



## Hilda Mae Jones

January 31, 1942 - May 26, 2026

Hilda Mae (Poston) Jones arrived safely in Jesus's arms on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Hilda was born on January 31, 1942, in Des Arc, Missouri, to William and Goldie (Dillingham) Poston. Before middle school, she moved with her family to Hammond, Indiana, where she remained through her high school graduation.

While working at a drive-in restaurant, she met the love of her life, Claude "Dusty" Jones, who had just returned home from Navy basic training. Soon after, they were married. Following Claude's discharge from the service, they settled in Dyer, Indiana, where together they raised five daughters.

In the early years of their marriage, Hilda worked as a nurse's aide at Dyer Hospital before accepting a position at Community Hospital when it opened in 1973. She faithfully served there for the next 25 years until her retirement. In 1979, Hilda and Claude built the family home where they remained for the rest of their lives in DeMotte, Indiana.

Hilda was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Claude "Dusty" Jones; her parents, William and Goldie Poston; her daughter, Patricia Ruth; sons-in-law Bartholomew Nwachukwu and Terrance Kaluf; five brothers, Melvin, Alvin,

Tony, Eugene, and William Poston; and six sisters, Louise, Mary Jane, Rosie Bell, Neva, Eva Lou, and Joyce.

She is survived by her four daughters: Connie Jones, Kimberly Valandingham (Daniel), Tonya Nwachukwu, and Pamela Miller; son-in-law Robert Ruth; 11 grandchildren: John Yaney, Rob Ruth, Rachel Ruth, Andrew Kaluf, Lindsay Ryno, Miranda Kelly, Jordan Valandingham, Ryan Ruth, Hannah Priest, Rebecca Laughlin, and Dillon Miller; as well as 20 great-grandchildren.

Family & friends may visit at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 10:00 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM with Pastor Joseph Kenning officiating. Burial will follow at the DeMotte Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Jodie Bennett of Safe Guard Joy Home Care, who faithfully cared for Hilda and Claude over the past two years. Jodie, we could not have done it without you. We also wish to thank the nurses and aides from St. Franciscan Hospice for the comfort and compassion they provided to our sweet mother and our family.

# Cemetery Details

## DeMotte Cemetery

790 8th Street, SE  
DeMotte, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Hilda Mae Jones*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - June 02 at 10:28 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Hilda Mae Jones.*



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June 04 at 02:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Hilda Mae Jones.*



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June 03 at 05:07 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hilda Mae Jones.*

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June 03 at 05:07 PM

KV

“ I am one of five daughters, and growing up in a small home with five girls came with its share of challenges. But it also gave us memories that I will cherish forever.

*Both of our parents were incredibly hardworking and instilled in us a strong work ethic that remains with us today. Mom worked full-time and still somehow found a way to make each of us feel valued, loved, and important. She made countless sacrifices to ensure we had everything we needed. I often wondered how she managed it all. She worked a full-time job, kept an immaculate home, and still stayed up late into the night sewing many of our clothes. She never shied away from hard work or difficult tasks.*

*I have so many treasured memories from my childhood. Every summer, we would drive to Missouri to visit our grandmother. We also took unforgettable trips out west, visiting Wyoming, the Grand Tetons, and Yellowstone National Park. Those adventures gave us memories that will last a lifetime.*

*Mom loved to bake. Long before Christmas arrived, she would begin gathering ingredients to make a variety of cookies, cakes, and pastries. As we got older, she welcomed us into the kitchen to help. Kolache cookies were her specialty. She was a perfectionist, carefully rolling the dough to just the right thickness and spreading the perfect amount of filling before rolling each one into a neat, beautiful pastry. No matter how hard I tried, I could never roll them as thinly or as tightly as she could. Yet she always appreciated my willingness to help and made me feel like I was contributing.*

*The time we spent baking together is among my most cherished memories, and it is something I will miss forever. I love you mom,  
Kim*

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kimberly Valandingham - June 03 at 11:37 AM

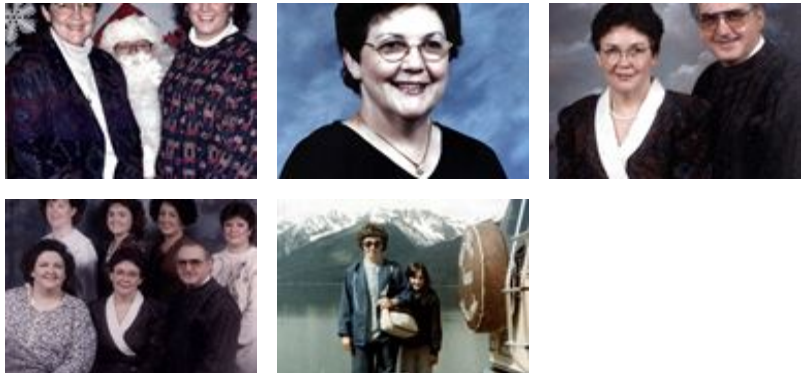
PM

“ We had the best childhood growing up. From our road trips to visit our Poston family in our green station wagon with the brown paneled sides with me and Tonya riding backwards in the rear seat! Or the time we took our van and drove out to Wyoming to visit the Jones family. There was never a dull moment growing up with a household of 5 girls. Our Christmas tree was full every year with new bikes, dolls and strollers. Our parents never let us go without with mom making a lot of our clothes when we were little and always making sure we had home cooked meals. Mom was a very hard worker caring for all her patients at Munster Community hospital before she got her first round of cancer. She was the best role model I could of ever had. Instilling hard work values but also taking us to church and telling us all about her savior Jesus. She loved the Lord with all her heart and her family. We love you mom and will hold you in our hearts forever.

Pam Miller - June 03 at 10:44 AM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 02 at 10:25 AM

LH

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family.  
You've all suffered too much loss & my heart  
goes out to you all*  
*Lori (DeArmond)Hood*



Lori DeArmond Hood - May 31 at 11:06 AM

JY

“ *John Yaney purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Hilda Mae Jones.*



John Yaney - May 30 at 10:13 AM

JM

“ *Jeffrey Miller lit a candle in memory of Hilda Mae Jones*



Jeffrey Miller - May 27 at 09:50 PM



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May 27 at 04:19 PM



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