



## Jone LeAnn Franco

September 3, 1954 - January 11, 2012

Jone brought to this world a spirit of joy and freedom . . . freedom to live life . . . loving . . . laughing and caring about others. She loved America and her Lord Jesus Christ above all, and wanted to make it a better place like her forefathers intended it to be. She campaigned . . . guarded the borders and held prayer vigils at courthouses and public places of power. No progress was too small and no mountain too tall. She lived her life to make a difference . . . and therefore, we are all changed and will never be the same. Jone was born September 3, 1954 to her birth parents, James Nelson and Ruth Catherine Bardin. Because of family needs, Jone and her birth sister and brothers were cared for in the Children's Home of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At the age of six, Jone was adopted by a waiting family, desperately wanting another child and a son who desired a brother or sister. Reverend Charles and Judy Hill, and son, Dickie, received God's great blessing and their family was complete. Jone moved with her family from Oklahoma to Arkansas and Tennessee. She was involved in church, sang solos and made great friends wherever she lived. She graduated from High School in Memphis, Tennessee and majored in nursing at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. She felt her greatest accomplishment was the raising of two wonderful sons, Robert Garrett and Ruben (Bucky) Franco. She adored them and her husband Ruben Franco with her whole heart. They cared for her in loving, caring ways throughout her four-year battle with cancer. Jone is survived by her husband, Ruben Franco Jr.; son, Robert Garrett and wife Sarah and son, Everett of Mississippi; son,

Ruben Franco III and fiancé Nicole Min of Washington, D.C.; brother, Dick Hill of Houston, TX; sister, Christy King of Edmond, OK; sister, April Whitener of Nevada; brother, Christopher Bardin of Tempe, AZ; brother, Kelly Field and wife Jeri of Ft. Worth, TX; brother, Scott Holt and wife Pat of Dallas, TX; brother, Mark Holt and wife, Susan of Richmond, VA; sister-in-law, Bertha Pinney and husband, John of El Paso, TX; sister-in-law, Rosio Sanchez and husband Mario of El Paso; brother-in-law, Rene Franco of El Paso; father-in-law, Ventura Ruben Franco of El Paso; mother-in-law, Maria Andréa Arredondo of El Paso; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her birth parents, adopted parents and sister-in-law, Dot Hill. The family will receive friends at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 10129 FM 1097 W. Rd. Willis, TX 77318, on Tuesday, January 10, from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, January 11, at 12:00 noon in the Chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, with interment following at Smith Memorial Park Cemetery adjacent to the funeral home. Memorial gifts in honor of Jone's memory may be made to Father's House Family Worship Center, 115 Arapahoe Drive, Montgomery, TX 77316. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jone LeAnn Franco*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *This is long time coming as I just learned recently about Jo'ne's homegoing, but with tears flowing down my cheeks I share your sadness in the loss of one so precious... I am a stranger... I met your Jo'ne at the tea room in Montgomery on my birthday August 9th of 2011.. she was sitting by herself waiting for a friend to meet her for lunch as I was having a birthday lunch with one of my friends. I introduced myself and told her I had fought cancer too and asked about which cancer she was battling. Having had Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma three times I had worn scarves and head coverings oh so many times so I felt drawn to her. As we visited I noticed her darling flip flop shoes and she told me she had made them and I was amazed and impressed as I don't have a creative bone in my body. I felt a bond with her from the very moment we started visiting!!! I asked her is she minded if I took her portrait with my camera and she said she didn't mind and then I asked her if she would be one of my 100 Strangers for a project on Flickr. She smiled so sweetly and agreed. I took some photos of her and made her my Stranger #85. But she was more than that we were sisters in the LORD and no longer strangers but friends... forever friends because I know one day I will see her again in Heaven along with my recently departed husband and daughter. I felt led to buy her a book there in the tea room and give it to her before we left. She was so appreciative of the gift and our new friendship. Here is a link to my post on my forever friend, your precious Jo'ne on Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/maorlando/6041788066> . I truly am so very sorry for your loss and so thankful I had the privilege of meeting Jo'ne!!!*

Angela Orlando - October 27, 2015 at 12:03 PM

DD

“ I met Jone when I was 8 yrs old. My aunt & uncle brought her over to our house in muskogee oklahoma so we could meet her. I feel in love with her the moment I saw her. She was the sister I never had. I always thought we would grow up together and be very close. But life throws us curves and I lost track of my dear cousin. As kids we spent summers in Bromide playing and annoying our grandmother. I will always miss her and look forward to a reunion in heaven.

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**Don Dewberry** - August 01, 2012 at 06:47 PM

BA

“ I so wish i could be in Texas at this time. Jone was a wonderful woman and my life was better for knowing her. Praying for her family now. She fought her battle with faith, dignity, and style.

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**Beverly Altman** - January 12, 2012 at 04:54 PM

RG

“ My thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

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**Regina Green** - January 11, 2012 at 08:41 PM

DH

“ I am Charles Hill's first cousin and it has been years since I had seen Jone - Remember her as an adorable little girl - My thoughts and prayers are with you - her family.

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**Dianne Hughes** - January 10, 2012 at 07:32 PM

KB

“*Ruben, To find someone so right, and then have to say good-bye, is alot to ask of your heart. I'm truly sorry you didn't get the chance to live out all the dreams you two had planned. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Kathy Brandle** - January 10, 2012 at 02:50 PM

DS

“*Jone had a wonderful positive attitude, that always made our day brighter when we came in contact with her. May God's blessings be upon Ruben, the children, and all of their family members.*

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**Don and Kaye Stone** - January 10, 2012 at 01:03 PM

TP

“*Oh Lord, help us rest in You in our grief. Thank you for the blessing that was Jone.*

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**Tip & Phola** - January 10, 2012 at 11:36 AM

JK

“*We are deeply sadden to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Jayne Kent** - January 09, 2012 at 03:17 PM