



## Avis Anne Jones

August 27, 1934 - July 2, 2023

Avis Anne Jones entered this world on August 27, 1934, in Cape Girardeau, MO and departed this world on Sunday, July 2, 2023, in the Dixon Nursing and Rehab Center of Dixon, MO, having attained the age of 88 years.

Avis, daughter of the late Claude Frederick Winningham and the late Lillian Avis (Carpenter) Winningham Campbell, & late Stepfather John Thomas Campbell (Jim), grew up in Cape Girardeau, MO and graduated from Cape Girardeau Central High School.

Wonderful summers during her childhood were spent with family & her beloved Grandfather, Jesse Bryce Carpenter in the Grand Junction, CO area and on Grand Mesa, where she rode with the real cowboys from a very early age on. She loved to tell of riding with a cowboy named Johnny, his horse named Johnny, his dog named Johnny, & her brother was named Johnny. She could cut horses & cattle with the best of them!

She furthered her education by attending Southeast Missouri State University for two years. She was a member of Sigma Epsilon Sorority.

Avis began working as a nurse's aide and received a scholarship to attend nursing school at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. She was the Captain of their ladies basketball team.

After earning her nurse's certification, she began working in general duty at Southeast Missouri Hospital for five years before entering the United States Air Force in 1961, as a First Lieutenant Officer and serving her country as a Nurse.

While serving in the Air Force, at Westover Air Force Base, in Massachusetts, she met and married Lieutenant Colonel, Air Force Pilot, Gordon Edward Jones. They were united in marriage on December 21, 1965, in Las Vegas, NV and Avis decided to resign as a nurse in the Air Force. Avis and Gordon lived in Broomfield, CO and were blessed with a daughter, Christine, in August of 1967. They bought land & planned to build outside of Aspen.

On October 23, 1968, Avis was hit with one of the hardest times of her life. While on a mission for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Research Center (NOAA) over Lake Superior, Gordon was lost, and Avis found herself a widow and mother to an infant daughter. Two pilots, a Scientist, and the plane have never been found.

Avis returned to Missouri where she was able to attend Southeast Missouri State University again and earned her bachelor's degree(s) in psychology and biology.

Avis raised Great Danes & American Saddlebred Horses (which she took to horse shows in a four-state region over a five-year period). Christie was always close in tow and loved the dogs & horse shows. She worked in Sikeston, MO as an Emergency Room Nurse & later as an ICU night Nurse.

In 1978, Avis and Christine moved to Richland, MO to be near Fort Leonard Wood. She worked as a Public Health Nurse for many years, in the Ozarks, & later at the Richland Tri County Nursing Home as Instructor and part time

Director of Nursing.

She provided the best life she could for her daughter and loved her beautiful home and acreage. Summer trips were spent in Canon City, CO with "Daddy Bryce & Marie". Many horse rides, round-ups, fishing trips, exploration of the Royal Gorge, white water rafting, & beautiful scenery were enjoyed.

In her spare time, Avis enjoyed Bible study, oil painting, reading, being outdoors, watching the Cardinals, football, golf matches & boxing, writing poems, riding horses, swimming in the Richland Pool, the Gasconade River, & in the Lake of the Ozarks, playing golf, tennis, gardening, and working with the animals on her acreage. She never met a stranger and loved to help and care for people & animals.

She was community minded and was involved in current affairs, politics, member of the Richland American Legion, and helped with the Richland Saddle Club.

Avis will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter: Christine Avis Jones of Jackson, MO; two grandchildren: John Austin Gilmore of Chesterfield, MO and Aubrey Christine Avis Samuels of Jackson, MO. Great Grandson Tucker John Samuels, of Jackson, MO; Her brother: John Claude Campbell (Elaine) of St. Joseph, MO; half-brothers: Claude Fredrick (Rick) Winningham, Jr. of NC and William Fraser (Bill) Winningham of FL; Nieces; Kimberly (Brian) Wenger of Fargo, ND, Laura (Mike) Campbell of Minneapolis, MN, & Julie (Ira) Richman of Minneapolis, MN. & six great nieces & nephews. Too many special family~like friends to name, but all so very loved and never forgotten by Avis & Christie!

Even though she is gone from our sight, Avis' hard work, tenacity, and love of country and family, & especially her Creator, will live on in our hearts forever. Her delightful & entertaining singing won't soon be forgotten either!!

Donations are NOT expected but can be made to the following: Richland Saddle Club, Folds of Honor, or the Richland Public Library in her Honor.

Much love to all &  
Long Live The Cowgirls

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Avis Anne Jones*

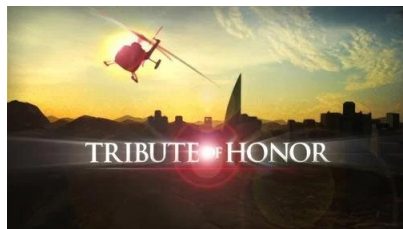


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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 14, 2023 at 04:42 PM



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 11, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Avis was one of a kind So sorry Christine and your children .She talk about you and your children she loved you all so much.You was the light of your mom life. take care my thoughts and prayers for you and your family .I know you will miss her sending love and hugs to you* 🍷🍷🍷🍷

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**Roy and Janice Alexander** - July 14, 2023 at 08:15 AM

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“ Shared many laughs with her



Phyllis graves - July 12, 2023 at 08:25 PM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 12, 2023 at 03:03 PM

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“ linda cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Avis Jones



linda cole-schonbok - July 11, 2023 at 01:57 PM

CJ

Thanks so much ✨💖✨

Christine Jones - July 11, 2023 at 06:03 PM

CO

“ Miss Christy, I'm sorry for your loss. Your mom was so proud of you!!  
 I enjoyed meeting her many, many years ago while visiting our friends, Mary & Ralph York. I'd see Miss Avis from time to time in the community of Richland. Once she & Ralph came out to fish in our pond. I found her to be a can do woman full of grit, very intelligent, witty, super funny "If she wanted to be," & always had time to share a joke. I know these past few years have been difficult for you. God bless you & your family.



Cheryl & Barry Oursbourn - July 11, 2023 at 12:33 PM

CJ

Aw thanks so much ✨💖✨ I miss Ralph & Mary E. too!! ❤️

Christine Jones - July 11, 2023 at 06:05 PM

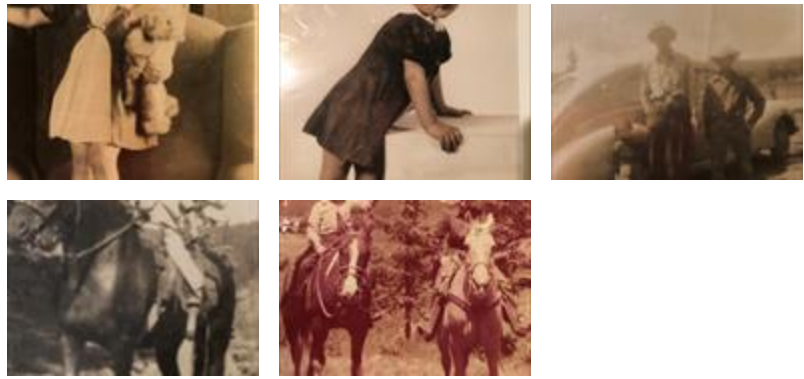
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And big laugh in when she wanted to be 🤪!!!: 1: 🍷

Christine Jones - July 11, 2023 at 06:07 PM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 11, 2023 at 12:05 PM

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“ Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Avis Jones



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 11, 2023 at 11:39 AM

CJ

Thank you ✨💕✨

Christine Jones - July 11, 2023 at 06:06 PM

RH

“ Russ Della Hage lit a candle in memory of Avis Jones



Russ and Della Hage - July 10, 2023 at 06:20 PM

CJ

Thanks Della & Russell ✨💕✨

Christine Jones - July 11, 2023 at 06:06 PM