



Rita Mae Olsen

January 10, 1962 - October 31, 2023

Rita Mae Olsen Jones, 61, passed away on October 31, 2023. Her final moments were spent peacefully in her home in Glenpool, Oklahoma surrounded by family. Rita was diagnosed with hepatocellular carcinoma and chose to keep this news relatively private. Despite her immense bravery and the heroic efforts of her doctors, treatment was unsuccessful. Rita will be dearly missed by all who knew her. It would be wrong to say that Rita lost her battle because she never stopped fighting. No matter how sick she was, she was always determined. When anyone else would have broken, Rita stayed strong. Through her, we know what resilience and perseverance truly look like. There was no quit in Rita. Just because she is no longer here, it doesn't mean she lost her fight.

Rita was born January 10, 1962, to Cecil and Twila Olsen in Wichita Kansas. Rita attended Campus High School and in 1980 Rita moved to Chanute with her family and in 1981 she married Pete Jones.

Rita cared deeply for her family and friends and enjoyed spending time with them, playing billiards, working puzzles, and playing many board and card games.

She is survived by her daughter, Melissa Riley and husband Mekko, her son Justin Jones, her brother Billy Olsen and wife Patty of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, her beloved Grandsons, Christopher and Kristian Riley, nephews Michael, Chris, Nathaniel, Allen and Richard Olsen and many great nieces and nephews.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, husband Pete Jones, brothers Charles, Allen, and Danny Olsen, and a nephew Danny Ray Olsen Jr. Services will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 11:00 am at Countryside Funeral Home in Chanute with burial to follow at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Tulsa Day Center at P.O. Box 1019 Tulsa, OK 74101 tulsadaycenter.com or Choice Hospice 8010 S 1015 East Ave, Ste 200 Tulsa, Ok 74133 choicehealthathome.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, Kansas 66720.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery - Chanute

926 W. 7th Street
Chanute, KS

Previous Events

Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Burial

NOV 9 (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery - Chanute
926 W. 7th Street
Chanute, KS

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I only knew of Rita through her brother Billy who is a very dear friend of mine. My prayers and sympathies to her family as I know this loss to such a terrible health condition was very hard for the family. She is now delivered from her suffering into the arms of her Savior. The good news is her family knows they will see her again in God's Kingdom. May you all feel the peace and comfort only Christ can provide and may you feel His protective arms enfolding you at this time. My heart goes out to you all. 🙏

carolyn Mulder - November 09, 2023 at 07:55 AM

KJ

“ Rita and I were best friends through out high school and beyond. Rita's besties and I were blessed to spend her last days together. Until we meet again. Like I told you my friend I found you while you were on Earth, I find you again in Heaven. Love you



Katherine Jackson/Johnson - November 02, 2023 at 12:06 PM

JJ

“ I’m so sorry for your loss of such a sweet lady I loved her and I will miss her. Rita called me a few months back and as always she was concerned about my health as I was concerned about her’s. She would always ask about my family and especially my niece Rhonda Haynes. Rita said that the two of them were much like sisters back in the day. I’m praying that God gives you faith and strength to face today and all your tomorrows knowing that she loved everyone of you because Family was always so important to her. I can only imagine how all of her loved ones in Heaven was so happy to see her when Jesus Christ opened those Gates of Heaven for her to enter. I love you all and just remember that I’m here for you anytime. Rest In Peace Rita 🙏❤️

Janice Haynes Jones - November 02, 2023 at 12:34 AM