



Ielene Jones

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Ielene B. Jones, 93, of Plano passed away Monday, November 28, 2016 at Centerville Specialty Care.

Ielene was born to Watson & Bernice (Morey) Beatty in Creston, Iowa on November 17, 1923. She graduated as class valedictorian from Heyworth (Illinois) High School in 1941 and received a scholarship to Illinois Wesleyan. In 1942, Ielene transferred to the University of Iowa to become a Registered Nurse.

After graduating from Iowa in 1945, Ielene moved to Bloomington, Illinois, where she began her nursing career at Brokaw Hospital. Ielene moved to St. Louis in 1948 to work as an R.N. at Barnes Hospital. At Barnes, Dr. Evarts Graham, the "Father of Thoracic Surgery," asked Ielene to join the hospital's chest services division.

In 1953, Ielene returned to her family near Seymour and began working at Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield, where she became Director of Nursing. Ielene married John (Neil) Jones in November 1960 and moved to rural Plano. After leaving Davis County Hospital, Ielene worked as School Nurse for the Seymour Community School District, before becoming the Centerville Care Center's Director of Nursing in 1979.

She retired in 1996, after teaching a generation of nurses several important lessons, including that there's exactly one right way to make a patient's bed. Ielene was a member of the Plano Christian Church and its auxiliary. She was a passionate and vocal fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the University of Iowa's football and basketball teams.

She made thousands of cookies, pies and pans of fudge, and enjoyed sewing, reading and visits from friends and family. Survivors include son, Brian Jones (Brenda Strong) of Chicago. Ielene was preceded in death by husband, Neil, and five beloved siblings; Ronald Beatty, Steve Beatty, James Beatty, Robert Beatty and Betty Jordan.



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A Celebration of Life will take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Plano Christian Church with Kay Singley officiating. Visitation will take place one hour prior from 10-11:00 a.m. Interment will be at a later date in Crossroads Cemetery in Plano.

Memorials may be given to the Hospice of Central Iowa. Condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ielene Jones please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Crossroads Cemetery Hwy 2 108th Ave.
Plano, IA 52581

Visitation DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CST)
Plano Christian Church Plano, IA 52581

Funeral Service DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CST) Plano Christian Church Plano, IA 52581



Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:34 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:10 PM



Nancy Prawdzik posted:

Brian, I am so sorry for your loss.

December 11 at 7:00 PM



Nancy Prawdzik posted:

Nancy Prawdzik lit a candle in memory of Ielene Jones

December 11 at 7:00 PM



Lea Anna See posted:

I was one of the lucky ones that worked at Centerville Care Center when Eilene was Director of Nursing. And yes, there is only one correct way to make a bed! And I was also privileged to care for her in her final days at the same facility. Rest in peace Eilene. You will be missed!

December 2 at 7:00 PM



Amanda Thomas posted:

I have heard many stories of this woman through the years from my mom. She was an amazing person who cared about her residents. I had the privilege of being her nurse for a little while. It was an honor to provide care to a woman who was an amazing nurse and DON. It is a sad loss for many but she will always be remembered. Thank you for your words of wisdom and knowledge.

December 2 at 7:00 PM



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AS

Arrive In Style posted:

Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ielene Jones.

December 1 at 7:00 PM

KS

Kathy Steele posted:

You should be very proud of your mother. She has made some Great Nurses over the years and we will be forever grateful

December 1 at 7:00 PM

SS

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ielene Jones.

December 1 at 7:00 PM

PT

Pat & Nikki Toal posted:

Pat & Nikki Toal purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ielene Jones.

November 30 at 7:00 PM

PE

Pastor Max Ervin posted:

A dear friend and associate in the medical field from the care center. Had many great memories from those days. Yahweh bless her and be with the family at this time, knowing she is resting in peace.
Pastor Max Ervin.

November 30 at 7:00 PM



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SB

Steve Beatty posted:

Growing up, my family (leLene's brother Steve) lived out West and many summers we would travel to Iowa to visit my Dad's siblings and parents. leLene with her distinctive smoky voice and the devilish twinkle in her eye was an integral part of the take-no-prisoners teasing that I loved about visiting my aunts, uncles and grandma. The endless games of hearts, the great food, the cousins running all around, and the farm were all things we didn't have out West. So it was exotic and romantic. And I always felt at home in the easy camaraderie that leLene and the Beatty side of the family exuded. It's formed my view of the ideal aunt and uncle. Though we only visited once every year or two, whenever we arrived we felt right at home. Of course, the teasing could get out of hand as the shenanigans leLene's brothers (I assume Aunt Betty wasn't involved) subjected leLene and Neil to upon their wedding is a family legend. Perhaps, most impressively leLene, like all her siblings, stood out to me as a character and I mean that in way that I still aspire to be. Though distant geographically, these were my people. Independent, distinctive, funny, argumentative, and loving. Our visits were always seemed so full of life to me. I miss those visits and I miss you, leLene. But I never will forget you and I'm eternally thankful that I had you and your siblings & their families in my life!

November 30 at 7:00 PM

SF

Sue Hansen And Tod Foley posted:

Sue Hansen and Tod Foley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of lelene Jones.

November 30 at 7:00 PM

SB

Sapphire Skies Bouquet posted:

Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of lelene Jones.

November 30 at 7:00 PM

DB

Dreams From The Heart Bouquet posted:

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PB

Peaceful White Lilies Basket posted:

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November 29 at 7:00 PM



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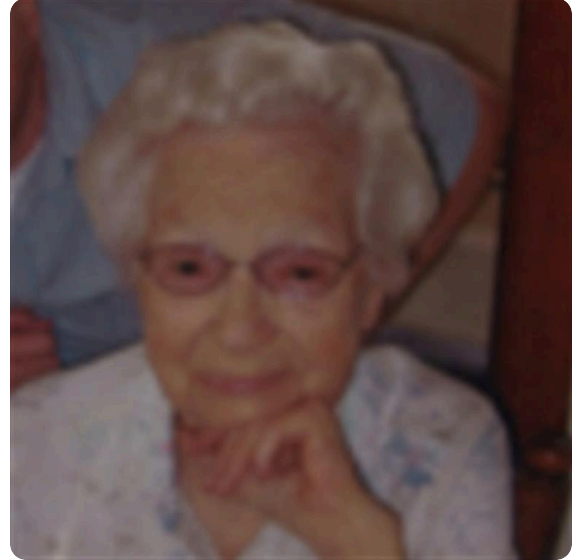
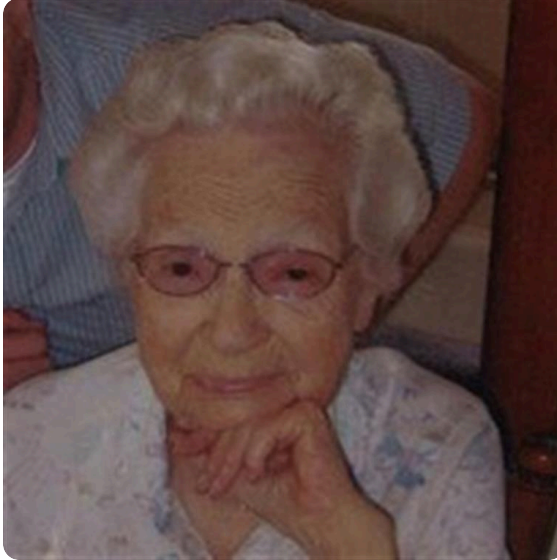
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Memories only last if you share them

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