



Marie Isely Jones

December 21, 1909 - February 23, 2010

Marie Isely Jones, age 100, of Morrilton died on Tuesday February 23, 2010. Born on December 21, 1909, she was the eldest child of Charles Isely and Katie Robinson. She was a retired mathematics teacher.

She is survived by a daughter Katherine Jones George and husband Aaron George of Baytown, Texas, by a son William Henry Jones and wife Kay Drilling Jones of Hot Springs and Petit Jean Mountain, by five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, by a brother Arthur Isely and wife Bonnie of Morrilton, by sister-in-law Pauline Isely, and by numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Grandchildren are Agnes George McKay, Edward George, and Amy George Houchins of Texas, Jonathan Drilling Jones of Hot Springs, and Jeremy Maurice Jones of Little Rock. She is preceded in death by husband Henry Gustav Jones, children Helen Marie and John Emil, and siblings Syble Long, Charles F. Isely, Rose Felkins, Helen Davis and Anna Scroggins.

Marie attended high school in Morrilton and was valedictorian of the class of 1926, receiving the Morrilton Bank Award for the town's outstanding student. She began her 45 year teaching career at Morrilton in 1929. She also taught at Oppelo, Copperas Gap, and Hampton, Nebraska. She received her BSE degree from Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, ME from the

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and did additional study at Memphis State. She taught extension classes for the National Science Foundation and the University of Arkansas. She was the first recipient of Morrilton School District Teacher of the Year Award.

Until shortly before her death, Marie was a regular weekly patron of the library in Morrilton. She has been an inspiration to many through her teaching and lifelong interest in learning.

Marie was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Conway. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday February 27, 2010 in the Harris Funeral Home Chapel in Morrilton, with Reverend John Gierke officiating. Visitation will be from 6 until 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 26th at Harris Funeral Home. Burial will be at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery on Petit Jean Mountain.

The family expresses special thanks to Dr. Robert Wilkerson, to Lorene Jackson, Helen Toney, Mary Ann Foster, and Nicole Williams, and to the staff of the Perry County Nursing Center for their loving care.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean, 110 Montgomery Trace, Morrilton, AR 72110, to the First Presbyterian Church, 105 W. Church St., Morrilton, or to the Conway County Library, 101 W. Church Street, Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ Marie Isely Jones

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ I am among those who remember Marie Jones as a wonderful math teacher...and I graduated in 1939! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time as they remember her 100 years with joy.

June 29, 2018 at 11:07 PM



“ To cousins Henry and Katherine:
Aunt Marie was kind and thoughtful, and helped and encouraged so many people throughout her life. She will be dearly remembered by all.

March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Henry, and the rest of the Jones family. I was so sorry to hear of your mother passing. I always talked to her when I visited my mother-in-law at the nursing home. She was one smart lady. I had her in school in eighth grade. I know you will miss her very much, but she had a good long life. My prayers are with you all. John Spires

February 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ CONDOLENCES.MRS JONES WAS THE BEST TEACHER I EVER HAD.!!!

February 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Henry, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I will never forget being in her class and "putting on my thinking cap". She was such a sweet lady. She touched so many lives and influenced countless students. God Bless.

PS...thanks for being so kind to my mother. She loves you and Kay!

Phyliss

February 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Jones Family,
The staff of the Conway County Library will surely miss Marie. It was with great pleasure helping Marie during her visits to the library. She was a devoted patron and an inspiration to all of us.

February 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Henry,

We're very sorry to hear about your mother. But at 100 years of age, she had a very long and blessed life. Mrs. Jones was probably the reason I ended up with an engineering career. I hated math, until she was our teacher. I loved it from then on. I hope you, Kay, and your family are doing well. If you haven't tried retirement yet, I can highly recommend it.

Ward.

February 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marie Jones is one of my cherished memories from living in Morrilton. I remember being welcomed - and fed, more than once - in her home. A great teacher and a great person. I thank God for her and pray His blessings on her family.*

February 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Henry and the rest of the Jones family:*

Mrs. Jones was a great teacher who went out of her way to help us. I wasn't a very good math student or dedicated student either but she help all of us who were not mathematical work through. She was a very smart woman, who was the same every day and always had the little smile that made you feel good.

February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Jones Family:

Mrs. Jones was a great inspiration to all of her students. After all these years, I still remember how smart she was and how patient she was with those of us that were less gifted. My math skills are used everyday in my work and I give Mrs. Jones a great deal of credit for these skills and think of her so often.

Henry I think you remember my dad who was walking from his office at the compress to our home across from MHS shop building when he found you were having some trouble and assisted you. I hope you are doing well.

I think of growing up in Morrilton and think what a great experience it was and one of the most memorable people was Marie Jones.

I am sorry to hear of her passing, but what an outstanding mentor she was to so many.

*Sam Brown
7810 Silver Sands Circle
Houston, Texas 77095*

February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Jones was a WONDERFUL math teacher. I was lucky to have had her teach me Geometry, Algebra II and Trig back in my days at MHS. I think that MHS students and patrons were privileged to have had such a great "mathematical mind" teach in our school system. To the family, I know she will be missed, but, how blessed you were to have had her for so many years!! May God give you strength during this time of sorrow.*

February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Marie was a great blessing to our Jones family and she will be greatly missed. She touched many lives during her stay on earth but now she has gone to her reward. I saw her the evening before she passed away. She was sleeping peacefully like she had no cares or worries. My prayers and thoughts are with her children and other family members during this time of sorrow. I love you all.

February 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM