



Helen Lou (Miller) Jones

March 8, 1939 - September 18, 2020

Helen Lou (Miller) Jones, daughter of the late Buell Fletcher and Ella C. (Hardy) Miller, was born March 8, 1939 in Long Lane, Missouri. She passed away Friday, September 18, 2020 in the Lebanon North Nursing and Rehab Center of Lebanon, Missouri having attained the age of 81 years.

As a young girl, Helen grew up on a dairy farm in Long Lane and attended the first 8 years of school there. At the beginning of her freshmen year of high school, Helen began attending Buffalo High School and graduated from Buffalo High.

Helen continued her education and eventually earned her Master's Degree in Education. She served as a dedicated educator for 30 years and most of those years were spent in the Waynesville R-VI School District.

On March 9, 1959 in Miami, Oklahoma, Helen was united in marriage to Wayne Taylor Jones. They shared over 61 years of marriage together and were blessed with two daughters: Gayla and Jill.

In her spare time, Helen was an avid horse enthusiast. She loved raising her foxtrotters and supported her husband and daughter in horse shows across the country. She was a member of the Missouri Foxtrotter Horse Breed Association.

She also enjoyed doing different crafts, and spending time with her family and friends. Helen was a member of the KKI (teacher's organization) and after retiring from serving as a teacher, she continued to support the school and community as serving as a school board member for the Waynesville R-VI School District.

Helen loved her family dearly and she leaves to cherish her memory, her husband: Wayne Jones of the home; two daughters: Gayla Jones Brown and Jill Jones Mantle, both of Waynesville, MO; one grandson: Jeremy Brown and wife Chasity of Waynesville, MO; two granddaughters: LuAnn Grandstaff and husband Jake, and Cody Allen and husband Chance, all of Waynesville, MO; four great grandsons: Nolan, Payton, Kaine and Wayden; one great granddaughter: Madison; one brother: Harold Miller and wife Shirley of Rochester, MN; several other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Helen was preceded in death by one sister: Donna Watkins.

Even though she is gone from our sight, her memory will live on in the hearts and lives of all those she touched throughout her life.

A memorial gathering was held from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, 2020 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Helen Jones to the Waynesville R-VI Schools Scholarship Program and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Lou (Miller) Jones*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 23, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Helen Lou (Miller) Jones*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

DB

“ I’ve known WAYNE and Helen Jones since WAYNE first started at his IGA STORE. He gave me my first job in the bakery department. I was 16. I also knew Helen as my friend and she taught our oldest son in kindergarten. As time went on, we all grew closer as friends , especially after my future husband started working at IGA too. We enjoyed the yearly Food Shows at Tan TARA Resort. Helen taught me how to “shop all of the venders tables and freebies items. Occasionally we’d get together and go shopping. She was So very much fun! I Loved her dearly! She was so very intelligent and a loving individual. If she liked you, you knew you were in for a most Wonderful time together! She helped me pick out my first Rottweiler puppy in February of 91’. I’d fallen in love with this breed of dog that she had at the time. She taught me a lot of life smarts about people and places that I’ll take with me forever. WE love her and Wayne and ALL OF HER PRECIOUS FAMILY! Please, know that you’re in our prayers continually. Our Love and Prayers Always Terry and Debbe and Brian Baker 🙏🙏🙏💕

Debra Baker - December 18, 2020 at 01:15 AM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. Mrs. Jones was my kindergarten teacher, classic memories, a beautiful lady and of course I grew up with Jill. Prayers for peace for you all.

Shelly - October 06, 2020 at 10:26 AM

PC

“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Lou (Miller) Jones



Pamela Cox - September 25, 2020 at 08:22 PM

JE

“*Mrs. Jones was my third grade teacher back in the late 80’s. She was a gem and such a kind, caring, engaging educator. I adored her class and met someone of my dearest friends to this day there — she was my first teacher when my family moved back to Waynesville and she made me feel so welcome as the new kid. My love and comfort to all who loved her. Rest well, Mrs. Jones! I will remember you fondly and have told my own third and first grader all about you. 💕*

Jessica Elam - September 22, 2020 at 07:02 PM

LK

“ Dear Gayla and Jill,

My deepest sympathies and my love on the loss of your mother. So many memories of Mrs. Jones as my third grade teacher and what a wonderful teacher she was. I recall her reading out loud from the "Box Car Children" series and how I so looked forward to hearing her read. I think her reading inspired me to become a book lover myself which has given me so much joy throughout my life.

I recall overnights with dear Gayla and thinking the three of you: Gayla, Jill and Mrs. Jones were some of the most beautiful of girls on the earth. Your mother had a smile that could light up any room. And I remember so much little girl laughter with Gayla.

My love and sympathy to your father, Wayne and to all of your family. May your memories and faith sustain you now and each day forward. I so wish I could attend the service. Know that I hold you all in my prayers and heart. Times goes by but it never erases shared history, especially of those we hold dear.

God bless you and keep you.

Lisa (Cole) Kremer

Lisa (Cole) Kremern - September 22, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 22, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Helen's passing. She, Wayne and I would always talk at the kids games and she and I would just laugh together. She will be greatly missed by this whole community.

Inez Neeley - September 21, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ A beautiful lady! She was my son's kindergarten teacher. Beautiful smile and warm personality. Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏🙏

Suzanne Wauthier - September 21, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Helen Lou (Miller) Jones



Cornelia & Robert Dodds - September 21, 2020 at 05:53 PM

LH

“ *Laura Huffman lit a candle in memory of Helen Lou (Miller) Jones*



Laura Huffman - September 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM

MF

“ *I am so sad to hear about your loss. She was a wonderful woman. It is hard to lose them especially when they are still here with us. I totally understand that part of loss prior to the loss of their body. We will keep all of you in our prayers. Your family means so much to us. Mike and Marie Freeman and family.*

Marie Freeman - September 21, 2020 at 01:39 PM

BL

Helen was a wonderful friend and co-worker. I taught kindergarten with her for 18 years, sharing many fun memories!! We also shared several years in PACE. She loved her family and children and it showed in her dedication. She was an asset to her school and community! My love and prayers for her family! Barbara Laughlin

Barbara Laughlin - September 22, 2020 at 02:09 PM

LW

“ *Linda Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Helen Lou (Miller) Jones*



Linda Wyatt - September 20, 2020 at 09:22 AM

LC

“ *Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen Lou (Miller) Jones*



Linda cole-schonbok - September 20, 2020 at 08:39 AM

JT

“ *Helen was a great teacher for my son and so many that were blessed to have her over her career.*



Janis Thompson - September 19, 2020 at 11:25 PM

MB

“ *When I started working for the Waynesville School System-Helen was in the same hall as me. She was so very good to me. She showed me the "ins and outs" of the teaching world in the District. She always looked so pretty-dressed professionally. I will always have wonderfully fond memories of Helen. For me -she was a treasure.*

The family is in my prayers

Marie Brown

Marie Brown - September 19, 2020 at 11:54 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Helen Lou (Miller) Jones



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - September 19, 2020 at 09:24 AM

MM

“ Marty McKee lit a candle in memory of Helen Lou (Miller) Jones



Marty McKee - September 19, 2020 at 08:59 AM

LW

“ Linda And George Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Helen Lou (Miller) Jones



Linda and George Wheeler - September 18, 2020 at 07:55 PM