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.

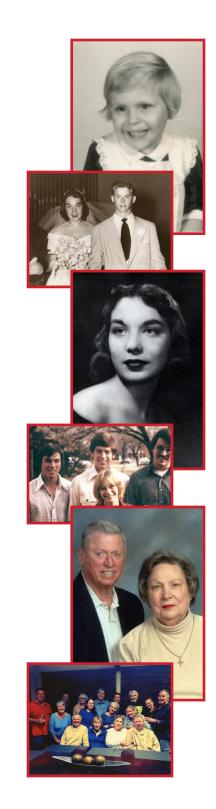
If we could just slow down enough To consider what's true and real And always try to understand The way other people feel.

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 Tones

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	
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.