



Mary Margaret Cook Jones

February 14, 1959 - April 18, 2014

Rev. Mary Margaret Cook Jones, 55, of Hurt, died Friday, April 18, 2014 at her residence after struggling with cancer. She was the wife of Dale Edward Jones. She was born February 14, 1959 in Pike County, KY, a daughter of Margaret Winstead Cook of Rogersville, TN and the late Clyde Jack Cook, Jr. Mary served as the pastor at New Bethel and Motley United Methodist Churches.

Mary was a clergy member of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. She previously served as Minister of Outreach at Virginia Beach UMC and Director of Christian Education at Thalia UMC in Virginia Beach. While in Virginia Beach, she was active in the Emmaus Community and served as a resident with Tidewater Pastoral Counseling. Mary received a call to ministry while an active member of St. Luke UMC in Lexington, KY. She was a leader or speaker at various spiritual retreats in Kentucky and Virginia. She was also an avid animal lover.

Mary was a graduate of Berea College and Asbury Theological Seminary.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by two sons, Matthew Jones of Hurt and Mark Navarre-Jones and spouse Jennifer of Decatur, GA; three sisters, Bonnie Cook of Rogersville, TN, Becky Miller of Pikeville, KY, and Colleen Hewitt of Ashland, KY. In addition to her father, she was preceded

in death by a brother, Clyde Jack Cook, III and a sister, Adrienne Patricia Cook.

A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2014 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Dr. Lynne B. Caldwell and the Rev. Dr. R. A. "Dick" Daily.

There will be an informal time of gathering and remembrance in the fellowship hall of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, 1201 Bedford Avenue, Altavista, on Wednesday, April 23 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Motley United Methodist Church General Fund, P.O. Box 207, Hurt, VA 24563 or New Bethel United Methodist Church Building Fund, 3185 Grit Rd., c/o Kaye Scruggs, Hurt, VA 24563

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Lane Memorial United Methodist Church
1201 Bedford Avenue
Altavista, VA 24517

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall

KB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Mary's family and many friends. Mary was a special person. Virginia Beach United Methodist Church is fortunate Mary served as Outreach Minister. She touched so many lives and our spiritual journey was much richer because of Mary's care and direction. God Bless.

K Browning, Virginia Beach - April 29, 2014 at 07:34 PM

LD

“ Mary was a dear person and I am so honored to have known her while she was at Virginia Beach United Methodist and call her a friend.



Linda Dyer - April 28, 2014 at 09:46 AM

SS

“ To All of the Jones and Cook Family Just want you to know your in my thoughts and prayers. I consider it a blessing to have met Mary and all of Buddy's family. Stan Shuffett

Stanley Shuffett - April 24, 2014 at 10:10 PM

NF

“ Prayers go up for Mary from the Fielder family



Nathan Fielder - April 24, 2014 at 09:16 AM

JS

“ *John Thomas, Keith Brock, Stan Shuffett purchased the Sympathy Messages - Kind Notes for the family of Mary Margaret Cook Jones .*



John Thomas, Keith Brock, Stan Shuffett - April 24, 2014 at 07:31 AM

DS

“ *Reverend Mary was the pastor at my brother's funeral. He had no church family and my sister and I were so relieved when Mary agreed to deliver the message. And what a message it was about alcoholism and the Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness of Jesus. I have never attended such a beautiful, inspirational service! Mary's kindness and love for others as well as her overwhelming empathy will never be forgotten. She most certainly is in no pain now in the arms of our Heavenly Father! Prayers to her family, with Love, Debbie Shelton*

Deborah Shelton - April 23, 2014 at 07:45 PM

DS

“ *Dr. Deborah Shelton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Margaret Cook Jones .*



Dr. Deborah Shelton - April 23, 2014 at 07:06 PM

CB

“ Mary was a dear friend during our time together at Virginia Beach UMC. Through the good and bad times, she was always supportive and helpful. I enjoyed our talks in her office! Our paths took us in different directions during these past years, but I knew that wherever Mary went or whatever she did, she was an inspiration to others as a true disciple of Jesus Christ. My prayers are with her family at this time.

Cindy Banek,
Williamsburg, VA

Cindy Banek - April 23, 2014 at 01:48 PM

ET

“ You was such a great person inside and out Mary I remember school days never saw you without a lovely smile on your face god bless your family heaven gained a beautiful angel r i p dear sweet friend!

ella trivette - April 23, 2014 at 06:21 AM

PB

“ Pamela Breen lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones



Pamela Breen - April 22, 2014 at 07:03 PM

PB

“ My memories of Mary during her ministry at Va Beach United Methodist Church was one of inspiration. She was easy to talk to, and a very supportive, caring, and giving person. She was involved in the Walk to Emmaus when I did my "walk". I learned a great deal from her about God's grace and love for us. She will be missed by all those whose lives she touched. My condolences to her family.

*Pam (Schneider) Breen
Virginia Beach, VA*

Pamela Breen - April 22, 2014 at 07:01 PM

SS

“ *Scottie Stratton lit a candle in memory of
Mary Margaret Cook Jones*



Scottie Stratton - April 22, 2014 at 04:26 PM

SS

“ Dearest Jones Family,
Please know how very special Mary was to so many people. She was an Earth Bound Angel and we will never forget the love and guidance she gave to us. She was such a blessing to myself and my husband. That beautiful smile and kind words were some of the most wonderful things she always had to give to others. The love she always gave was always so deep and we both know that our Beloved Father always had her here just for all of us to enjoy and admire. She was all of our gift from above. Thank all of you for loving this world enough to share her with us...because of this we are so blessed and we will always know we have been touched by one of the most divine spirits this Earth has ever known. We will always carry her in our hearts forever.

Love and Prayers,
Robin and Scottie Stratton

Scottie Stratton - April 22, 2014 at 04:25 PM

CJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing, and extend my condolences to her family. I have fond memories of high school days with her, Mary was such a gentle spirit. I'm truly sorry we didn't stay in touch...I'm clearly missed a great blessing. Rest well, Mary.

Cindy May Johnson - April 22, 2014 at 03:44 PM

YC

“ Your EPSR colleagues purchased the Sweet Tra
nquility Basket for the family of Mary Margaret
Cook Jones .



Your EPSR colleagues - April 21, 2014 at 03:31 PM

AB

“ Dear Dale,

Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult period. May you find comfort in the joy shared and the memories created with Mary.

Warmly,

Anne Borish

Anne Borish - April 21, 2014 at 12:37 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Cook Jones .*



April 21, 2014 at 12:06 PM

VM

“ *Mary was an Angel always smiling ready to help anyone I remember going to her house for lunch from school had fun she came to mine. Love you Mary a great classmate. She loved her Sons we talked about little things a true Soldier for CHRIST gone but not forgotten. LOVE YOU*

Virginia "Gibson" Mulkey - April 21, 2014 at 11:32 AM

BC

“ Dale, Matt, and Mark,

I was saddened to hear of Mary's death. She indeed "fought the good fight." I will always be thankful for our ministry together at Virginia Beach United Methodist. She was a wonderful colleague in ministry. The church has lost a great servant. I will not be able to attend the memorial service on Thursday, but I will be praying for each of you.

Bob Cofield

Bob Cofield - April 21, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AH

“ *I will be praying for the comfort of the family! Mary was one of my very best high school friends. A precious soul. Her passing is our loss but Heaven's gain!! I love you, Mary! RIP dear friend!!*



Alicia Herr - April 21, 2014 at 10:23 AM

TF

“ *In thanksgiving of Mary's life and service to God; our condolences and prayers of peace for Mary's family and friends. - The Terry & Tim Koch Family*



The Terry & Tim Koch Family - April 21, 2014 at 08:35 AM

NJ

“ Nancy James lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones



nancy james - April 20, 2014 at 04:22 PM

CG

“ Please accept my sympathy, seldom can we find the words to console the pain, so I encourage you to read Isaiah 25:8. The promise stated there is very true because God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). To learn more please visit, www.jw.org. Click on: publication, books & brochures, (brochure)“When someone you love dies” Please give yourselves time and I hope this brings you comfort.

C. Goodman - April 20, 2014 at 03:23 PM

SF

“ Sandra Farris lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones



Sandra Farris - April 19, 2014 at 07:13 PM

GD

“ Glenn And Phyllis Dalton lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones



Glenn and Phyllis Dalton - April 19, 2014 at 12:29 PM

GW

“ I only knew Mary for a short time, but she was a remarkable person. When we me, she made me feel like I had known her for a lifetime. I believe she was sent to me by the Lord in my time of need. I will never forget her. Thank you Lord for giving me the opportunity to know Mary. I know heaven has been blessed with another angel.

Greg Wolfe - April 19, 2014 at 11:35 AM

GW

“ Greg Wolfe sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones



Greg Wolfe - April 19, 2014 at 11:18 AM

JD

“ sorry to here about the passing prayers go out to the family



joyce dalton - April 19, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ Mary, so many ones in yourfamily, church family, friends and just acquaintions. Each person that have been blessed to know and Love you. we will miss your love, your wit, your sincerity and your love for God, we will see you again with our glorious home.

REV. 20: 4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, now sorrow, no crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."



Cindy Forloines - April 19, 2014 at 09:20 AM



“ Lynne Hewett-Benton lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones



Lynne Hewett-Benton - April 18, 2014 at 09:50 PM



To Colleen and Family you are all in my sincere thoughts and prayers.

Lynne Hewett-Benton - April 18, 2014 at 09:51 PM



“ Nancy James lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones



nancy james - April 18, 2014 at 07:10 PM

DM

“ *Dot Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones*



dot mitchell - April 18, 2014 at 06:58 PM

KS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mary. I truly enjoyed all her visit when I owned Airabella. She was a very talented lady and loved her birds and owls. Mary always shared her love of God and friends even when she was feeling down. She will be sadly missed by her two church families. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Kathy Ritzer Shirey



Kathy Shirey - April 18, 2014 at 06:55 PM

CF

“ *Clara Smith & Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones*



Clara Smith & Family - April 18, 2014 at 05:31 PM

SF

“ *Mary was such a special and inspirational person. Everyone's friend.*



Shirley Forloines - April 18, 2014 at 01:09 PM

JS

“ *Janice Smith lit a candle in memory of Mary Margaret Cook Jones*



Janice Smith - April 18, 2014 at 12:05 PM

 Lynn Mattox

“ *Mary was such a great person. My daddy Haven Scott thought the world of her and I know that he will be there to welcome her into heaven. May God give you all comfort and peace during this time.*
Lynn Mattox

Lynn Mattox - April 18, 2014 at 09:27 AM