



## Joan Woolard Jones

May 16, 1956 - April 12, 2020

Joan Woolard Jones of Providence Forge passed away on April 12th, 2020 after a long and heroic battle with cancer.

She was born in 1956, graduated from Bethel High School in Hampton, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in music from East Carolina University in 1978, and then received her Masters of Science in Educational Counseling from Old Dominion University in 1985.

Joan was a longtime band director in the Portsmouth, Currituck and Chesapeake Public Schools, ending her career at Oscar Smith Middle School. She was also a veteran flight instructor with nearly 12,000 hours of flight logged, and especially enjoyed teaching pilots how to fly sea planes. Joan also enjoyed exploring Alaska, having restored her Uncle Tim Woolard's cabin in Manley Hot Springs. She spent memorable times there visiting friends and wolfing down fresh King Salmon. Joan was a longtime member of St. Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg. She was on the board of the Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Lula Boyd Woolard of Hampton. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Raymond Jones, and their children Timothy Jones of Herndon, Va. and Aubreigh Jones of Harrellsville, North Carolina; a brother, Joseph Woolard (Deonna); a sister, Elaine Ramsey (Barry); sister-in-law, Debra Jones Voso (Guy); and nephews Kevin Woolard, Ryan Ramsey, and Bobbie Voso. Also mourning her loss are dear friends L.T. Holloman, Ray and Suzanne Dezern, and John, Ila Ann and Little John

Cannon. Little John always lit candles for Joan. Other close friends who mourn her passing include Billy and Carolyn Gillam, Claudette Odom and her many friends at St. Bede's. The family would like to thank her physician, Dr. Charles Lisner; her nephrologist, Dr. Thomas Whelan; and her oncologist, Dr. Michael McCollum, for her long-term medical care.

A memorial mass will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations can be made to the Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble: P.O. Box 6633, Yorktown, Va. 23690, or to WHRO, 1408 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185.

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ My son; one of Joan's former students ask me to look her up! He has such fond memories as Joan was his band teacher in Currituck County! She truly put time in teaching him the sax. How sad we were in finding out that she had passed away! We are so sorry for your loss! She truly was a great teacher!

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**Lynn Kotzian** - August 18, 2023 at 02:00 PM

CZ

“ Raymond,

*I followed Joan as the Band Director at Churchland Jr. High in 1985. I was a first year teacher, doing everything wrong and was overwhelmed trying to establish a routine.*

*Jr. High school students are interesting people as I am sure Joan shared many classroom stories with you. Each day a student would remind me that "Ms. Jones said this....Ms. Jones said that...Ms. Jones didn't do it that way..." Boy did those students love Ms. Jones! Even though our paths did not cross very often, the band director world is very connected and I would often hear wonderful things about Joan. I am so sorry to hear of Joan's passing and her long battle with cancer. My condolences go to your entire family and to our music community for the loss of a wonderful teacher.*

*Carol Corcoran Zeisler*

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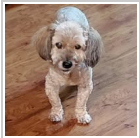
**Carol Corcoran Zeisler** - April 20, 2020 at 11:15 AM

MM

“ Dear Rsymond, I can't tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I knew Joan from St. Bede, and was always so impressed by her sincerity and caring attitude. She was so self-effacing, and determined and brave in fighting her illness.. We have all experienced a tremendous loss, but probably have gained a saint! I offer my sincere condolences to you and your family.  
Madeline Malarkey

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**Madeline Malarkey** - April 19, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Raymond,  
Words cannot express my sorrow over Joan's passing. I never knew she was ill. She had such a sweet disposition and she love for music was unquestionable. Please accept my condolences. I would love to be present at her memorial service when it is scheduled. You attended my Father's funeral for which I was grateful.  
Sincerely,  
John Corson

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**John Corson** - April 18, 2020 at 06:39 PM

LD

“ Raymond. Timothy and Aubreigh,  
I was so sorry to learn of Joan's passing. I'm holding you all in my heart. What an amazing woman and what a difference she made in the world.  
With love,  
Linda Dyer

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**Linda Dyer** - April 16, 2020 at 10:12 AM

Daniel  
Boothe

“ While not knowing me for but a few years, Joan treated me like she has known me forever. Her encouraging words, constant support and care for others was always apparent as well. She is someone I immediately came to admire and always will. Her legacy in our community as a teacher, mentor and supporter is simply immeasurable. My deepest condolences to Raymond and the whole family. She will be remembered so fondly.



Sincerely,  
Daniel W. Boothe

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Daniel Boothe - April 15, 2020 at 06:01 PM

BG

“ Dear Raymond,  
My heart is deeply saddened for you and the family. A beautiful and joyous light has left all of us. The generosity of both of you towards everything you took on will be forever remembered. She touch so many lives and I feel honored to have known her albeit for a short time. May she rest comfortably in the Hands of our Lord.



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Bill Garlette - April 15, 2020 at 05:35 PM

KR

Raymond,  
I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved wife. I never had the pleasure of meeting her, but I know she must have been a terrific person because you are a terrific person. May she Rest In Peace.  
Kathy Ramey

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Kathy Ramey - April 15, 2020 at 05:54 PM

JS

“ Dear Raymond,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of working with Joan when I was the AP at Truitt Middle School many years ago. I also recall our shared love of dogs and when you both visited my home (when we all lived in Great Bridge) to see my new litter of golden retriever puppies. What a sweet and enjoyable shared moment that was! As you and your family handle the difficult days ahead, all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joanne Sawyer*

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**Joanne Sawyer** - April 15, 2020 at 05:09 PM

CR

“ *She taught me how to play the clarinet at Churchland Jr. High. Phenomenal music teacher! Rest in Heaven.*

*Christina (Davis) Robinson*

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**Christina Robinson** - April 15, 2020 at 04:58 PM

WB

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Willie Lou and Buck Bishop*

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**Willie Lou Bishop** - April 15, 2020 at 10:12 AM

MP

“ *Dear Raymond:*

*We are sending you our thoughts and we are praying for your safekeeping. May God Bless you and your family in the days ahead.*

*Most sincerely,*

*Marvin and Patricia Powers*



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**Marvin and Patricia Powers** - April 15, 2020 at 09:56 AM

KA

“ *Joan and I are cousins. We had some much fun when she visited our grandmother in Pinetown, NC during our days as kids. I admire her dedication to her family and the many things she was involved in over the years! She will be missed! Prayers for you all! Love Kathy*

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**Kathy Braddy Adams** - April 14, 2020 at 01:41 PM