



Linda Jones

July 26, 1947 - January 19, 2020

Linda Eve Jones, passed peacefully into the arms of her heavenly Father on January 19, 2020, after a brief illness.

Linda's life was a life of service - to God and to others. Linda was born in Wyandotte, Michigan, on July 26, 1947, to Donald and Elaine (MacDonald) Critchfield. She graduated from Allen Park High School and then worked as a mail carrier before meeting her future husband, Tom Jones. They were married in Dearborn, Michigan, on September 16, 1967, while Tom was on leave after Navy basic training.

During Tom's service in the U.S. Navy, Linda followed his assignments from San Diego to Bremerton, WA, to Newport, RI. Their first son, Jason, was born in Newport. After Tom's Naval service, Linda gave birth to daughter Amy and son Bryn, while Tom was training for the ministry and working as a painting contractor.

In the 1980's Linda and Tom served as missionaries in Italy with their children. Together they worked in church planting in Foligno and Terni.

In the 1990's Linda assisted Tom in his pastoral ministry in a Russian-Ukrainian Baptist church in Dearborn, Michigan, and an Italian outreach in Windsor, Ontario. Linda also achieved a long-time dream of becoming a

dental hygienist. She graduated with honors from Wayne County Community College and the The University of Detroit-Mercy, and worked as a dental hygienist for Dr. Craig Birch in Trenton, Michigan.

When Tom became chaplain of the Hiawatha Correctional Facility in Kinross, Michigan, Linda began a ladies Bible study in their Pickford home and volunteered with Child Evangelism Fellowship's Release Time program in Pickford, teaching the missionary stories. She also dedicated considerable time to visiting and helping elderly residents of the Eastern U. P.

Linda is survived by her husband, Tom; three children, Jason, Amy, and Bryn, and their spouses; ten grandchildren; and brother Lee Critchfield and (Phyllis).

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at Calvary Baptist Church, 2301 Young St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Friends may gather at the church starting at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Child Evangelism Fellowship of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ Linda has prayed for me for many years. Just got a fb comment 2 mos ago when my husband died. We used to serve at Evangel Baptist together. We wrote often when she was in Italy. Loved to receive her letters. She has even cleaned my teeth. Loved every moment I spent with her. Praying for her family.

Evelyn Schouster - January 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ I knew Linda less than a year before she passed from this world, We talked often before Sunday School class, and I looked forward to seeing her every Sunday morning. Her presence there was dearly missed during her illness, and now with her passing also. Prayers for Tom and the family for comfort during the days and years ahead.



Kathleen Joutsie - January 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Very sorry for your loss Tom. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts

Bill and Kim Lawton - January 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ To my fellow letter carrier from your cousin who at onetime delivered your mail. May you Rest In Peace and be remembered for all your good deeds



Eric Wokas - January 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ We have to go to Colorado and will not be able to be there with your family. Know we are praying for each of you. Linda is dearly loved and so are each of you

Rick and Cindy Ojala - January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM