



## Irene Mall Jones

November 2, 1920 - May 23, 2016

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Grandchildren and spouses : Tricia and Phillip Latham, Tommy Jones and Brian Dinkins, Priscilla Jones, Jeffery Jones, Jamie and Brian Maloy, Ryan Jones, Charlotte and Steve Nelson, Conrad Nelson, Scott and Shannon Goode, Tamara and Matt Stevens, Brian and Stephanie Ware, Slade Holladay, Kelly and Tommy Popee, Krista Davidson, Clint and Katie Phillips, Andrea and Jason Wilbanks, Patrick and Casey Jo Jones, Brett and Haley Jones, Casey Jones and Andy Jones II. Unless there has been a recent unannounced new-born, there is currently a total of 74 children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and spouses in her family and countless other cousins, nieces and nephews. Now if you have read this obit thus far, what follows is some of the best stuff.

Momma attended Louisiana Tech, in Ruston before meeting Andy, who played baseball for Tech. They married and moved to Bessemer, Daddy's hometown, and watched their family grow from their really great looking first-born, to his 8 less-so-fortunate siblings. Momma always loved babies - even after she was 95 years old! She has, to my knowledge, never discriminated – with newborns, middle sized or even fully grown babies. In essence, she has always loved people, and loved being around them. She sang Alto in the church choir for many years. When things are quiet, I'm sure we can hear Momma and Daddy harmonizing in heaven. She was a really great cook as is evidenced by the size of several of us. She made the BEST turkey and dressing anywhere and delivered countless hundreds of those birds and fixin's to numerous funerals, weddings or other such sad occasions. When we were growing up, Momma made use of her seamstress skills by making our shirts and dresses from the prettiest flour sacks she could find. She could make a shirt before you could bat your eye. We were such a pretty lot, all matching, boys and girls. Somehow we figured out which one of us got the shirts and which ones got the dresses. Momma must have been pretty good at her craft since she also made a few wedding dresses in her time. She led us all along the straight and narrow even after Daddy died. She abolished the 2nd Amendment around her house and gave away all of Daddy's guns. Perhaps that's the reason all the rest of us are still alive, even though some of us barely speak to each other. Thankfully we truthfully are still a loving and caring family (until the Will is read and they all finally find out that I am really the FAVORITE.) This was obviously written by her most-loving, and best looking child who has always enjoyed reading interesting obituaries.

Services will be held at St. Aloysius Church in Bessemer with Visitation at 10:00 a.m. with Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, officiated by Fr. John McDonald, Deacon Robert Holladay and Rev. Steve Johnson. Family and friends are invited to celebrate her life at the Bessemer Civic Center after the services. If desired, in lieu of flowers, please make donations

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# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Avenue North  
Bessemer, AL 35020

# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ She will be so missed. Irene was like a second Mom to us Allison girls when we moved to Alabama in our teens. There was Judy & Sandy for Jeannie, Terry for Aggie, and Anita for Cindy. We spent many great times at the Jones residence. Irene and Andy were special friends of our parents, ED & Kittie. So sorry we were unable to make the funeral. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love to all.

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**Aggie Johnson** - May 25, 2016 at 04:49 PM

MA

“ We lived 2 blocks from Irene and Andy and their daughter Sandy was one of my very good friends. I spent many, many great hours there with the Jones family and they always treated me as family, and loved being there....will miss you Mawmaw...love you!!

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**Mary Adams** - May 25, 2016 at 10:31 AM

SC

“ TRICIA,I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THIS.I KNOW NOW WHERE YOU GET YOUR PERSONALITY. LOVE YOU

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**Sue Calvert** - May 25, 2016 at 10:10 AM

VP

“ I'm very sorry to hear about Mrs Jones passing. I always enjoyed going to visit Nina and Don and going to Mrs Jones for her turkey and dressing and being with all her family. I know she will be missed.

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**Vickie Bell Padgett** - May 25, 2016 at 07:46 AM

CQ

“ *Rest In Peace Dear Lady,*



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**christine I quinn** - May 25, 2016 at 07:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene Mall Jones.*



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May 24, 2016 at 11:39 PM



“ *God Bless the Jones Family, Mike Cain Family*



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**Mike Weeks** - May 24, 2016 at 11:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irene Mall Jones.*



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May 24, 2016 at 11:16 PM

PA

“ I remember what a great friend she was to my Mother in law. Mom was a bit younger than Irene. But they were the best of friends. She will always have a place in our heart for being so good to Mom (Kittie Allison).

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**Pennty & Eddie Allison** - May 24, 2016 at 09:48 PM

JJ

“ YOUR MOTHER HAD THE HAPPIEST LAUGH.....and THE BEST COOK...MY DADDY LOVED TO EAT. SUPPER WITH HER.....GOD'S PEACE AND LOVE.  
JERRY and EUGENE

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**jerry justice** - May 24, 2016 at 08:25 PM