



## Mary Evelyn Jones

April 28, 1932 - July 15, 2013

Mary Evelyn Jones, 81, of Searcy died Monday, July 15, 2013. She was born April 28, 1932 in Rose Bud. The daughter of Baptist minister, R.E., Sr. and his wife Cordie Pruitt, she grew up picking cotton and honing her legendary skills in Southern cooking alongside her now deceased brother (Junior) and sister (Lettie Hopper). After marrying her late husband Carthel on January 4, 1950, the couple settled in Searcy and started a family, including two surviving daughters, Debbie Higgs (Hubert) and Pam Carpenter (Doug); three grandsons, Jeremy Eskridge, Heath Carpenter (Hannah), and Harrison Carpenter (Megan); and 7 great-grandchildren, all to whom she was affectionately known as Granny.

A charter member of West Side Church of Christ and a member of the College Church for the last 20 plus years, Mary was a life-long Christian. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend and a true Southern gem: gracious, devoted, and full of kindness. She was one-of-a-kind and will be greatly missed, but her family now rejoices in her reward:

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, at Powell Funeral Home. Funeral will be 10:00 a.m. Friday at Powell Funeral Home Chapel with interment at White County Memorial Gardens.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“*If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together...there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think, but the most important thing is, even if we're apart...I'll always be with you. -(Winnie the Pooh)I'm sorry for your loss.*

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**Jamie Higgs** - May 04, 2016 at 05:25 PM

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**Jamie Higgs** - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

TP

“*She always greeted everyone with a warm welcome and a big smile, and had a very loving spirit. She will be missed!*

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**Treva Pryor** - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

TS

“*Mary showed Christ's love every day of her life. She lifted my spirits, and encouraged me when I was down. Her spirit and kindness will always be remembered.*

*My condolences to the family. May God bless you all.*

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**Teresa Smith** - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

GA

“ Pam and Debbie, May you be blessed during the difficult days ahead. Your mom always had a smile on her face when I saw her. I know she was proud of her daughters, grandsons and great grandchildren. You are blessed with a great legacy in your parents.

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**Gwen E. Anderson** - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

AI

“ your family had a great mom and grandmother as she was a great friend. I am so glad I got to see her at church several weeks looking as lovely as ever. Her smile always made me feel good. I know your memories will help you as the days so by.

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**Aileene** - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

BA

“ Thinking of all of you and praying for your peace.

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**Beverly Austin** - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

BG

“ Debbie and Pam...I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I worked with your dad for many years. He was such a fine man. Your mother was kind and always had a smile on her face. My heart is with you during this difficult time in your lives.

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**Becky Cranford Galloway** - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

DR

“ The celebration of life begins when our souls soar as wings of eagles. God bless to your family.

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**Dr Dennis R Bennett & Regina** - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM

RW

“ *Debbie, please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Rose A Whitelow** - February 10, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. God blessed you much with her life.*

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July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM