



Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jones

October 19, 1926 - December 3, 2025

Mary Elizabeth “Betty” Jones (Cocker), 99, of Lenox Massachusetts, formerly of Gloversville, New York, passed away peacefully at her home on December 3, 2025, surrounded by love.

Betty was born October 19, 1926 in Framingham, Massachusetts, where she grew up and attended school. After she completed high school in 1944, she was accepted into the Massachusetts College of Art, but chose to go to nursing school instead. She attended the Newton-Wellesley School of Nursing. At the time she graduated in 1947, she was the Obstetrics Assistant Head Nurse at the Newton- Wellesley Hospital and continued in that position after graduation.

Betty met the love of her life, William “Bill” Jones on a blind date and they were married in September of 1950. They moved to Syracuse while Bill finished college and Betty worked at the Memorial Hospital in Syracuse. The couple eventually moved to the Gloversville/Johnstown area, where Betty worked at Nathan Littuaer hospital for several months before they started a family.

While raising her four children, Betty volunteered in the community, including as a Girl Scout Leader and a member of the board of the YWCA. She was able to return to artistic endeavors once her children were older. She became

a popular artist in the Gloversville area and was the lead artist at the annual Art Show more than once. She also had an art show at Kimball Farms in Lenox, Massachusetts after leaving Gloversville and showed her art in local shows around western Massachusetts. Betty and Bill were avid travelers, and while many of her paintings depicted scenes from the Gloversville area and surroundings, she also included many other places she visited in her artwork. As a lifelong learner, she formed a study club in the 1960s, took classes at Fulton-Montgomery Community College and chaired the education committee at Kimball Farms Senior Living Community in Lenox where she lived for the past 20 years.

Betty is survived by her four children, Peter Jones (Jean), Nancy Dolge (Richard), Cynthia Jones, and Susan Moses (Thomas), her sister Shirley Craighead, nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her loving husband Bill in 2023, and her brothers John Cocker and Bill Cocker.

Funeral Notice:

A memorial service for Mary will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, Inc, 877 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201 (www.hcib.org) or the Gloversville Public Library, 58 East Fulton Street, Gloversville, NY 12078 (www.gloversvillelibrary.org).

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences being sent along to Elizabeth's family and her sister Shirley from cousins Catherine and Rannie Gillis on Cape Breton Island.*

Catherine Gillis - December 26, 2025 at 10:25 AM

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Thank you for your kind thoughts. Nancy

Nancy Dolge - January 07 at 10:52 AM

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“ *Our sympathies to all Elizabeth's children and their families and to her sister Shirley Cocker. What a talented lady.
Our love and prayers from cousin Norman and wife Rosita Gillis*

Norman Gillis - December 21, 2025 at 08:50 AM

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*Hi Norman and Rosita,
Thank you for thinking of us. I remember meeting you when I visited Cape Breton years ago. Nancy*

Nancy Dolge - January 07 at 10:54 AM

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“ Dear Peter, Nancy, Cynthia and Susan,

What a wonderful woman your mother was and what a wonderful life she led, together with your dad. Years ago my late husband (Jerry Wood) and I shared a bare-boat trip to the Virgin Islands with them and the Corrells. For us it ranked as one of the best times ever!

For many years I helped with the Fulton County Art Show and had the privilege of "hanging" your mom's art as well as purchasing it. Both my children and I have several pieces and we treasure them (including one from Virgin Gorda, on that trip). I remember clearly how, on opening day of the show, attendees were checking out the church's many rooms to find the 'Betty Jones' paintings.

The picture you chose to accompany the obituary notice is perfect - and it's just the way all of us who knew her will recall her. All the memories you have of her - and of your dad - will ensure that she's always, in some very real way, with you.

Thinking of you and your families.

Fondly, Ellen Wood

Ellen Wood - December 19, 2025 at 11:55 AM

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They enjoyed that trip to the Virgin Islands and their time with you and the Corrells. Thank you for your kind thoughts. Nancy

Nancy Dolge - January 07 at 10:56 AM