

## THE DASH

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
From beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth  
And spoke of the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,  
The cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard;  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect  
And more often wear a smile,  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read  
With your life's actions to rehash  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash?



CELEBRATING

*Caroline Vaughn Jones*

1934 - 2022



## REMEMBERING *Caroline*

Caroline Vaughn Jones, age 88, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Oak Tree Villa surrounded by her family.

Caroline was born February 16, 1934 in Little Rock, Arkansas, the daughter of Jerome and Eleanor (Speer) Flanders. She was married on June 19, 1953 in Jefferson City, Mo. to Arthur H. "Pete" Jones, who survives.

For the majority of her life, Caroline was a resident of Jefferson City. She was a 1952 graduate of Jefferson City High School, where she met Pete, her one true love. She later attended the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Caroline was employed with the State of Missouri for over 30 years. For the majority of those years, she worked as a secretary with several Senators within the Missouri State Senate. She retired as the secretary for Senator John Schneider's Office. From her experience at the Capitol, Caroline was a passionate Democrat.

She possessed a strong faith and was a member of Community Christian Church. She loved playing cards and was involved in several bridge groups through the years. Recently, she always made time to be with her friend's for their Wednesday bridge group.

Caroline cherished time with her family and loved them unconditionally. Many memories were made with them at their cabin at the Lake of the Ozarks. She enjoyed wintering with her husband in Destin, Florida and Palm Springs, California during their retirement. One of their favorite activities was visiting the nearby casinos playing slot machines. She also liked hunting for antiques and to refinish old wood pieces of furniture. She had a special place in her heart for animals; especially dogs that her and Pete would adopt from the animal shelter.

She will be remembered for her great sense of humor, fun personality and her love and devotion to her family and friends. Family gatherings for holidays and celebrations were always very important to Caroline. She cherished the time spent with her family and was proud of all of them.

Survivors include: her loving husband of 68 years, Pete Jones of Jefferson City, Mo.; four children, Jerry Jones (Carla) of Osage Beach, Mo., Casey Jones (Janice) of Jefferson City, Mo., Arthur "Pete" Jones, Jr. of Palm Springs, Ca. and Paula Oxman (Kent) of O'Fallon, Mo.; one sister, Bettie Losee of Redlands, Ca.; eight grandchildren, Melissa Clark (Donaven), Wade "Tate" Jones (Tara Tillman), Kelsey Luebbert (Ryan), Brice Jones (Jenni Morris), Taylor Jones (Jamie Barlett), Kim Jones, Elizabeth Jones and Dustin Jones; 12 great-grandchildren and another one expected in the coming months.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Eleanor "Noie" Sullivan and her husband Jim; one brother-in-law, Ed Losee; and her beloved dogs.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 24, 2022

Freeman Chapel

Jefferson City, Missouri

Chaplin Russ Pflasterer

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Song..... "Amazing Grace"

Welcome

Reading of Obituary

Song..... "On Eagle's Wing's"

Scripture..... Psalm 23

Remembrances ..... Kelsey Luebbert

Homily

Reading of Poem ..... "The Dash"

Song..... "Song of Farewell"

## GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Riverview Cemetery

Jefferson City, Missouri

## PALLBEARERS

Melissa Clark, Wade "Tate" Jones, Kelsey Luebbert,  
Brice Jones, Taylor Jones, Kim Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Dustin Jones

## IN APPRECIATION

All of Caroline's family wants to express their sincere appreciation for the many comforting thoughts and prayers, floral tributes, food and acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.