

## "Neta" Marie Jones 1934 to 1996

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Episcopal funeral services for Berneta "Neta" Marie Jones, age 62, were held Wednesday, July 17 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Wheatland, with Rev. Maryanne Lacey officiating. Interment followed in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Neta passed away Saturday, July 13 after suffering complications from major heart surgery.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., May 13, 1934, to Robert and Merle Birdsong, Neta was raised and educated in St. Louis. In 1952, she married Dennis Stout. To this union, she conceived two daughters.

She married Frank Jones of Glendo, Wyo., July 1, 1961, in Alton, Ill. They returned to Wyoming, moving to Wheatland in 1967, where they made their home. One son was born to this union.

Neta was an exceptionally caring and loving mother. She was a person who seemed to somehow touch the hearts of everyone who came to know her.

As a mother, she was always willing to go the extra step for anything, whether it was getting the tough stains out of the laundry or giving advice on recipes. Neta "adopted" all of her children's friends as her own and was willing to share her motherly love.

Neta loved to shop and travel. Many times she began Christmas shopping in January looking for the perfect gifts for family members.

Neta was a member of the All Saints' Episcopal Church and was active in many community activities. She devoted a large amount of her free time to the Wheatland Youth Baseball Association, at one time serving as commissioner for the Girls Softball Association.

Neta is survived by her children; Cathy Weaver of Wheatland, Tammy Stout of Fort Collins, Colo., and Eric Jones of Wheatland; her husband, Frank of Wheatland; grandchildren, Amanda and Jonathon Weaver of Wheatland; one brother, Charles Birdsong of Monroe City, Mo; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Serving as pallbearers were Richard Stacy, Donald N. Sherard, Dr. Edward G. Howshar, James Dunham, Gary "Bud" Day and Robert Munger. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Virginia "Ginny" Howshar, Myron and Karma Wakkuri, Chuck and Eloise Shellhart, Joe Bowen and Joanne Potts.

A memorial in Neta's name has been established at the All Saints' Episcopal Church for the acquisition of a lasting tribute.

The family prefers donations to the memorial in lieu of flowers.