



Mrs. Grace Middlebrooks Jones

September 20, 1924 - February 6, 2015

Grace Middlebrooks Jones

Albany – Grace Middlebrooks Jones of Albany, Georgia died on February 6 at her residence. Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 9 at 1:00 at First United Methodist Church of Albany with interment at Crown Hill cemetery. Rev. Don Adams and Rev. Don Kea will officiate. The family will receive visitors at 12:00, one hour prior to the service in Ford Hall at the church.

Mrs. Jones was born on September 20, 1924 to the late Eva Lou Hall and Joe Crawford Middlebrooks in Warwick, Georgia. She attended Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville, GA where she studied business, business law, typing and shorthand. She graduated and began working in a secretarial job and teaching school in Warwick. She had been dating Ralph Parks Jones, so a week after his return from the Pacific during World War II, she married Ralph in 1945 and they made Albany their home.

“Amazing Grace”, the name given by her beloved husband, also known as GanGan, was truly an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and follower of Christ. Grace was an integral part of the family furniture business for more than 50 years, beginning with J&J Furniture, then The Furniture House and also Suburban Furniture. She met lifelong

friends in the furniture business, attended markets and traveled throughout the United States and Europe on numerous furniture retail dealer trips. She also enjoyed traveling to Ralph's annual Marine Air Squadron VMB423 reunions. She loved First United Methodist Church where she was a member for over 65 years. She was a charter member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class, a UMW Circle leader, Sunday School teacher and served on numerous committees. Grace was a member of the Jr. Women's Club and the Charity League.

Grace was also an avid sports fan her whole life. She was a basketball coach as a young woman and enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren play while "coaching" from the bleachers. The last few years she enjoyed watching her great grandchildren play basketball, baseball, soccer and compete in gymnastics meets. As a member of the Doublegate Women's Golf Association, Grace played golf until a few years ago. She was proud of her two holes-in-one and she could usually outscore the men she played with. A die-hard Atlanta Braves fan, she followed the team from Spring training until the end of each season. She knew all the players by name and did a play by play commentary trying to help Bobby Cox with his coaching! Grace especially loved spending summers in Sky Valley, Georgia, being with many special friends playing golf, exercising in the heated pool and sharing meals together. She also treasured visits from her family.

Ms. Jones is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Ralph Parks Jones, her sister Melba Middlebrooks Moore and her brother Hugh Hall Middlebrooks.

She is survived by her two sons: Wyman Joe Jones (Julie Johnston Stanley) of Perry, GA, and Parks Jones (Carol) of Albany, GA; her two daughters: Trina Faulkner (Jimmie) and Teresa Breen of Albany, GA; six grandchildren: Heather Jones Gardner (Lane) of Jacksonville, FL, Tara Jones Condon (Matt) of San Rafael, CA, Hollyn Jones Cohen of Albany, GA, Ryan Joseph Jones

(Dana) of Littleton, CO, Wren Breen of Athens, GA and Brooks Breen of Albany, GA and Auburn, AL; five great-grandchildren, Andrew Lane Gardner, Parklyn Grace Gardner, Michael Parks Cohen, Carlisle Frances Cohen, Camden Jones; her brother Joe Frank Middlebrooks; her sister Myra Middlebrooks Odom; 10 very special nieces and nephews; and long-time special friend and confidant, Constance Chambers.

Memorials may be made to Albany United Methodist Church, 307 Flint Ave. Albany, Georgia 31701. On-line condolences may be made at Kimbrell-Stern's website at www.kimbrellstern.com

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Grace Middlebrooks Jones*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Grace Middlebrooks Jones*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Grace Middlebrooks Jones*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *As I age I am constantly confronted with the grace and beauty of the people I grew up with. Our mothers shared a first name, "Grace" and that is certainly how both lived their lives. May the peace that mystifies your own human understanding be with you all.*

Charles Salter - February 26, 2015 at 02:20 AM



“ *Joe, Parks, Trina, and Teresa, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief. Your Mother was a genuine Southern Lady who was dedicated to her family and her faith. Bless you all. Peggy Schmidt Singletary (Mrs. Donnie)*

Peggy Singletary - February 21, 2015 at 08:47 AM

DS

“ Aunt Grace was a true southern lady! She was very special to all of us...She will be missed, but she is happy to be with Daddy Ralph! The Lord truly blessed us with her in our lives! Debbie Sutton

Debbie Sutton - February 13, 2015 at 11:21 AM

BJ

“ Dear Jones Family, I'm so sorry to hear about Grace. She and Ralph were so very special to me. Harley and I celebrated 45 years in Dec. We looked at pictures of Trina and Teresa serving the punch at our wedding. Working at Suburban for over two years was a wonderful experience and they both were so kind to me. She gave me a wedding shower and gave me a key board she had made. But I gave her the oddest look when I unwrapped it. It read 'Jones Keys'!!!! Why would I want that! But, I was also going to be a Jones! She was one of most gracious ladies I have ever known! I know she will truly be missed by her family and friends.. Bonnie Warren Jones

bonnie Jones - February 12, 2015 at 04:06 PM

SS

“ Ms. grace was one of my favorite southern woman.. I so enjoyed watching sports with her. Sitting on the front porch, sipping ice tea at her daughters house in New Smyrna was always so enjoyable . Her Southern charm and sweet smile will be missed..

sheila smith - February 10, 2015 at 03:08 PM

BC

“ *Deepest symphony for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Rita and Bill Collins



Bill and Rita Collins - February 09, 2015 at 10:29 AM

KL

“ *I will forever be grateful for the kindness Grace shared with me in the times that I needed it most. She was a true Christian and a beautiful lady and will be truly missed. My condolences to her family and all her loved ones. Kathy Lee, Tallahassee, FL*



Kathy Lee - February 08, 2015 at 03:13 PM

JD

“ *The Dorsey Family treasures the memories of happy times with your Mother, particularly in the pool, at Sky Valley. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Susanne Dorsey and all of her children.*

James Dorsey - February 08, 2015 at 01:33 PM

TF

“ *Dear Teresa, Trina, Joe and Parks, those of us in Sky Valley were blessed to have known your Mother. We will miss her so much and in so many ways . May God comfort you all and your families. With much love and blessings, Sonny and Barbara Fordham*

the Fordhams - February 08, 2015 at 12:59 PM

NR

“ I have heard so many fond memories and stories from my parents and their friendship with your parents through Thronateeska Investment Club back in 50's and 60's. Thinking of your family at this time!

Nancy Reimer and Family

Nancy Reimer - February 08, 2015 at 11:55 AM

BH

“ Trina,
My love is with you and your family at this time. May you know that the greatest thing in the world is love and may you find strength and comfort in this time of sorrow.

Betty Hester

Betty Hester - February 08, 2015 at 11:37 AM

HM

“ Teresa, Parks and families, A note to share with you all that you are thought of at this difficult time. We enjoyed meeting your Mom during Bible studies at Teresa's home in Albany and know she will be missed by all of you. May God comfort you with good memories of all the years you had her with you. Take care.

Sincerely, Hugh and Kate Mitchell

Hugh and Kate Mitchell - February 08, 2015 at 10:45 AM

IS

“ Dear Trina,
Praying that in His perfect time and in His gentle way, God's caring touch will comfort, support and strengthen you all. May the memories that mean the most to you, live forever in your hearts.

*God loves you and so do I,
Irene Simpson*

Irene Simpson - February 07, 2015 at 11:25 PM

SA

“ *Love to all of you.....What a beautiful lady! I always admired her. Please know I am praying for everyone.*
Sally Warren Anderson

Sally Warren Anderson - February 07, 2015 at 08:16 PM