



Pansy Diane Jones

May 20, 1940 - December 27, 2017

Pansy Hall Jones, 77, of Murphysboro, passed away at 5 a.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at the Helia Healthcare of Energy, Illinois.

Pansy was born on May 20, 1940, to Nina and Oakley Hall.

After graduating from Draughon's Business College in Paducah, Kentucky, Pansy worked at Western Union as a supervisor, and then, began her career at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She worked there thirty-six years in several positions including the Board Office, Speech Communication, Vice President's Office, Dean's Office of College of Communications, Dean's Office for College of Liberal Arts, and Dean's Office for College of Engineering. While working at SIUC, Pansy received her Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree. She served on the Civil Service Council for many years. During her tenure, she received the Outstanding Civil Service Staff Member Award , the award for Administrative/Professional Civil Service Employee, and the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award.

She was the first woman elected to the Murphysboro City Council, and she served in that capacity for eight years. She attended seminars on negotiations to lead her team on writing the first contract with the Department of Police.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the First Baptist Church in Murphysboro. She

dearly loved her church family and all their prayers. She served on several committees including the Church Leadership Council and Church Clerk.

There was nothing more gratifying to Pansy than being with her family. No matter how she was feeling, they brought such joy that she forgot everything else. Their love was the most treasured part of her life and struggle.

Pansy always talked about her friends and how wonderful they were. Their phone calls and outings made her day. She depended on them, and they gave freely of their love and support. She also had many Facebook friends and had so much fun reading their likes and comments on postings she made.

She married Robert Jones on May 18, 1960, and he survives; and two daughters Shelly (Donnie) Moutria and Laura Jones.

She had six grandchildren Alesia (Logan) Beanland, whom she considered her daughter, Donald, Robert, Dylan, Jaide and Jessyca;

seven great grandchildren Jaxon, Lillie, Vivien, Kelton, Khloe, Zoey, and Ava; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her paternal parents Jessy and Lavern Jones, two brothers Oakley Hall and J. C. Hall, and two sisters Violet Kennedy and Rose Waldrop.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 30, 2017, at Pettett Funeral Home with Dr. Marvin Kleineau officiating, and burial at Sunfield Cemetery, at Primitive Baptist Church near Sunfield, IL. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. It was Pansy's request that memorials may be made to the Murphysboro Food Pantry. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pansy Diane Jones*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I met Pansy many years ago through our employment at Southern Illinois University. We worked together at College of Liberal Arts Deans Office, served together on the Civil Service Council, and enjoyed many lunches together. Pansy was a class act. She always presented herself in a professional manner and never forget how to have fun. Typically when we would meet one of us would say, "Hey good lookin'", and the other would follow with, "What ya' got cookin'?" Pansy was devoted to family and friends, and she will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Pansy's wonderful family.*

Kerry Cole - January 02, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Pansy's family for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Wanda Jones - December 30, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ *I first met Pansy when I served on Civil Service Council with her, while employed at SIUC. She was a wonderful lady, and a wonderful friend. I will never forget her. She is loved, and will be missed!*

Darla Loftus - December 29, 2017 at 01:20 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. She was a great lady who i shared many wonderful memories with. She will forever be in my heart.*

Cynthia Green - December 28, 2017 at 11:49 PM

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“ *To those who loved Pansy:
We cannot begin to fathom the pain and loss you are enduring at this time. We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to you, your family members and your friends whose lives were touched by Pansy.
Hold your favorite memories of Pansy deep in your heart and send your love to her every day and every minute that you miss her. Pansy's gifts touched so many lives and left them with awesome and profound memories. Her laugh and smile were so uplifting and her love for others so heartwarming.
May we all be thankful for the part that Pansy played in our lives and know that we will embrace her memory deep within our hearts forever.*

The Werner's -Bill & Rickey (Webb) - December 28, 2017 at 10:40 PM