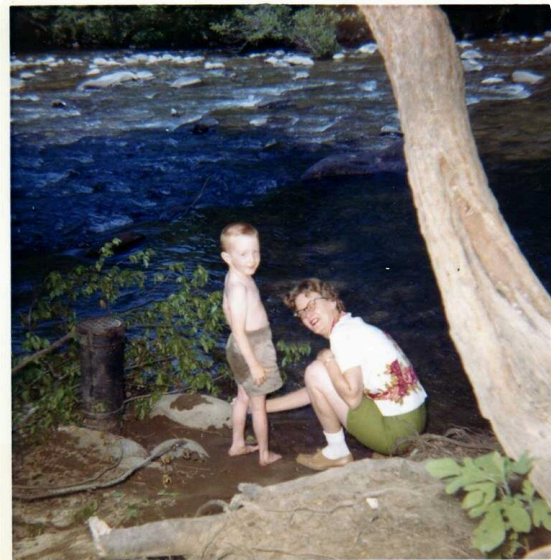
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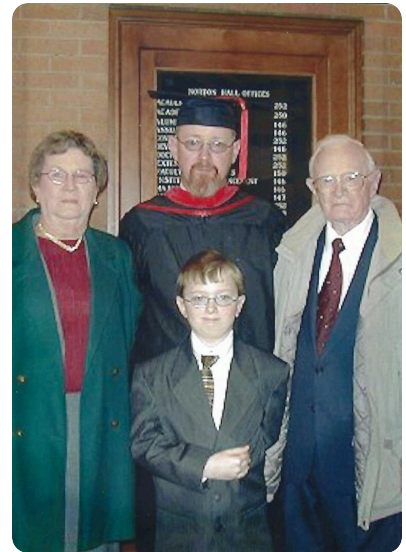
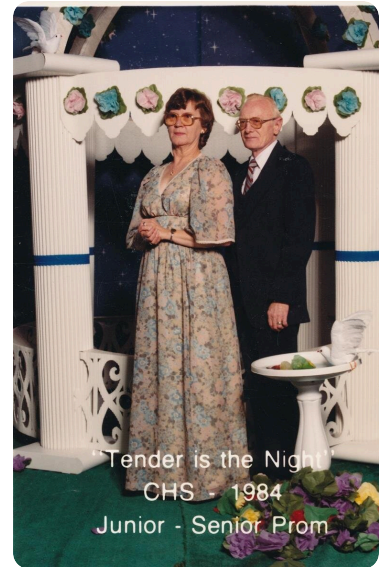




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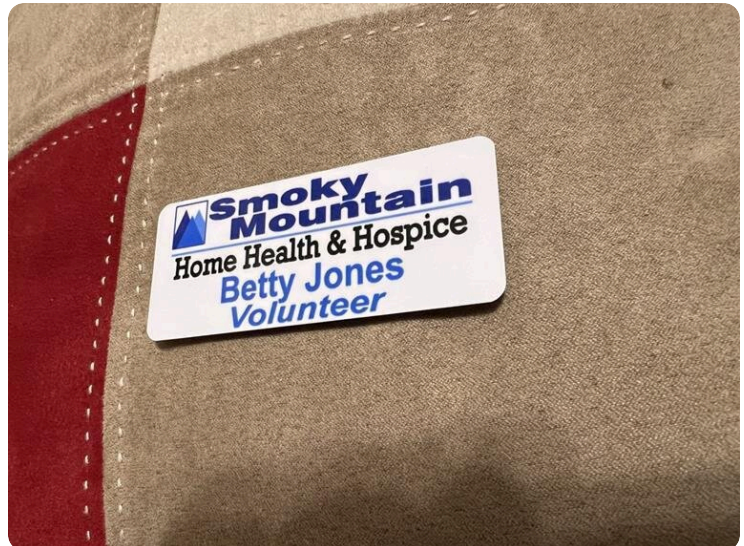




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