



Josephine Isabelle Elliott Jones (Jo)

November 25, 1922 - January 22, 2022

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Josephine Isabelle Elliott Jones (Jo) died peacefully at home surrounded by family on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Jo was born November 25, 1922, in McDonough, Georgia to Dr. John Lawson Elliott and Josephine Isabelle Hucheson Elliott. She grew up in Savannah, Georgia.

Jo graduated from Savannah High School in 1940, from Armstrong Junior College in 1942, and earned her degree in Chemistry from the University of Georgia in 1944. After college, Jo worked in her father's medical practice before she took a job as a chemist for Oak Ridge National Laboratory. She was a researcher there on the Manhattan Project during World War II. Following the war, she married Charles Marks Jones, Jr., and the couple moved to Charles's hometown of Albany, GA, where he entered his father's business, Consolidated Loan Company.

Jo actively embraced life and engaged fully in living into her 100th year. She was involved in a variety of civic organizations including the Junior Women's Club, the League of Women Voters, and the Charity League, for which she was a 50-year volunteer at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. She was also an advocate for the arts including involvement in the Arts Council, Albany

Museum of Art, Theatre Albany, and the Community Concert Association. In 1968, Jo was honored to be named Albany's Woman of the Year by the Albany Community Council.

Jo belonged to St. Paul's Episcopal Church for 75 years. She served on the vestry, was president of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), a regular lay reader, Sunday School teacher, youth leader, and a member of the choir. She was the second female lay reader at St. Paul's and one of the first women to serve on the vestry.

Jo was a member of a Bridge Club and Monday Coffee Club with her dear friends. Writing and acting were lifelong interests. She wrote a theater column for the Albany Herald, and she performed at Theatre Albany. She and Charles took their children on long trips across the United States and later traveled worldwide with friends.

Jo was a vital member of her community, a faithful loving wife, and a matriarch to an extensive family.

Jo is preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Charles Marks Jones, Jr., her son, Charles Marks Jones III, her father and mother, stepmother, Nancy Gurr Elliott, son-in-law, Van Presley, sisters, Mary Lou Elliott Cain and Nancy Elliott Himes, brothers, John Lawson Elliott, Jr. and John Augustin Elliott, a niece, Becky Watson and a nephew, Edward Himes. She is survived by four of her children, Nancy Presley, Susan Willson (Bill), Jody Bancroft (Brad), and Elliott Jones (Melissa Thurmond), daughter-in-law Amy Jones, twelve grandchildren, Asa Leffer, Forrest Leffer (Nithya Selvan), Corbett Presley, Mary Mason (Reagan), Ivey Karwowski (Dennis), Hank Willson (Deborah Thrope), Charlie Willson (Emily), Isabelle Willson (Mark Bender), Lindsey Bader (David), John Lawson Booth (Melea), Cody Jones, and Emma Jones, 17 great grandchildren, three nieces, Martha Himes Kirksey (Al), Connie Cain

(Leigh Bien), and Lydia Cain Cavanaugh, and two nephews, Randy Cain (Loyrett) and Bill Himes (Sherrie), Martin Leffer, father of Asa and Forrest, and Jesse Booth, father of Lindsey and John Lawson.

Her family is grateful for the loving care provided by Betty Brown, Felicia Canty, Jessica Hooks, Karen Hunter, Dainedra Huntley, Donna Tabb and previously by Joan Ford, VaShaune Hall, and Grace Sims.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Josephine "Jo" Isabelle Elliott Jones will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St., Albany, GA 31701.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ We offer our sincere condolences.
Russell and Dacia Berry

Dacia Berry - January 31, 2022 at 05:58 PM

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“ Jo was a part of my life since early childhood. She and her family lived on the same street as my grandmother, Martha Nall, for many years and I was a frequent visitor to their house. She and my mother, Alice Bell, were members of the Mondays for decades and I always enjoyed attending their weekly get togethers when I was in town. Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of such a great lady.

Nancy Denison

Nancy Denison - January 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM

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“ My thoughts are with the family in this time of loss. Jo was a wonderful person.

Carol (Jones) Pierson - January 27, 2022 at 11:14 PM

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“ I partied with her a few times. Such an interesting and fun woman.

Ellie Schweitzer - January 26, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ *My name is Sandy Hardy Meadows. I remember Mrs. Jo coming to Theatre Albany for many years as I was one of the amateur actors that loves the stage. She was a kind woman and always wore a beautiful smile. She will be missed.*

Sandy Hardy Meadows - January 26, 2022 at 04:33 PM



With deepest sympathies, Ann Brim Streat I loved Jo and Charles from the moment I met them over 40 years ago. The were so gracious and welcoming to me and helped me to feel like Theatre Albany, Albany Little Theatre at that time, was home. Smart, funny, talented, loving, and a total joy to be around, I will miss you and treasure the memories.

Ann Brim Streat - January 26, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *It was our pleasure to get to know your Mom through the Albany Concert Association, and our bus trips to the ATL opera. She was a remarkable lady!*

Diane and Joel Johnson - January 26, 2022 at 07:07 AM



“ *Jo was such an interesting and lovely lady. I'll never forget her in "Driving Miss Daisy" at Theatre Albany. I also enjoyed singing with her in the St. Paul's choir. Prayers for the family.*
Melody Clay Sheffield

Melody Clay Sheffield - January 25, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ *God bless her. She was consistently pleasant and benign.*

Clint Bancroft - January 25, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine Isabelle Elliott Jones (Jo).*



January 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I met Jo at Theatre Albany in the '80s. We shared the stage in THE BAT. That was the beginning of a long, special friendship. Jo had a heart of gold, was a talented writer, a savvy businesswoman, and a friend to all she met. Her smile was infectious and she brightened the room the moment she walked in! I remember Jo as a bundle of energy, always willing to pitch in to get the job done. The kindness she shared over the years will never be forgotten. I admired her spirit and adored her amazing personality. She will be missed, but forever loved.*

Diane Lamb - January 25, 2022 at 06:00 PM

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“ If you listed all talents & causes of Jo Elliott Jones, it would be a mile long. You had to be around her to realize how many things she embraced -first her beloved Charles, and then her children and grands. She reported about them via her great holiday newsletters.

Her smile could lighten anyone having a bad day. She listened, without judgement, concentrating on what the other was saying. She was curious and maybe now eternally so!

Seeing her after her beloved son Chuck died, her usually sparkly eyes were sort of confused, but still she was intent on supporting others in their sorrow.

Listing Jo's diverse talents and abilities would be impossible. In meeting her you knew immediately how special a being she was.

Reuniting with husband, oldest son, & others would be sweet for her, but South GA's loss of Jo Jones is incalculable. Her 'Driving Mrs. Daisy' Theater Albany performance was amazing!

To all kin and enumerable friends missing this remarkable lady, condolences!

Elizabeth Champion - January 25, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Josephine Isabelle Elliott Jones (Jo).*



January 25, 2022 at 01:20 PM

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“ *This is hard for me to do because I didn't get to see you again before this. My four years of being one of your caregivers was a wonderful experience, the way you and your family took me under your wings meant everything to me. I've never met such a wonderful loving person in my life until I met you Mrs. Jo. I was already missing you when my job ended and now I'll miss you even more. I love you and will forever be grateful because you loved me as well. Sleep well angel.*

VaShaune Hall-Williams - January 25, 2022 at 11:56 AM