



Ms. Anna Lee Jones

January 12, 1941 - November 8, 2024

Anna Lee McGill Jones, known for her fiery dedication to both family and politics, passed peacefully from this life on Nov. 8, 2024, in Searcy, AR. She was surrounded by family members. Known as "Lee", she was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother with an independence that was often ahead of her time. A champion of women's rights, she was involved in Democratic politics, directly and indirectly, for more than 60 years. Lee began her career as a legal assistant to multiple attorneys in the Searcy and greater Little Rock area. Lee was later a Congressional aide to Congressman Tommy Robinson. She then transitioned to the Clinton Administration, Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C., as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning. She continued in Washington as a special assistant to the National Transportation Safety Board Director and was special assistant to James R Finch, Director of the Office of Government, Public and Family Affairs, Communications Center. She then was the executive director of Safety Forum where she promoted issues related to dangerous consumer products and practices. She taught her children to be fearless and informed, dragging them along to political rallies at a young age and encouraging them to be compassionate and open-minded. She enjoyed literature, the arts, newspapers, and cooking. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Anna Lee McGill from Augusta, Arkansas. Lee is survived by her children, Lana Duncan of Searcy, Arkansas and Will Duncan (Cindy) of Missoula, Montana. She had three grandchildren; Libby Clark of Missoula, Montana;

Michael Duncan of Missoula, Montana; and Andrew Duncan of Bozeman, Montana. Lee had one great grandchild, Presley Clark of Missoula Montana. A private life celebration will be held at a later date for friends and family. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer that donations be made to Hope Cottage of Searcy. <https://www.whitecountyhope4dv.com/>>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mom and Presley* ”



Lana Clark - May 16, 2025 at 11:09 AM



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Mom and Presley

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“ Lee had known me my entire life. I didn't meet her, that I remember, until a little over 15 years ago. She took me to my first political rally. To say I was impressed with that event would be an understatement. The guest speaker walked up to her and called her by name. I was highly impressed. She would never speak to make you feel better. It was always the truth. I certainly miss her. I am very appreciative of the things that she taught me. The times I got to spend with her were always informative, to see the least. Rest easy my friend. Please hold a spot for me.



Leigh Ann Baker - November 25, 2024 at 10:35 PM

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Love you LAB

Lana - December 16, 2024 at 09:10 AM

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Will Duncan - November 22, 2024 at 02:21 PM



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Valerie Canepa - November 21, 2024 at 12:36 PM

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“ My mom, Edna Lockhart, and Lee grew up together and they were life long friends. Lee's daughter, Lana and I grew up together and we have been friends since we were little girls, as well. I have loved and admired Lee for all of my life. I call her Mama Lee.



I was pretty lost when my mom passed away. Lee recognized that. She told me that you didn't have to be related to call someone family and that friends who were family made just as strong a bond and that we would always be family in her eyes. That meant so much to me.

She was beautiful and strong and a force to be reckoned with. She always spoke her mind and I loved that about her. I always wanted to be like her, unafraid to speak up for what she believed in. I may have missed that mark, but she didn't. She was always gracious and kind and the world is a better place because of her.

She will be missed by so many people. My heart goes out to her family and friend whom she left behind.

Love you, Mama Lee.

*Terri L. Brannon
Judsonia, AR*

Terri Lane Brannon - November 16, 2024 at 08:29 PM

LA

Love you Terri 🥰

Lana - December 16, 2024 at 09:12 AM

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“ There is an old proverb: *"Blessed Are Those Who Plant Trees Under Whose Shade They Will Never Sit"* - Lee has touched so many during her time in this world, but more importantly - she has planted many trees to shade the future generations. She will be sorely missed. My heart goes out to her family and friends.



Freda Kay Rohde - November 12, 2024 at 12:54 PM

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Love you Kay

Lana - December 16, 2024 at 09:12 AM