



Mary Elizabeth Jones

October 15, 1925 - December 22, 2022

Mary Elizabeth (Pipinich) Jones, 97 of Glendive, formerly of Lewistown, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022 at Glendive Medical Center Extended Care.

Mary was born Oct. 15, 1925 in Great Falls to Nicolas and Mary (Tuss) Pipinich. She was the oldest of six children.

Mary spent most of her childhood on the family farm north of Winifred. She graduated from Winifred High School in 1943.

She then moved to Lewistown to begin work with Montana Power Company.

There she met Gordon Jones, to whom she was married on Dec. 28, 1946.

Early in their marriage, Gordon's work kept them moving around Montana.

They soon welcomed son Robert in 1948 and added son James in 1950.

Seeking a more stable living situation, Gordon left Montana Power and joined Mountain Bell, part of the AT&T Bell System. This led the family to Poplar, where their daughter Kathy joined the family in 1957.

Tragically, Mary was widowed at the age of 45 when Gordon succumbed to lung cancer. She continued to raise her family and went back to work in banking.

She moved back to Lewistown to be nearer family, and made her home there for 40 years.

Mary's retirement was spent focused on her family. She cared for her mother until her passing in 2007 at the age of 99. Mary enjoyed visiting members of her extended family and traveled with her sisters Virginia and Sharon, whose

company she cherished. Digital technology kept her in touch with brother Albert.

Mary was a devout member of St. Leo's Parish in Lewistown where she attended Mass regularly and volunteered into her 90s. She had a kind and gentle spirit – until she got into a competitive game of cards, bingo, dominoes or Scrabble.

Her grandchildren kept her well stocked with jigsaw puzzles and Sudoku books and she eagerly accepted the challenge of each.

Having lived independently for so many years, Mary finally decided to move to Glendive to be close to her son Bob and his family in 2018. There she quickly established new friendships, found card partners and friendly faces at church. Although it was a big change in her life, Mary had nothing but good things to say about Grandview and her neighbors. Until the last three months of her life, she was largely independent and comfortable with her life there.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother Tom Pipinich and sister Virginia (Frank) Spika.

She is survived by her son Bob (Danise) Jones of Glendive; son Jim Jones of Plentywood; daughter Kathy (Bob) Holum of Gillette, Wyo.; sister Peggy (Al) Ployhar of Spokane; sister Sharon (Jim) O'Reilly of Missoula; brother Albert Pipinich of Mesa, Ariz.; eight grandchildren and (five great-grandchildren): Chad Knudson, Ashley Knudson (Finley & Garrett), Evan Jones, Trent (Brandy) Jones (Oakley & Aurora), Trevor Jones, Devan Jones, Kristi Holum, Lindsay (Ryan) Smith (Roan); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Service and burial will be held in the spring of 2023 in Poplar. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with arrangements. Memorials are suggested to St. Leo's Parish in Lewistown or Grandview Retirement Home in Glendive.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Jim Donna Stanfill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jones*



Jim & Donna Stanfill - January 04, 2023 at 07:27 PM

LD

“ *Linda Deines lit a candle in memory of Mary Jones*



Linda Deines - December 27, 2022 at 01:14 PM

NM

“ *Nancy Mischel-Keller lit a candle in memory of Mary Jones*



Nancy Mischel-Keller - December 27, 2022 at 11:45 AM

DB

“ *Mary's family, sorry for your loss. Mary was a dear kind loving woman. I so enjoyed getting to know her while she lived at Grandview Independent living. Mary always had a smile and kind word to share. I will miss her ❤️*
Donna Buxbaum

Donna Buxbaum - December 25, 2022 at 01:59 AM

SL

“ *Susan Roberts Lawrence*



Susan Roberts Lawrence - December 24, 2022 at 09:48 PM

AB

We have such happy memories of your mom and dad playing cards, family get together and the road trip to Las Vegas. Heaven will be filled with the joy of their reunion. May your memories bring you peace. Thinking of you, Ann Frerich Berg

ann Berg - January 14, 2023 at 11:43 AM