



Billie Jo Jones

January 31, 1937 - December 14, 2019

Billie Jo Monroe was born the middle child to Lloyce and Willie Henley Monroe on January 31, 1937 and became sister to Gwendolyn and Louie. Billie married Jimmy Fortenberry in 1954. The two moved out west to become migrant farmers and Jimmy Lynn was born in Arizona in 1955. Later the small family moved to California and in 1968 Pamela was born. Billie became very involved in her faith and active in her church.

Billie received her LPN from Foothills Vo-tech and worked several years as an LPN before returning to school and graduating in 1987 at the age of 50 with her RN from ASU. Billie worked in many areas in the hospital but always gravitated toward the intense departments of emergency and surgery. Billie retired from Methodist Hospital in Jonesboro.

In 2000 Billie married Dearl Jones and the two enjoyed spending time working together, traveling together, and attending church together. The two were married for 10 years before Dearl lost his short battle with cancer. Not long after, Billie was diagnosed with dementia.

Billie is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dearl Jones; one brother, Louie Monroe; and her son, Jimmy Lynn Fortenberry.

She is survived by her sister, Gwendolyn Blanchard of Shreveport; her

daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Wayne Freer of Paragould; two grandsons, Steven Fortenberry of Utah, and Wade and Sarah Freer of Jonesboro; one granddaughter, Treka and Ethan Clark of Paragould, three great grandsons, Julian Fortenberry, Luke Wade Freer, and Owen Brant Clark; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 2 P.M. in the Arnold Cemetery near Swifton with Michael Meredith officiating. Pallbearers will be her family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arnold Cemetery

Jackson Cty 612 Rd.
Swifton, AR 72471

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **17**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GG

“ *Billie was a good woman I used to be her care giver she always made me smile I will miss her* ”

Glendafaye Gates - December 17, 2019 at 10:53 AM

AR

“ *Autumn & Stephen Raviscioni lit a candle in memory of Billie Jo Jones* ”



Autumn & Stephen Raviscioni - December 16, 2019 at 04:11 PM

MV

“ *Such a beautiful person always helping others!!* ”



marie vaughn - December 15, 2019 at 10:28 PM

ST

“ *Pam I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet Mom. So enjoyed going to church with you all loved your Mom she was such a sweet person. Sharon Boozer Trinidad* ”

Sharon Trinidad - December 15, 2019 at 06:57 PM

DT

“ I worked with Billie in the 80's Lawrence Memorial Hospital loved her dearly!

Debbie Thatcher

Debbie Thatcher - December 15, 2019 at 05:14 PM

BB

“ Pam, Wayne and family we send our condolences at the loss of your mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. May she rest in eternal peace.



Bobby Bratcher - December 15, 2019 at 04:28 PM

DP

“ She must have been a very strong women because she raised a strong daughter who cares so much for others. I know she will be missed.



Donna Pinkston - December 15, 2019 at 04:19 PM