

Donna Mae JoAnn Jones was born on March 11, 1939, in Willmar, Minnesota, the daughter of Berger and Sylvia (Wallin) Nelson. She grew up in Cosmos and graduated from Cosmos High School in 1957. On March 14, 1959, Donna was married to Donnie Bob Jones and they made their home in Willmar. Besides working hard as a homemaker, Donna was employed for many years at the Bank of Willmar, Molenaar Plastics and Presbyterian Family Foundation, retiring at the young age of 79. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, V.F.W. Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary. Donna enjoyed baking, cooking, shopping, camping, growing beautiful flower gardens and decorating her home for the holidays, especially at Christmas. She was also an avid sports fan of the Minnesota Vikings.

Donna will be best remembered for always having a smile on her face; her caring and generosity to others; her loyalty to family and friends; and keeping herself in style with all the latest fashions. Blessed be her memory!

She is survived by her four children, Debbie Petersen of Willmar, Dale (and JoAnn) Jones of Valley, NE., Darrin (and Kelly) Jones of Willmar and Dustan Jones of Willmar; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister, Marlene (and Elery) Schueler of Willmar and two brothers, Dennis (and Mary) Nelson of VA., and Gene (and Carol) Nelson of Bird Island, besides other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Donnie Bob in 2000.

Celebrating the Life of



Donna Mae Jones

1939 - 2023

In Loving Memory Of

Donna Mae Jones

FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you only see one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

-Mary Stevenson

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Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

March 11, 1939
Willmar, Minnesota

September 30, 2023
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life

Friday, October 6, 2023 11:00 a.m.
Calvary Lutheran Church
Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude		Naomi Baker
Processional		
Thanksgiving for Baptism		pg. 279, ELW
Opening Hymn	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	No. 779, ELW
Apostolic Greeting and Prayer		pg. 280, ELW
Time of Thanksgiving		
Scripture Reading		Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 & Psalm 23
Special Music	<i>"You Are Mine"</i>	Nancy Swanson
Message		Rev. Dean E. Johnson
Special Music	<i>"In The Garden"</i>	Nancy Swanson
Apostle's Creed, Prayers & The Lord's Prayer		ppg. 282-283, ELW
Commendation		
Closing Hymn	<i>"On Eagle's Wings"</i>	No. 787, ELW
Recessional		
Postlude		

Active Casketbearers

Justin Jones Alex Jones Chad Nelson
Brian Schueler Dean Jones Dalen Jones

Honorary Casketbearers

Brian Jones Camron Jones Matthew Petersen Dylan Jones

Interment

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery
Raymond, Minnesota