



## Mary Elizabeth Jones

September 21, 1941 - March 5, 2021

Mary Elizabeth Heard Jones passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning on March 5, 2021 in her home in Huntsville, Texas. Mary Elizabeth (Mary E.) was born on September 21, 1941 in Monroe, Louisiana to James Isaac Heard and Oneta Arbuthnot Heard. She grew up in West Monroe, Louisiana and attended Millsaps Grammar School, graduating from West Monroe High School in 1959. Following, she earned a B.A. in Commercial Art from Louisiana Tech University in 1963, graduating Magna Cum Laude. She worked in the commercial art field 5 years in Shreveport, Louisiana and Dallas, Texas, following which she became a self-employed artist in fields of design, calligraphy, and painting.

Mary E. Heard married Noel Ray (Ray) Jones of Dallas, Texas in 1968. They had two children, Michael Ray born in 1969, and Susan Elizabeth born in 1970. They lived in Irving and Waxahachie, Texas, relocating to Tuscaloosa, Alabama after their children had begun their adult lives. They retired in West Monroe, Louisiana, moving in 2010 to Huntsville, Texas to be closer to family, particularly their two grandchildren, Calvin and Lydia Henderson.

Mary E. loved anything artistic. She was a painter, quilter, pianist, and calligrapher, and she loved engaging her grandchildren in cooperative art projects. She loved to cook and especially bake cookies, cakes, and pies for her family. She was active in her church, University Heights Baptist Church (as well as others she attended through her life) and engaged herself in activities such as Bible Study Fellowship and Scripture Memory Fellowship.

She loved God with her whole heart and lived out her commitment to Him in tangible ways, such as serving as a tutor in her church's Arise2Read program. She was an animal lover and always had cats or dogs around her throughout her life. She and Ray loved traveling together, with their favorite locations being the mountainous areas of the Western United States; however, they also enjoyed the water, taking river and sea cruises together. On their 50th wedding anniversary, they celebrated with a trip to Ireland and Scotland. Mary E. would entertain anyone who listened with anecdotes from this meaningful trip she and Ray took together.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James Isaac Heard and Oneta Arbuthnot Heard. She is survived by her husband Noel Ray Jones and her two children, son Michael Ray Jones and his wife Suzanne, and daughter Dr. Susan Elizabeth Henderson and husband Dr. Craig Henderson, as well as her grandchildren Calvin and Lydia Henderson.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas at 2:00pm. Dr. Richard Rogers will officiate the service. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/T28NWJC2FK3ZYH9L>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Elizabeth Jones*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - March 09, 2021 at 12:41 PM

MH

*Beautiful lady inside and out! My husband and I bonded with her and Ray the first time we met. Our son has been greatly blessed in his in-laws! Marge*

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**Marge Henderson** - March 12, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Jones*

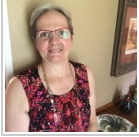
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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

MW

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. The picture video was absolutely beautiful. She looked so happy in every picture. Prayed for her family.*



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**Mellicent Sikes Wiley** - March 09, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ I remember you Sweet Lady from Bible Study Fellowship. May you rest with the angels sweet lady. God Bless, Deborah Creppon.

Deborah Creppon - March 09, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ Mary Elizabeth, my precious sister in Christ, was my dear friend for many years. Our friendship began in Irving, Tx and continued through many moves for both of us.  
Our "Girl Trips" covered many years and states from SC to MT. My home is blessed with beautiful, treasured paintings by Mary Elizabeth.  
We are not saying goodbye but see you later.  
Gods blessings to her precious family whom she loved unconditionally.

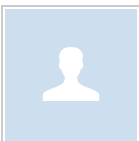
Peggy Bunting - March 09, 2021 at 07:17 AM



“ Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Jones



Gayle Kelly - March 08, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Jones.



March 08, 2021 at 03:42 PM

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“ God has blessed us with this beautiful lady. Her smile was always so welcoming and warm. I know she is sharing her smile with angels now.

*Aubrey Hill*

Aubrey Hill - March 08, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Jones.



March 08, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Jones.



March 07, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Elizabeth Jones.



March 07, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Mary Elizabeth Jones*.



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March 06, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Elizabeth Jones*



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**M. Hyvl** - March 06, 2021 at 11:38 AM