



## Marilyn Elaine Jones

April 11, 1939 - September 4, 2025

Jones, Marilyn Elaine (Jipp), age 86 of Fort Calhoun, NE.

Born: April 11, 1939, Fort Calhoun, NE.

Died: September 4, 2025, Omaha, NE.

Marilyn Elaine Jones (Jipp), 86, of Fort Calhoun passed away peacefully on September 4th with family by her side. She was born in Fort Calhoun, Nebraska on April 11, 1939 to Max and Helen Jipp. Fort Calhoun has always been home to Marilyn; it's a town she dearly loved and devoted her entire life to serving the community and church through her numerous groups and organizations. Marilyn was a very proud and lifelong member of the Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church serving a time as a Deacon and devoting her Wednesday afternoons to quilting with the Presbyterian Quilters group. She was a true servant of the community as she contributed much time and energy to the Fort Atkinson Living History Reenactments as a bobbin lace maker, Washington County Museum Guild, Women's Club, Fort Calhoun Library and the Park Board. The swinging gate in the main park is a project that Marilyn proudly initiated. Marilyn also poured her heart into developing civic mindfulness in the young girls of Fort Calhoun through serving many years as a Camp Fire Girl Leader.

After graduating from Fort Calhoun High School in 1956, Marilyn attended Hastings College for two years, majoring in elementary education. While at Hastings, she was selected to the Bronco Cheerleading squad where she

helped raise the spirit of the crowd and the football team which included Tom Osborne. The pull of her special beau, Ronald Jones, brought her back to Fort Calhoun. On Valentine's Day in 1960, Marilyn and Ron were married and remained steadfast to each other for 54 years until his passing in 2014.

In addition to her husband Ron "Smokey", Marilyn was preceded in death by her brother Norman E. Jipp and parents Max and Helen Jipp.

Marilyn is survived and missed by her children Robin (Tom) Breedlove, Roxanne (Mike) Grandgenett of Omaha, and Ross (Karen) Jones of Lincoln; Brother Lee "Bud" (Betty) Jipp, Orlando, FL. Forever cherished by her 11 grandchildren Randi, Cory (Jacob), and Jared Grandgenett, Aidan (Kristen) and Nolen Breedlove, Nicholas, Samuel, Matthew, Luke, Simon and Gemma Jones.

Marilyn had a wide array of interests and talents. She was an extremely skilled and creative individual. She had a passion for quilting, sewing, knitting, making felt cardinals and mastering the art of Bobbin Lace. She had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and learning new skills. She often spent her time reading or learning a new craft. She honed her skills in Bobbin Lace through the tutelage of her beloved friends in the Living Lace of Omaha group. Another obsession for Marilyn was her music. She absolutely loved music of all kinds, from Queen to Celtic Thunder. Music brought her much joy and tranquility during her final days. Listening to bagpipes and music from the Scottish Highlands brought her to a place of peace and comfort. Marilyn was an independent, strong-willed woman with an adventurous spirit, taking several trips over the years with friends: a memorable trip to Scotland, a Rhine River Cruise and various outings with the Washington County Bank Heritage Club just to highlight a few.

Marilyn was the heart and strength of her family, a devoted wife and loving mother, grandmother and sister. Foregoing her dreams of working as an educator or working for the FBI, she lived a life dedicated to her family, community and church.

Thank you to the entire staff, nurses, doctors, specialists in the ICU unit at

Immanuel Hospital for the exceptional and compassionate care given to mom. Thank you mom for your guidance, unwavering support and for loving us unconditionally.

VISITATION: 9:00-10:45 am Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church.

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 am Wednesday, September 10, 2025 immediately following the Visitation, also at the church.

INTERMENT: Fort Calhoun Cemetery

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, Memorials suggested to: Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church

or Fort Calhoun Fire and Rescue.

Sievers-Sprick Funeral Home

Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church  
123 N 13th St  
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023-2075  
(402) 468-5683

## Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM.

Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church  
123 N. 13th Street  
Fort Calhoun, NE

*Funeral Service immediately following the Visitation*

## Interment

SEP **10**. 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Fort Calhoun Cemetery  
Fort Calhoun , NE 68023

*Luncheon at the church to follow Interment.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Just now seeing tis. What a mom, lady, neighbor, leader! So many fun times at her house growing up. Us girls learned so many things from Marilyn. Love how she was such a lifelong learner. Always gentle, concerned and smiling. Hugs to you all, Robin, Roxanne, Ross et al. Cathie....for all of the Fitzgeralds*

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**Cathie Metzger** - October 09, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ *Robin, Rox and Ross, so sorry to hear about your loss, but glad knowing she is now at peace in His kingdom with your dad. May perpetual light shine upon her!*

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**Jon & Jane** - September 10, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *We are sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. She was also a long term member of the Lincoln Lacemakers group. It was always a pleasure to see her. We really appreciated her generous contributions in promoting and sharing her love of lacemaking along with her many other skills.*

*Nan Henry*

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**Nan Henry** - September 09, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn Elaine Jones.*

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September 08, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Elaine Jones.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marilyn Elaine Jones.

September 08, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marilyn Elaine Jones.



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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn Elaine Jones.



September 08, 2025 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Pearl Thunn lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Elaine Jones*



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**Pearl Thunn** - September 06, 2025 at 11:22 AM