



Virginia "Jennie" Boggan

November 12, 1948 - May 6, 2017

Virginia Louise Butler Boggan, better known as Jennie, born on November 12, 1948 in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi, died following a courageous bout with cancer on May 06, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Marion and Christa Cowart Butler, maternal grandparents, Oliver James and Nora Busbee Cowart, paternal grandparents Dr. J.C., a graduate of the University of Tennessee Medical School, Memphis, at the turn of the 20th Century, and Mary Elizabeth Graves Butler and beloved uncle and aunt, Graves and Louise Henderson Butler, all of Laurel.

She attended Laurel City Schools, graduating in 1966, then enrolled in Mississippi College where she distinguished herself both as a student and campus leader. Along with three of her classmates, she was inducted into the cherished Mississippi College HALL OF FAME during her senior year. Her hall of Fame portrait in The Tribesman, the school Yearbook, was framed with the words of Kahlil Gibran "Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes, He smiles upon the earth." Furthermore, the article stated: The virtue of "giving in love and love in giving" is one which is coveted by all. Jennie Butler possesses this quality."

Upon graduation from Mississippi College, Jennie was awarded a graduate fellowship by University of Tennessee, Knoxville to pursue a Master of Arts degree in the period of Renaissance and Reformation History and studied under the late Dr. Harold Fink, noted professor in the area of The Crusades. It was during this time, between the Winter and Spring Quarter, Jennie married

Charlie W. Boggan on March 20, 1971 among the blooming azaleas and dogwoods of Laurel, Mississippi, only to return to Knoxville for the Spring Quarter, welcomed by four inches of snow.

After two years at the University, Charlie and Jennie set out for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. For the next decade, she pursued a varied career of secretary, library assistance at the Shelbyville Library, a Carnegie Library, and an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville Adult Education teaching Western Civilization to evening students; all to put her husband through Divinity School. Among these jobs, she took yet another, being the wife of a Baptist pastor, a role she splendidly filled from 1972 until her death; forty five (45) years as partner in Ministry at the Pigeon Fork Baptist (Waddy, Kentucky), First Baptist (Newport), First Baptist (Jasper, Georgia), and Southside Baptist (Newport). Equal to her love of serving Christ and His church was being mother to her favorite older son Joel and her favorite younger son Neil. Also very dear to heart was serving as a Parent Volunteer at the Newport Grammar School, a career she had to forfeit upon demand by her sons when she moved to Jasper, Georgia and her love of history which propelled her into participation in the NSDAR, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a very active member of the local William Coker Chapter of the DAR, serving as Regent for several years. She also served as a member and Chairperson of the Raymond DeArmond Student Missions Committee of Carson Newman University.

Survivors include her husband and partner in Ministry for forty-six years Charlie W. Boggan, sons Joel Curtis Boggan, M.D. (Durham, NC) and Neil Wade Boggan and his fiancé SaBrenna Reed (Memphis, TN), sister Ann Lott and spouse Charles (Hendersonville, TN), brother John Butler and spouse Grace Ann (Huntsville, AL), and sister-in-law, Martha Alice Boggan Robinson (Amory, MS). Also she is survived by three nieces, four nephews, great nieces and nephews and numerous friends and fellow believers in the churches that she served.

Memorials may be made to the churches which Jennie served, the Raymond DeArmond Mission Committee for Student Missions, Carson Newman University, the Breadbasket, a food ministry that Jennie was instrumental in starting in Newport, or the charity of church of your choice.

