



## Maria E. Jones

October 30, 1970 - January 12, 2009

Maria Elena Olivarez Jones, age 38 of Huntsville, Texas went to be with the Lord after a long battle with cancer on Wednesday evening, January 7, 2009. Maria was born October 30, 1970 to Jesus and Betty Olivarez. She fell in love and married her husband Ken on April 30, 1993. They lived happily and had two beautiful children, Jessica and Joshua. Maria spent the past fifteen years working at Bank of America in Huntsville where she was loved by all of her coworkers, friends and numerous loyal customers. Maria is survived by both her parents, husband and two children, brother Francisco and wife Susie and their sons Francisco, Jr. and Jacob Olivarez; Father and mother- in- law Morris and Imogene Jones, brother- in- law Mark and wife Laura and daughter Avery. Maria leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. Maria was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother and person. Her kindness was shown to everyone she met. The family would like to thank everyone who sent their thoughts and prayers during the past year and all her friends and caring medical professionals who helped her during her battle with cancer. Service and Mass will be Monday Jan 12th @ 11AM @ St. Thomas Catholic Church. Visitation will be Sunday Jan. 11th from 5-7 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. A rosary will be 7 PM Sunday Jan 11th at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maria E. Jones*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My Maria, I am still missing you everyday! I still hear your voice in my mind. I hope it never wanes. I am always wanting to call you so you can give me advice like you always would. No one will ever take your place in my heart.  
I Love You!!  
I Miss You!!*

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**Cyndi** - January 08, 2012 at 01:01 PM



“ *Dear My Maria--I can't believe you are gone(still). Although, I just found out recently it's still unbelievable. You were and always will be a beautiful person in my families life. When you see my dad in heaven please give him some of the taquitos that i made for you & dorothy all the time but, he taught me how to make people happy with food. :) I LOVED YOUR STEAK AND MAC. I miss you boo--  
Love Mandy-sister*

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**Amanda "Mandy" Ramirez Shaw** - January 07, 2010 at 11:35 PM

DG

“ Maria im sorry i was not there for you when you needed your High Scool BEST FRIENDS. When I found out it was too late. You did come in my dream around the time you left and you said good bye. It felt so real specialy when we lost contact whith you for about 12 years. I called some frinds and told them my dream but no one knew how to get a hold of you, so thank you that meant alot. Ill never forget the fun times we had and how great of a mother you have . I guess you did not like my cooking , because you always asked me to call Mandy to come over to cook us your favorite egg, velveeta cheese tacos. I Will miss you dearly.

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**Dorothy M Gasiorek** - December 19, 2009 at 11:17 AM

AS

“ Miss Maria---I am so sorry that we didn't get to see or be with you during your time of need. I never knew until recently and my heart breaks & aches because I Love You a lot. My Heart goes out to your parents and family. All of you will always be part of me because you, Cindi, Dorothy, and me were BEST FRIENDS for so long and so many wonderful memories. When I see you again, I will bring breakfast with velveeta cheese==of course eggs, etc...we will talk about all our fun days :) and have a party with my dad. God Rest Your Beautiful Soul and you will be greatly missed. I miss and love you, Mandy

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**Amanda "Mandy" Ramirez Shaw** - December 18, 2009 at 10:41 PM

DI

“ I'll lend you for a little while, a precious child of mine,  
For you to love the while she lives and morn for when she dies.  
It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three,  
But will you till I call for her take care of her for me?  
She'll bring her charms to gladden you, and shall her stay be brief,  
You'll have your loving memories and solice for your grief.  
I cannot promise she will stay, since all on earth returns,  
But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn.  
I've looked this wide world over, in search of teachers true,  
And from the throngs that crowd lifes lanes, I have selected you.  
Now, will you give here all your love, nor think the labor vain,  
Nor hate me when I come to call to take her back again?  
I fancy that I heard you say, Dear Lord Thy will be done,  
For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter her with tenderness, and love her while we may,  
And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay.  
But shall the angels call for her much sooner than we planned,  
We'll brave this bitter grief that comes and try to understand.

God is with you in this difficult time and your faith will see you through.

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**diane** - January 26, 2009 at 10:38 PM

KJ

“ Jessica your mom was great and I enjoyed being around her. If you ever need to talk, I will be here for you. You and your family will be in my prayers.

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**Kylie Johnston** - January 15, 2009 at 08:50 AM

LE

“ My prayers are with you at this time.

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**Lonnie Eslick** - January 14, 2009 at 06:56 PM

MH

“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with you. God Bless*

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**Marshall Herklotz** - January 14, 2009 at 08:18 AM

MB

“ *Ken, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

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**Mitch Bradshaw** - January 12, 2009 at 02:13 PM

DM

“ *Maria, I will dearly miss you. Not only were you my personal banker, but also a true friend. My heart goes out to your husband and kids during this time of sorrow. I look forward to seeing you again in heaven. May you rest in peace.*

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**Debra McCall** - January 12, 2009 at 01:05 PM

RW

“ *Ken, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Robert and Amy Warren** - January 12, 2009 at 11:51 AM

MH

“ *Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers, during this most difficult time. May God be with you and may you find peace and comfort through Him.*

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**Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hoot** - January 12, 2009 at 10:03 AM

PB

“ Our Bank of America family has lost a true treasure in this wonderful, sweet woman. We were so blessed when she transferred up from Houston to our Huntsville Branch - it was just like an old friend had come home. I don't think Maria ever met anyone who did not like her, that was just her character, a sincere joy to be! Her sweet laugh and goofy sense of humor will be so missed. How can anyone who loved Chicken-N-Biscuit crackers and cheese like Maria did not be loved? I am blessed that I have so many wonderful memories of my time with Maria to carry in my heart. Ken, Jessica and Joshua, please remember how loved Maria was by all. We are here for you, please call on us. All my love to you - Phyllis

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**Phyllis Boone** - January 11, 2009 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Maria was such an awesome person, she has been a really good friend of our family for many years. Our deepest sympathy goes out to every member of her family and we just want each of you to know that you are loved very much.

