



Mabel Grace Corder Jones

March 22, 1932 - December 6, 2025

Mabel Grace Corder Jones, 93, resident of Thornburg, Perry County, Arkansas, was called home by her Lord while surrounded by family, December 6, 2025. She was born March 22, 1932 in Jacksonville, Arkansas, a daughter of Simon Peter “Pete” and T Beall Calhoun Corder, who both preceded her in death. The Corder and Calhoun families were early settlers in the Bayou Meto–Jacksonville, Arkansas area. Descendants later moved into Perry County.

Mabel was also preceded in death by her late husband, Arnold Gene Jones and her siblings, Mary Jewell Boshears, Mildred Hathorn, Luther Corder, and Thomas Corder.

She is survived by her children Shirley Floyd, Sandra (Bill) Duke, and Gary (Susan) Jones; grandchildren Ashley (Josh) Clay, Lindsey Floyd, Eric Floyd, Greg Floyd, Jennifer (Darrell) Shaddon, Sonia (Jimmy) Brown, Josh Duke, Kyle Duke, Taylor (Nicole) Garrett, Landon (Brittany) Jones, Aaron Jones, and Allison (Bradley) Stocks; and 19 great-grandchildren. All the grandchildren called her “Memaw”.

Mabel was a 1951 graduate of Perryville High School and married Gene Jones in September of that year. They moved to Little Rock, where Gene worked for the Tuf Nut Garment Factory making jeans, coveralls, and work shirts; Mabel worked as a seamstress at Ottenheimer’s Clothing Manufacturing Company sewing dresses for Sears-Roebuck. A few years later, Gene’s Uncle Earl Jones in California hired him as a truck driver for his

trash collection business, so they headed west. The couple became homesick and after a short stay there, they headed back to their beloved Arkansas, making Little Rock their home again, adding three children to the family.

Eager to make a final move, the family moved to the Thornburg Community near Perryville, Arkansas, in 1968, enrolled the children in Perryville Schools, and joined Thornburg Baptist Church, where many fond memories were made. Gene worked for Film Transit and Mabel was a long-time postal employee in Perryville until she retired at age 62.

Hobbies that Mabel enjoyed included Bible study, teaching children's Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, church activities, cheering on the Razorbacks from her recliner, and quilting. She was a member of the Busy Bees quilting group, which had started at Harmony Baptist Church in the 1940s, then in later years met in homes, and even later, in 2000, met at the Perry County Senior Activity Center in the "Diane Wilson" room. When she became rather housebound, she turned her dining room into her quilting room and had a working quilt going for the last 5 or 6 years.

Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Thornburg Baptist Church with Bro. Tom Stover officiating. Burial will be at Thornburg Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Thornburg Cemetery

31 Church Rd.
Perryville, AR 72126

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Thornburg Baptist Church
31 Church Rd.
Perryville, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Loving Sentiments Blue & White was purchased for the family of Mabel Grace Corder Jones.*



December 10, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ *Mrs. Mabel played piano and her sister Mildred played the organ at Thornburg Baptist Church. Where i grew up and attended. Id get excited everytime I seen her and or Mr Gene. They both always had a Hug for me and he always had a peppermint or worthers original. Mrs Mabel was the sweetest woman. I hated to hear of her passing. Such a sweet and godly person. And always saw the best in everyone. Love Mrs Mabel*

Jamie Willard Richey - December 08, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Mable has been missed by those who enjoyed being with her, and will be missed by her family and all that knew her. Her magic needles lay quite on the fabric, what beautiful stitches that created works of art and love. Prayers for all her family and friends.*



kathy rankin - December 08, 2025 at 02:01 PM

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“ *Mabel was such a wonderful person. I loved her very much, went to church with her for years. I know her children will miss her, but she will always watch over them. So sorry for your loss.*

Carolyn Brooks - December 08, 2025 at 10:52 AM