



Peggy Ann Jones

February 5, 1950 - August 22, 2015

Peggy Ann Jones, 65, passed away at her home in Sanger on August 22, 2015. A memorial celebration of life will be held at a later date. Peggy was born February 5, 1950, in Maryland to Stanley and Lesta Szczepanik. After her divorce, she worked very hard to become a teacher. She proudly received her Bachelor's degree in English from Angelo State University and began her teaching career in Pecos, Texas, in 1996. From 2000 to 2013, Ms. Jones taught Freshman English at Krum High School. After her retirement she continued to work as a substitute teacher for Krum High School and Krum Middle School. She lived with chronic pain for much of her life, but the kids she taught through the years kept her going. She was a strong yet fragile person who had a special way of connecting to kids in need. This was her special gift, and she used it to make a difference in so many lives. She will be deeply missed by her many friends, her family, and all who knew her. Peggy leaves behind her daughters, Kristi Bell and Teena Higgins; sons-in-law, Brad Bell and Bob Higgins; and grandchildren, Seth Bell and partner Chris Green, Garrett Shovan, Nick Shovan and Madi Shovan. She was preceded in death by her beloved dog, Belle. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in her name to National Public Radio at <http://www.kera.org/donate/>

Arrangements are under the direction of Denton Funeral Home.

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Kristi Bell - August 31, 2015 at 01:03 PM



“ I think i knew your mom very well if this is the right person. Was she raised in San Angelo and had older brother name of STANLEY. IF this is PEGGY SZCEPANIK spelling may not be correct. I was friends wiht her 7th8th 9th 10th 11th grade. MAY YOUR MOM BE SO BLESSED.. BOB STUBBLEFIELD 713-320-5531 bsx7719@gmail.com

BOB STUBBLEFIELD - December 12, 2015 at 02:30 PM



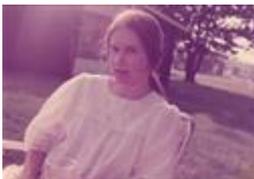
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Kristi Bell - August 31, 2015 at 12:59 PM



“ To all of the family, close friends, fellow teachers and students of Mrs. Jones...I am so sorry that she is gone. What a difference maker she was in the lives of all of us at Krum High School. Although she was not what I would consider a conventional teacher, she knew her stuff and she knew how to teach kids...all kids. Her attitude was, "Give me hardest ones you got...I can handle them." She did. Many former students dropped by KHS over the years to visit Mrs. Jones...to express real gratitude and appreciation to her for inspiring them in some special way. Thank you Mrs. Jones for all those years teaching English and children and the rest of us who crossed your way at Krum High School...and also for the morning coffee!

Mike Pierson

Mike Pierson - August 29, 2015 at 08:15 AM



“ I first met Peggy when I started dating her daughter Teena. We hit it off right from the start. Highly intelligent and full of music knowledge. Very impressionable for a very niehev 15 yr old. She was very loving and treated me as one of her own. My heart heavy for the loss this world experienced. Without doubt.... I know Peggy is now among the greats picking one another's knowledge apart and letting the pieces fall away like bread crumbs...for us children to find...place back together...and play. Thank you for blessing me with your presence Mrs. Jones.

Ty Bass - August 27, 2015 at 06:35 PM



“ Miss Jones was by far one of my favorite teachers, she was always so funny and sometimes pretty sassy. She made me fall in love with Shakespeare and sparked my interest for all things literature. Thank you for always putting a smile on my face, you won't be forgotten.



Emily Short - August 27, 2015 at 02:39 PM



“ Ms. Peggy Jones was an amazing woman and friend. She was an inspiration to many. She could always make you laugh with her witty humor. I had her for an English teacher 16yrs ago and she was by far my favorite teacher. She loved teaching and her students. We became good friends. She was great at listening and giving advice. I have so many wonderful memories of her. She could always cheer me up and make me feel special. She was full of encouragement and wisdom. She enjoyed helping people and lifting them up. She was a beautiful soul and had a huge heart. I loved her dearly. I always felt better after being around her or talking with her. She would always end our conversations with "I love you". She touched so many people. I learned so much from her in life as well as in English class. She will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Until we meet again Ms. Peggy. May you rest in peace. Love you always.

Krystal Knight - August 27, 2015 at 02:04 PM



“ I remember that Peggy, or PJ, as she would call herself, was always so upbeat. Her clothes, especially her crazy socks, brought out smiles from everyone who met her throughout the day. I always left with a smile and a hug after visiting with her. She was available, and dependable; if she committed to do something, she did it with all that she had. There are so many memories that will "pop" through this year, I'm sure, as the new school year begins...Peggy will be missed by so many. I will miss her.

Lynn Hilliard - August 27, 2015 at 11:53 AM



“ Peggy was my favorite teacher ever. She was the most kind hearted and quirky person to exist. Even after I left her class, and after I left Krum, we still kept in contact. My heart physically hurts at the loss of such an amazing woman. I'm just so grateful that I had the opportunity to learn from her and get to know her. I hope heaven has clean whiteboards and reasonably quiet classrooms.

ceejay douglas - August 27, 2015 at 10:28 AM



“ Peggy Jones loved Bob Dylan, Bob Seger, and The Rolling Stones. She loved NPR. She loved good books, To Kill A Mockingbird, East of Eden, and A Fine Balance. She loved the Columbo TV series, and Munk. She loved playing POGO. She loved her fur babies, Lilly, Cookie, and Belle. She was as reliable as the air we breath. She rarely missed a day at school despite the fact that she was in pain. She loved teaching, and taught freshman level English for many years, but she really just taught people. She taught people to be fair, to share, to use manners, to wait your turn, and not to bully the underdog. She taught many teachers that no matter how crappy you feel, you get up and show up because there are others depending on you, and education is important.

She loved a good cold Natural Lite on my back porch with a dog or two in her lap while we philosophized about literature, art, music. We stayed away from politics; we both hated that topic. We called each other "Frister" because we weren't just friends, and we weren't sisters. I'm sitting here this morning on my back porch. I refuse to empty her ash tray (That used to piss me off, by the way). Goodbye, Frister. I will miss you greatly. You taught me to be more of a realist. I taught you how to trust a bit more.

Pennye Segars - August 27, 2015 at 07:08 AM



“ My heart goes out to the family of Ms. Jones, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I loved Ms. Jones, she was a very kind, sweet lady and she felt more like my friend than just a teacher. I have missed her since I left Krum and she will continue to be missed by all.

Lauren Kimbrough - August 27, 2015 at 07:05 AM



“ Mrs Jones was an amazing teacher and will forever be my favorite teacher. She was always funny and I learned a lot from her. I really did love her. I am so sorry for the family's loss. I know how much it hurts, but I pray you find peace and know where ever she is she loves you all very much!



Larissa Royster - August 26, 2015 at 10:57 PM



“ I wish I had gotten to know Mrs. Jones better--she was one of kind. Well loved by students, co-workers, family and according to Mrs. Penny Segars, her fur babies :) and so many others. She had such a way of making you feel special without trying to. That, I think, may have been one of her greatest attributes. I know she did this with my own kids, and with so many other students' lives that passed through her classroom, making them feel special and confident in themselves. Should have told her more often how much I appreciated her and all she did for me, my kids, my students when she subbed, and for touching my life as she did. You will be greatly missed and fondly remembered Mrs. Jones.

Page Wojciak - August 26, 2015 at 09:59 PM



“ Peggy was an amazing person and a wonderful friend. Her wit and charm made so many of my days all the better. I will miss her greatly and I am so sorry for your family's loss. May she rest in peace and know she was loved by so many.



Molly Deussen - August 26, 2015 at 09:48 PM



“ We are not having a celebration of life on Friday August 28th from 5-7. We will notify any gatherings through Peggy Jones' Facebook and other correspondence.

Teena Higgins - August 26, 2015 at 01:53 PM