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**The Graves Family** - January 11, 2009 at 05:03 PM

BJ

“ *To Ken and the Family*

*I was so grateful that you allowed us to pray with Maria we prayed for healing on this side but we know that she is completely healed because she accepted the call . I encourage you to stay prayful and continue to look to Jesus for direction. Ask him for peace and anything else you need he's only a pray away. I know that you don't want to here this right now but praise him right now that will get you through this thank him for all things . Dont let this be the end of our pray relationship lets continue to pray partners.*

*Yours in Christ*

*Bula*

*Jones*

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**Bula Jones** - January 11, 2009 at 02:05 PM

AM

“ My thoughts and prayers have been with Ken, Jessica, Josh, Betty, Jesse, Frank, Morris and Imogene since she was diagnosed last October. Although we all prayed she would heal, we know that she is now with God and is healthy, safe, happy and beautiful. For those who did not get to see Maria enough during the past fifteen months, please know that she wanted for everyone to remember her as she was when she was healthy. She loved her family and gave so much of herself to those close to her, her family, friends and so many loyal customers. She would help any customer from the very wealthy to the very poor. Maria was not a very touchy feely person , but I remember the first time she announced that she was going to give me a hug and every time she said that she loved me. I am honored to have been able to spend the time I have spent with her and her family since I met her and I know that everyone who knew her is better for it. Someday I hope I live to see the cure for cancer, because a woman so young need not have been taken so quickly from the Earth. She was a fighter, and fought this disease until the very end. Giving blood is important, and so is telling your support system that you love them everyday. Because you never know how much time you will actually get with each of them. Ken, Jessica and Joshua have an amazing support system to help them as they grow up and tell them the type of person that Maria was. I hope we all take a moment and honor her memory and say a special prayer for her family. God Bless.

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**Abby, Jason, Jayci & Valerie Martin** - January 11, 2009 at 01:37 PM

PS

“ It was my privilege to have Maria help me with my account at BOA. She was always caring and helpful with a ready smile. She loved talking about her family and we often shared our experiences in Scouting with each other. She was a jewel and will be missed. My heartfelt condolences are extended to all of the family.

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**Pat Speer** - January 11, 2009 at 01:35 PM

JK

“ When I first moved to Huntsville eleven years ago, it was Maria's sincere and caring person that I met @ BOA. She was always very helpful and we often talked about her family. Every time I go to the bank I always ask about her. She was a very genuine person. She truly cared for her customers and her family. She fought a the demon cancer on earth but now she resides in heaven with her father. Healed. Praise God! God's peace be with her family and friends as they grieve their loss.

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**Janet C King** - January 11, 2009 at 11:50 AM

LC

“ Life is like a vapor! As creatures of habit, (made by Our Heavenly Father) we tend to measure our steps (life) here on earth by the number of years God blesses us to see. Instead of how we live our unknown time HE holds in the palm of HIS hands. If we live each second, minute, hour, day, week, year to the fullest...according to the desires of God's own heart...we would love; laugh; smile; be kind; give; share; care; be happy; enjoy the sunshine and the rain; listen to the song birds; feel the wind beneath our wings and be thankful. These descriptive terms describe are what we knew of Maria. She lived to love and loved to live. She first loved God, her family and life to the fullest. Though her days may seem short, according to the number of years God loaned her to us, yet it was her life time on this side...birth...life...rebirth..."Over in Glory." Precious memories will forever live in the hearts of those she loved. Love never fails...for God is love. In those quite days to come, bring to recall, "To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord."  
Submitted on the "Wings of Prayer."

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**Lawrence and Dessie Cherry** - January 11, 2009 at 12:15 AM

VP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Ken, Jessica, Joshua and the Olivarez family.*

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**Vicki Pegoda** - January 10, 2009 at 10:12 AM

SG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Faith in God and your family and friends will help you through these difficult times.*

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**Sharon Gaskey** - January 09, 2009 at 09:14 PM

LF

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with the Jones' and Olivarez families. Ken, Joshua, and Jessica will be in our prayers during this difficult time in your life. Remember, God will comfort and strengthen you today and always. Much love, Ray and Mary Ann Lehrmann; Teresa Swanson and boys; John and Kem Harrity and family; Darren and Lori Lehrmann and family; and Karen Lehrmann. Mercy, peace and love be multiplied to you. Jude 1:2 (New King James Version)*

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**Lehrmann Family** - January 09, 2009 at 08:41 PM

LH

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Ken, the children and Maria's family. Maria was such a sweet person and we will all certainly miss her.*

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**Liz Harrelson** - January 09, 2009 at 03:06 PM

LS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. God Bless.*

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**Linda Shaw** - January 09, 2009 at 12:27 PM

CF

“ *Maria will be missed by Morris & Imogene Jones' friends in Cameron, Texas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all in the family. God Bless you all, your Wednesday night gang.*

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**Cameron friends** - January 09, 2009 at 12:25 PM

SO

“ *Your fellow family at State Counsel for Offenders wishes to express our sincere condolences. Our thoughts are with you during this most difficult time.*

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**State Counsel for Offenders** - January 09, 2009 at 09:06 AM

SH

“ *Maria was such a beautiful person, inside and out. My heart goes out to her family, my prayers are with them at this most difficult time. May they have peace in knowing she is in Heaven, free of pain. God Bless.*

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**Stephanie Hurt** - January 08, 2009 at 09:12 AM