The family has chosen cremation. Honorary pallbearers will be the Ladies of Southside Baptist Church and the members of the local William Cocke Chapter of the DAR. A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 13 beginning with visitation at 4:00 pm followed by the memorial service at 5:00 P.M.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia "Jennie" Boggan*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Dr. Boggan, I am so very sorrow about Jennie. You and she have been a blessing to my family. My mother Ruby truly enjoyed every minute you and Jennie spent with her, as did my father Bill. Jennie was always so kind to Gracee. She will truly be missed.*

Kathy McCarter - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jennie was a sweet woman. Always willing to help and volunteer when needed. She will be missed by many. I pray for Charlie, Joel and Neil as they have lost a wife and mom. Peace to you all as Jennie is dancing with Jesus.*

Joy Swancy - May 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jennie was a special friend. I will miss her more now.*

June Ingram - May 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy Doug and Joyce Shoemaker*

Doug and Joyce Shoemaker - May 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Virginia "Jennie" Boggan*

Tiffany (Southerland) Dobbins - May 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Our prayers are with you*

Cathey & Emmie Owens - May 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *So sorry for your loss. I admired her and will miss her.*

Mae Testerman - May 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Jennie was a special woman of God, and I'm thankful she is now face to face with the One who loves her best and who died for her so that she might live forever with Him. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your family, and the church during this time o*

Susan Bell - May 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Words can't express the sadness we feel for what you all went through seeing such a sweet lady suffer. She is home now with our Heavenly Father. Praying for you all. Lots of love.*

JC and Mary Lou Jackson - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *We were so sorry to learn of Jennies passing, she will be missed by everyone who knew her. Our prayers are with your family.*

Larry,Craig,Chip & Tyler Cody - May 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dearest family; We were so sorry to hear about Jennie. Please know that each of you will remain in our prayers during this difficult time. It is always such a blessing to know that your loved one is in Heaven with her Savior. Jennie was such a special

Jerry & Angela Ramsey - May 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Virginia "Jennie" Boggan

Leonard and Mary Cook and family - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear about your wife's / Jennie's passing. As you know she was a wonderful person and we know that you and your family will miss her.

Diana Rae Steinfeld Hicks and Bill Hicks - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ So Sorry for your loss

Betty Phillips and FAMILY - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My deepest sympathies.

Stella Lunsford. DAR - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Virginia "Jennie" Boggan

Sharon Gregg - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Virginia "Jennie" Boggan

Mark Potts - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss, Gail

gail Metcalf - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ During the time of transition for Jennie, I have offered up many prayers of comfort for Jeannie and your family. Now that Jennie rest in the loving arms of our Lord, I continue to murmur prayers of comfort for Charlie and the family. May it comfort you to

Carlene Robinson - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We are sorry for your loss, but thankful she isn't suffering anymore.

Connie & Marsha Ball - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss she was a awesome lady and she will be missed prayers for the family. Cookie Ramsey

Cookie Ramsey - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I like to give my deepest sympathy to the family for your loss I am so sorry .

Danny Barnett - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VC

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Vickie (Kuykendall) Costner - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

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Colleen Styles - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Jennie, Your smile, laugh, and heart for student missions will certainly be missed. Praying for Charlie and the family during this time.

Chad Morris - May 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Virginia "Jennie" Boggan

Don and Ella Mae Large - May 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ God has called home a wonderful person much loved by the people who knew her. My love to the family.

J. L. and Pat Gardner - May 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Nenette and Clark Measels has sent this Expressions of Sympathy

Nenette and Clark Measels - May 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

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Louise and Jimmy Hux - May 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

E(

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will pray for your family and for the Southside Church members.

Emma & Shane Allen (Addison) - May 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ Virginia "Jennie" Boggan

FRED & PEGGY GILES - May 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dr. Boggan and family... your precious wife was such a blessing to myself and so many others in our community. A courageous woman of God who fought her battle until the end... I pray that God comforts your family at this time... know how much that Cheyenn

Alice Ford Miller - May 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Such a sad loss for Jennie's loved ones, and also such a void for our community. What a wonderful, beautiful life Jeannie shared. She will always be remembered. Love, thoughts and prayers to her family.

Linda & Bud Dawson - May 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Rev. Boggan and family, we are so sorry to hear about Jennie. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - May 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM