



Marion Jean Jones

May 5, 1942 - June 14, 2025

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your generosity and glorify your Father in heaven.”

- Matthew 5:14-16

Marion was born on May 5, 1942, to Louis and Georgina Schwehofer in St. Clair, MI. Marion last shined in this world on June 14, 2025. This farm girl from a big family, married her high school sweetheart, Walt Jones, on June 20, 1964. They moved across the state and ended up in Holland where they raised their four children.

Marion and Walt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last summer on June 20. This summer, these two soulmates were able to celebrate together... a week early.

Marion lived out this Scripture from Matthew so beautifully. She shined so bright! She gave radiant light to everyone in her home.

Marion and Walt's strong Catholic faith informed how they led their lives and how they shaped the values of their four children while growing up. As their family expanded with marriages, grandchildren, and one great granddaughter – Marion's lavish light and love grew too. Family was everything to Marion Jones.

Family

Always

Means

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Love

You

Marion didn't stop with her own family. Her gifts shined into the lives and hearts of everyone she encountered. Marion was a grade school teacher, a volunteer at St. Francis de Sales School, a member of the Junior Welfare League, and an active member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

All who knew her will remember her most for her extraordinary love, warmth, generosity,

pure joy, deep care, compassion, and her servant heart. The expression of her love usually involved flowers.

Hospitality and holidays were Marion's specialties. If the doorbell rang with surprise guests, a full smorgasbord of food would be on the island before they even reached the kitchen. If a boat ride was mentioned, big bags of beach towels and snacks and coolers of drinks would be ready to go within minutes. Holidays took this gift of hospitality to untold heights with abundant food, themed decorations for every holiday, and of course the usual fresh flowers in the bedrooms.

Mom's hospitality even made headlines. The newspaper did a feature story on mom's famous tailgaters at the University of Notre Dame. Not only because they were enormous and featured her celebrated Special K Bars and taco dip, but also because the menu had deep nostalgic roots back to Walt's parents and their fried chicken tailgaters.

Marion is survived by her husband of nearly sixty-one years, Walt Jones, daughters Karen (Ken) Richelsen, Susan Conley and sons David (Ann) Jones and Kevin (Sari) Jones. Twelve grandchildren Eric (Caroline), Ryan (Shannon), Matthew (Ashley), Mark, Sean (Riley), Lauren, Nicholas, Katherine, Maria, Genevieve, Charlotte, Vivienne and great granddaughter, Holley. Siblings Ann Lindsay, Jerry (Linda) Schwehofer, sister-in-law Elaine Schwehofer and nieces and nephews.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Jim and Jack (Rose) Schwehofer and Louise (Jim) Courville.

We grieve with assured hope...

Standing near our lighthouse Big Red, on the pier at Lake Michigan, we see Marion as a ship disappearing into the horizon and we grieve and say, "There she goes." But Jesus assured us that... at that very moment, when we can no longer see her here, He will be on a far distant shore rejoicing and announcing to all of Heaven, "Here she comes!"

- Adaptation of essay by Bishop Charles Henry Brent

Monday, July 7, 2025

11:00am Funeral Mass

Food will be provided after the mass

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

480 152nd Avenue, Holland MI 49424

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to:

Our Lady of the Lake Church: 480 152nd Avenue, Holland, MI 49424

Saint Cecilia's Church: 5632 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
480 152nd Ave.
Holland, MI 49424

Lunch following Mass

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ Was very sad when I saw our beautiful Marion was called to heaven I loved that lady she was a Turley awesome woman my condolences to her husband and family very beautiful family she's going to be missed may the angles meet her and take her to paradise with the Lord AMEN love you Marion RIP !

Manuela Cavazos - July 03, 2025 at 08:46 PM

MC

“ Manuela Cavazos lit a candle in memory of Marion Jean Jones



Manuela Cavazos - July 03, 2025 at 08:40 PM

PF

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Walt and his entire loving family! Marion has an aura of love, happiness and sincerity! Rest in peace and Go 🍀 Irish

Respectfully~
The Fabiano Family
Holland Peanut Store
Downtown Holland, Michigan

Paula Fabiano - July 02, 2025 at 06:24 PM

LB

“ Beautiful Marion inside and out led a life of love and giving. Ours hearts go out to Walt and the whole family for their loss. I will always remember here as having peanut M&M's in her purse and in bowls around the house. She will be truly missed but her many memories will last forever. Love, Linda and Rick

Linda and Coach Baughman - June 20, 2025 at 11:10 AM

DL

It was a pleasure to spend a short time with Marion and Walt in Holland with Susan. I remember feeling the strong love of the family for one another. Marion will be missed but she leaves a strong, loving family to carry forward her legacy. ❤️❤️ Sending healing love and prayers, Diane London

Diane London - June 20, 2025 at 09:20 PM

KT

“ *What a heartfelt and beautiful story of Marion’s life in this obituary! My heart breaks for you Walt and all your children and family and friends. We will all miss her but her life and memories will live on in the many people whose lives she touched.*



Kathy and Mike Torrey - June 20, 2025 at 09:39 AM

JR

Marion as Easter Bunny at Halloween Parties! Yes, Marion dressed up with an elaborate costume as an Easter Bunny!!! It was a fitting costume to make the joy she brought to people around her!

Marion had the kind and compassionate voice that was positive. The quote in the obituary from Matthew ch. 5 says it all.

“Light of the world built on a hill!” Marion let her light shine before others with the generosity of a Saint!

We still have a beautiful Angel sculpture that glorifies our Sunroom given by Marion and Walt many years ago. Marion’s memories will live on thru her beautiful family as they imitate Marion! Love Patti and Jim

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Jim and Patti Redell - June 20, 2025 at 02:20 PM

JH

Precious Marion.....may she rest in peace. No doubt that the Lord has a special place in heaven for her.

A kind and loving person, always smiling and being a positive force in all situations. Walter’s cherished partner for 60+ years. She received loving care and support from Walt and her great family.

She will be missed dearly and always remembered as a wonderful, Christian neighbor to her Harbor Club Condo neighbors.

Our sympathy to Walt, their kids, and grandkids.

Jerry and Mary Hunsburger

Jerry Hunsburger - June 21, 2025 at 10:35 PM