



Mondana "Dana" I. (McKinnon) Jones

March 3, 1949 - January 18, 2025

Mondana "Dana" I. (McKinnon) Jones, age 75, peacefully departed this life at her home in Lebanon, MO on January 18, 2025. Dana was born in Waynesville, MO to Arthur McKinnon and Vera (Farris) McKinnon McDowell. She made a profession of faith in the early 1980's.

She grew up as the youngest of five children in the close-knit communities of Crocker and Waynesville, MO. She was a loving mother to her two daughters Felicia and Leona and also her niece Tina Lane who lived with the family. Dana met Bill Jones in 1989, and they had a private marriage ceremony at a small wedding chapel in Miami, Oklahoma in 1991.

Humble formative years developed in Dana a sense of perseverance and determination. She had an excellent work ethic as she created boat furniture at Playcraft in Richland and Lowe Boats in Lebanon. She was supervisor of the furniture department at Lowe Boats and later began her own boat furniture business in Lebanon, Eastgate Manufacturing. Her business was eventually sold, and she followed it to Junction City, KS, transitioning the furniture department to Horizon Manufacturing. Next, she led a set-up team for a boat furniture department in Ft. Dodge, IA. As a Vietnam veteran, Bill needed extra care at home, so Dana retired in 2001 to spend time and attend to him.

Dana immensely enjoyed reading, gardening, canning, hunting, and fishing.

She had a green thumb and could make anything grow. She was an amazing cook and enjoyed trying new recipes. She loved watching the hummingbirds out her window and fed them faithfully in all the places she lived. She loved eagles and collected them throughout her life. Dana loved her grandchildren and especially enjoyed taking them for rides around her property on her side-by-side. Family and friends enjoyed 4th of July celebrations for 29 years on her river-front property.

In addition to her parents and husband, Dana was preceded in death by her infant baby boy, sister, Vada Lane, and brothers Elmer and Delpert McKinnon; along with nieces Linda Morgan and Tina Lane. Dana leaves to cherish her memory: daughters Felicia (Nathan) Sundgren and Leona (Mark) Scharnhorst; 5 grandchildren: Jaret (Leeanne) and Mikayla Scharnhorst, Joshua Nieboer, Piper, Michael, Aaron, and Caleb Sundgren; 2 great grandsons Daniel and Jason Scharnhorst; step children Eddie Jones and Stacey (Jon) Massey; 4 step grandchildren, and 5 step great grandchildren; brother Leonard McKinnon; sister-in-law Sarah McKinnon as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 2025 in the Memorial Chapel of Waynesville with Jimmie Moore officiating. Pianist Kay York played "Amazing Grace" and "Precious Memories", and the recording of "Peace in the Valley" by Elvis Presley was played. Serving as escorts were Joshua Nieboer, Ed Marstall, Michael Sundgren, Aaron Sundgren, Jaret Scharnhorst, Alvin Lane, Caleb Sundgren and Kelly Scharnhorst. Burial was held in the Antioch Cemetery of Crocker, Missouri. Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Dana Jones and may be left at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
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Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 3:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville/ St. Robert

Tribute Wall

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“ *Felicia Sundgren lit a candle in memory of
Mondana "Dana" Jones*



Felicia Sundgren - February 01, 2025 at 11:58 AM

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“ *JUDE WILLHOFF lit a candle in memory of
Mondana "Dana" Jones*



JUDE WILLHOFF - January 24, 2025 at 03:30 PM

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“*Felicia and Leona, your mom was the best!!! I'm sorry I can't be there for my own health reasons, but I'll be there in spirit. Hugs and love to you both. Dana and I shared many adventures together. From catching tadpoles in your her grandfather's back yard pond to living in the swamp near Lake Charles, Louisiana in a house built on stilts. It took fifteen steps to enter the front door. We saw alligators on a daily basis, took tours of the swamp, ate different kinds of food, experienced many things that were new to us.*



Together we could do anything! We were roommates in Waynesville, Missouri, Lake Charles, Louisiana, San Antonio, Texas and back home again. We always had each other's backs. My first cousin by blood, the sister of my heart.

One day coming home from work in Lake Charles, Louisiana, an armadillo ran in front of my small car, a Simca. I hit it. We sat there in shock. I felt bad about killing the big armadillo but my car wouldn't start and was leaning to the right. The wheel had been bent inward.

Looking out the windshield we watched the fat armadillo get up and slowly waddle away as if nothing had happened. He crossed the road to the dirt, turned around and looked back at us as if it were grinning. We laughed through my tears. It was so funny that the creature was so strong and capable that it bent the wheel on my car and was still able to walk away uninjured. We were stunned. Without a working car we knew our adventure was about to end.

Later that day, I called my mom trying to figure out a way to get us and my car back home. Me at seventeen and Dana eighteen, we were both pretty naive. Luckily for me, my brother, Lloyd, who was a long haul truck driver just happened to be delivering a load of camper trailers in Texas.

After that, he came to Louisiana to help us out. He loaded my car on

the back of his big truck. It looked so small in the middle of that trailer as he drove away taking it back home to Missouri. Due to regulations, Dana and I weren't able to ride home with him so we took the bus instead. That was a whole other adventure.

And now Dana is going on the ultimate adventure without me. My heart is broken at losing her, but I know she's in a good place and when my time comes she'll be waiting in heaven for me with open arms. Rest in peace. Until we meet again, you will always be in my heart. ~ Jude Willhoff

JUDE WILLHOFF - January 24, 2025 at 03:26 PM

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“*Felicia and Leona, my deepest sympathy as you mourn the loss of your mom. I know you will hold her and all the memories made together in your hearts. Praying for peace and strength from the Lord to carry you through this time.*”



Cathi Smith Barth - January 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM