



Rev. Betty Wyckoff Jones

March 2, 2013

Betty Wyckoff Jones 83 went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 2nd surrounded by family at her home in Scipio Center, NY. Born in East Orange, NJ in 1929 she married the love of her life David in 1948. Having moved their growing family to Poplar Ridge, NY, Betty was instrumental in establishing the Youth Corps and Head Start programs in Cayuga County under the auspices of Peace Incorporated and President Johnson's Economic Opportunities Act of 1964. The Presbytery established a home for the elderly in Auburn NY in 1962, called Westminster Manor, which became a major focus of her ministries over the years. Betty was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1984 following her graduation from Wells College in 1979 and Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1984. After fifteen years of service with these various agencies she was installed as Pastor of Pompey United Church where she and David ministered through 1998, also serving as Chaplain to the residents of Elmcrest Children's Center on Salt Springs Road in Syracuse, NY. Then she was called to Amboy Belle Isle where she was the pastor for the last 14 years. Betty dedicated her life to the service of others and had tremendous empathy for those less fortunate, the needy, the sick, the poor. She had a way about her that made everyone whom she touched feel special and all who knew her were better off for the experience. The world has lost a bright light and she will be greatly missed. Betty was predeceased by her husband of 37 years David De Lancey Jones and their firstborn, a daughter Carol May Jones.

She is survived by eight children; David Bruce (Susan) of Woodlawn, Tenn., Debra Kellogg (Mark Weir) and Patricia Rossbach of Scipio Center, Roy Jones (Carla) of Union Springs, N.Y., Clifford Jones (Susan) of Auburn, N.Y., Diane MacArthur (David Banner) of Poplar Ridge, N.Y., Edward Jones (Martha) of Chaumont N.Y., and Allen Jones of Savanna, N.Y. She also leaves 20 grandchildren, Big Kim, Little Kim, Gabby, Kevin, Kelly, Kris, Kyle, Dennis, Cody, Adam, Jenna, Chris, David, Dustin, Brad, Amanda, Ryan, Mathew (deceased 1989), Curtis, Jessica. 15 1/2 great grandchildren, Brittany, Brandon, Madelyn, Mack, Molly, Kayelyn, Corey, Isabel, Olivia, Chiersten, Clayton, Kadi, Kylah, Jacob, Lilly; two great-great grandchildren Todd and Tristan.

Calling hours are 3 to 7 pm Friday at Skaneateles Presbyterian Church, 97 East Genesee St, Skaneateles, NY 13152.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 am Saturday at Skaneateles Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to Amboy Belle Isle United Church, 6190 Airport Rd, Syracuse, NY 13209.

Please sign guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

TH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mrs Jones was a very wonderful lady.*

tom holland - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Betty was a great woman. My husband and I had the great opportunity for Betty to marry us back in 2010. The Thurstons give our prayers and sympathies to Betty's family.*

Patricia Leader (Thurston) - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Carla and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We are thinking of you. Meta and families of Cayuga Lake Junior Grange.*

Meta Riestler - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *I was at Wells when Betty was there. She inspired all of us with her passion and faith. peace to you all.*

Virginia Miner - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ This message of love and admiration is sent to those who had the privilege to have Betty in their lives. Betty married my wife and I 28 years ago, and she was the one to renew our vows three years ago. We were definitely blessed to have her in our lives, but fortunately, we were doubly blessed as she brought us together as husband and wife and blessed us again in the continuation of our love. She is always cherished in our hearts and her memories are forever part of our lives. Live long and praise her memory.

Sam & Jill (Pratt) Richardson - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To all of Betty's family: She will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful lady of love and faith. She was a friend of my mother-in-law when she was in Pompey. They had many good times together. I'm sure she is in heaven praying for us all.

Mary Way - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I never met Rev. Jones, but heard about her as she was a card-playing friend with my Mom and my Aunt Caroline. My Mom would relate wonderful stories of fellowship when the three of them would come together in their card games. I'm sure she will be missed by all of those whose lives she touched.

George Whitton - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ To Patty and family, your mom was a special lady who married Andy and I ten years ago the 29th of this month. We have had her picture on our mantel with us, and we also enjoyed her when we attended services at the Amboy church. She will be missed by so many. My sister Sue passed away on 2/11/13. I hope they meet again, and play a game of cards with her, my mom and dad too. She had a gentle heart and contagious laugh. Our sympathys. Donna and Andy Baker

Donna Warner Jones - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I grew up next door to the Pompey United Church, and I have some great memories of Betty -- Vacation Bible School, playing with Chris and Dave when they visited, picking wild berries in her back yard, etc. I saw her at a funeral a couple years ago and hearing her voice took me right back to those days. It was great to see her smiling face. May she rest in peace.

Katie (Petryk) Grzelka - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I first met Betty a few years back when she served on the Westminster Manor Board (I worked there). I was always impressed with her loving spirit and strong faith. Now it is a joy to work with her daughter in Scipio. Love you, Deb! Deepest sympathy and love to all the family.

Dodie Rowlands, Town Clerk - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Dear Friends, Please know each of you are in my prayers at the loss of your mother, grandmother, great-grandmother. Betty was a very special lady and I am so blessed to have known her. I'm sad that I will be unable to attend her service as we will be in South Carolina. However, I will hold you all in my prayers. With love, Gail Banks

Gail Banks - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To all of Betty's family - I am so sorry for your loss. I have always thought of Betty as my second mom. I loved her so much and she was always there to help in whatever anyone needed. I never knew a better person. She will definitely be missed.

Susan Wrisley - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Patti and family, please know that you are in my thoughts. Heaven has gained another angel. A mother's great love remains in your heart forever.

kim farrell - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Rev. Betty Jones was a shining example of Jesus Christ for all to see. She was a hard worker, faithful and loving to all. Today she rejoices in Heaven. Thank you for sharing her with us all!

Major Karen Smullen - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Our only regret is that over the years we where never able to spend enough time with Betty. What a special person to have know and loved.

Joe and Joan Lofink - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ My dear Aunt Betty - you were and still are a Godly example of unconditional love. Thank you for all you taught me just by being my Aunt Betty. Can't wait till we meet again in Heaven:)To all of my cousins, second cousins, etc. love you all and live her legacy and cherish the wonderful memories of family and love:)

Kathy Brown Delonas - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ We didn't know Betty well, but her family at least some of them were very close to us. With sympathy and love to all of you. John And Doris

John and Doris Nolan - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family I remember Betty very well she will be with my mom Jean

Terry Obed - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Betty will be missed by everyone that knew her. The Jones Family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I want to thank the entire family for sharing Betty with us during the time she was with us at Pompey United Church. She made such a huge impact on us; we will never forget her. God Bless.

Connie Shelby - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts are with your family at this time of sorrow. Sue White*

Sue White (Nolan) - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM