



Gloria Sumner Jones

July 8, 2024

Gloria Sumner Jones, 81, of Chesapeake, VA, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2024, with her beloved family by her side. She was born in Portsmouth, VA to Betty and Thomas Archie Sumner. She was predeceased by her parents, step mother, Evelyn Sumner, beloved husband, Sherwood Johnson Jones, and her infant son Brian.

Gloria was married to Sherwood Jones for 62 years. Their marriage was filled with love and laughter. Their dedication to one another was unsurpassed, a true example of companionship and faith to all who had the pleasure of knowing them. They loved dancing, camping and just having a great time. Gloria spent 27 years working as a bus driver for Chesapeake Public Schools. She loved and treasured every child she met and made each one who had the good fortune to ride her bus feel special and cherished.

Gloria's true calling was serving God and practicing her faith by caring for others. No one was a stranger around her, and she always had something delicious to offer any visitor to her home. She enjoyed cooking and baking and all who knew her had a favorite dish or cake from her kitchen. Gloria was a lifelong member of Westhaven Baptist Church; she was active in all women's activities and sang in the choir.

A kind and loving mother, Gloria is survived by her children: Keith Jones of

Bealeton, VA and Anita Jones Cavanagh and her husband Patrick of Currituck, NC. Her five grandchildren who were the lights of her life: Brittany Jones-Pugh of Austin, TX, Alexander Jones of Fredericksburg, VA, Regen Cavanagh and fiancée Rachael Cooke of Chesapeake, VA, Nolan Cavanagh, serving in the US Army in Fairbanks, AK and Benjamin Jones, serving in the US Coast Guard in Sandiego, CA and her great granddaughter Lainey Jane Cavanagh. She is also survived by her brother, Thomas “Bert” Sumner and wife Vickey of Portsmouth, VA, as well as Liana Jones of Stafford, Virginia. Gloria will be missed dearly by family, many children who grew up at her home, and friends until they hear her sweet laugh again.

A funeral service will be celebrated on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 11:00 am in Westhaven Baptist Church. The family will receive friends in the church 30 minutes prior to the service. Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel, is handling the arrangements. Interment will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Westhaven Baptist Church
4900 Caroline Avenue
Portsmouth, VA

Celebration of Life

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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4900 Caroline Avenue
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall

DF

“ We will miss you as an Aunt and a sister in law, but also a dear sweet friend. Many memories of our families camping together, boating, tubing, and when the day was done, playing cards by lantern light. We had such good times. We will always remember coming to yours and Uncle Sherwood's house, you always had a feast prepared. You had such a sweet heart, and we know you surely gained your angel wings. Sherwood and you did not stay apart for very long. Oh what a rejoicing time in heaven when you came. You were loved by many, and your family loved you dearly.



Doug and Gail Jones, and family - July 12, 2024 at 11:46 PM

LB

“ Liana, Alex abd Ben planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Sumner Jones.

Liana, Alex abd Ben - July 12, 2024 at 07:53 AM

LB

“ Liana, Alex abd Ben purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gloria Sumner Jones.



Liana, Alex abd Ben - July 12, 2024 at 07:53 AM

GN

“ My condolences to the family. I thank GOD for being a part of Gloria's life journey, if only for a short period of life. Such a kind lady with a beautiful spirit. I will miss her.

Gerri L Norman - July 11, 2024 at 08:09 PM

FF

“ From the Osmundson Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Gloria Sumner Jones.



From the Osmundson Family - July 11, 2024 at 03:31 PM

WD

“ Wendy and Louis Davis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gloria Sumner Jones.



Wendy and Louis Davis - July 11, 2024 at 01:53 PM

CH

“ Gloria was one of the nicest, sweetest people on this earth. We were friends from when we were little girls, through high school and she was one of my bride's maids and I was pregnant but served cake at her wedding to Sherwood. Although I live in Texas now, we could still talk on the phone and stayed friends through life. I will miss her. She will be with Sherwood now. Charlene Reynolds

Charlene - July 11, 2024 at 10:58 AM

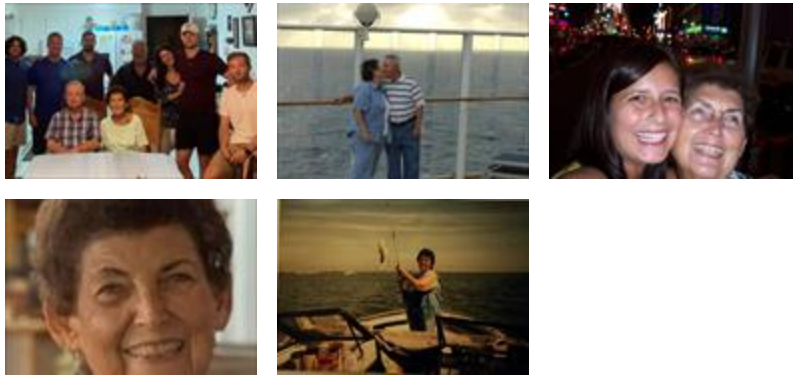
BL

Gloria was a childhood friend. In the same classroom 1st grade thru 6th. Lived in the same neighborhood too. Had wonderful memories of summer fun at her parents summer cottage in Nags Head, NC. My thoughts and prayers to her extended family!

Brenda Linn - July 11, 2024 at 03:12 PM

KJ

“ 118 files added to the album Mom



Keith Jones - July 11, 2024 at 09:32 AM

BW

“ So sorry to lose such a sweet classmate..had many fun times with Gloria ❤️
Betty Ruth

Betty Whitener - July 10, 2024 at 10:56 PM

PH

“ Patricia H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Sumner Jones.

Patricia H. - July 10, 2024 at 10:26 PM

BL

“ Gloria and her family were our neighbord growing up. Her family and mine were very close. Our moms were great friends. We loved her and the Sumner family. Gloria pulled our teeth when we were kids. Rest in peace. Much love to Bert and your family. Betty Gayle Sykes Long

Betty Sykes Long - July 09, 2024 at 03:54 PM

GN

I thank GOD that he allowed me to be a part of Gloria's life journey, if only for a short period of time. She had a beautiful spirit. Such a kind lady. She will be missed.

Gerri L Norman - July 11, 2024 at 08:03 PM

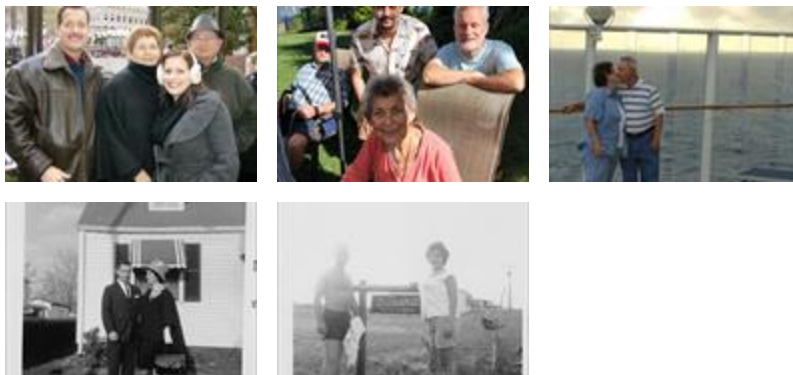
LL

We are sending prayers and love. She was such a beautiful lady inside and out. We love her immensely. Great friends with our families. She brought Glory and joy to everyone. So sweet. A beautiful smile and soul. Love you and your whole family. We will see you again. Love and miss you Bert and family. Love Laurel Cooke Miles and Suzanne Loving

LAUREL COOKE MILES AND SUZANNE LOVING - July 18, 2024 at 09:46 AM

KJ

“ 170 files added to the album Mom



Keith Jones - July 09, 2024 at 12:18 PM

GH

“ Geraldine H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Sumner Jones.

Geraldine H. - July 09, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Sumner Jones.



July 09, 2024 at 10:55 AM

NS

“ Nancy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Sumner Jones.

Nancy S. - July 09, 2024 at 09:48 AM