



Nellie "Viola" Jones

May 20, 1923 - February 21, 2019

Nellie Viola Jones passed away on February 21, 2019 at Manor House Care Center, Sigourney IA. She was born on May 20, 1923 near Centralia, Missouri to Arthur and Nellie McConaughey. They moved to Iowa in 1926 where she attended rural schools in Wapello and Davis counties. She graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1941. She attended Ottumwa Heights College and graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Viola married George F. Jones on August 22, 1953 at Northside Church of the Nazarene. They had two children, Joyce and David.

Viola was an elementary school teacher. She taught at Alpine School in Agency, Iowa, Pershing, Iowa, Lovilia, Iowa, and Jefferson School in Ottumwa. After her children began school, Viola resumed her teaching career, teaching at Hedrick School for 28 years. This completed 39 years of teaching for Viola.

She was a member of the Farson Baptist Church and served as a long-time Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher, and board member. Viola was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader. She was an active worker at the Congregate Meal site and served as a volunteer at Pekin School and the Hedrick Library.

She is survived by her children, Joyce (David) Jackson of Hamilton OH, and

David (Lori) Jones of Hedrick; four grandchildren, Ryan (Erica) Jackson, Rebecca (Luke) Wurzelbacher, Matthew Jones and Michael Jones; two great-granddaughters, Riley Jackson and Josie Jackson; and a sister, Ruth Porter of Bethany, Oklahoma. She is also survived by many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George; an infant son, Dennis; and a sister, Lila Holloway.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10:30 AM in the Fremont Funeral Chapel in Fremont with Pastor Jim Eschenbrenner officiating. Burial will be in the Mt Zion Cemetery in Martinsburg.

Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will begin Monday, February 25, 2019, in the Fremont Funeral Chapel from 5:00 – 7:00 PM Wednesday evening with family present to greet friends and relatives.

Memorials may be made to Keokuk County Hospice and Multiple Sclerosis Foundation NMSS Valley Chapter.

Cemetery Details

Mt Zion Cemetery

Martinsburg, IA 52568

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fremont Funeral Chapel
Walnut and Main Street
P.O. Box 276
Fremont, IA 52561
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Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MN

“ *Millville Avenue Church of the Nazarene purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nellie "Viola" Jones.*



Millville Avenue Church of the Nazarene - February 24, 2019
at 09:18 PM

TN

“ *THE CONLEY FAMILY, DAVID, KIM AND NATHAN purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nellie "Viola" Jones.*



THE CONLEY FAMILY, DAVID, KIM AND NATHAN - February
24, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Nellie "Viola" Jones.*



February 24, 2019 at 02:43 PM

DH

“ Sorry to see her go she was my fifth grade teacher while attending school at Hedrick. She was more like a mother rather than a teacher. I have to tell the story. While playing at recess one day I ripped the crotch of my pants out. I told her what had happened. She always kept a thread and needle in her desk at all times. She said run into the bathroom and I will fix them. She fixed them while conducting classes. Now how many teachers would do that today. One of my favorite teachers while growing up in the 70s. May you rest in peace mrs. Jones.

Dan Hixson - February 24, 2019 at 09:01 AM

GK

“ An earthly angel returned to God.. we were so blessed to have her. It was such an honor to call her friend. My deepest sympathy to her family, her love and caring heart shines in everyone of you.

Ginnie king - February 23, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nellie "Viola" Jones.



February 23, 2019 at 09:46 PM