



## Mrs. Grace Jones Bishop - Rustand

March 9, 1930 - January 2, 2021

Grace Jones Bishop-Rustand, 90, of Chestertown, MD, departed this life on January 2th, 2021 having faith that she now looks upon the face of her savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the promise in 2 Corinthians 5:8.

Born March 9th, 1930 on a farm in Alamance County, NC, she was the daughter of the late J. Luther and Esther Lee Jones and one of a family of seven children. Graduating from Altamahaw-Ossipee High School in 1948, while attending, she, along with her sister Betsy and brother Leo, known as Leo and Prairie Sweethearts, sang Western, Country, and Gospel over the radio stations WBBB and WFNS out of Burlington, NC. She attended Burlington Business College, Strayer College, and the Patricia Stevens School of Modeling.

She was employed in the purchasing department of I.C. Isaacs & Company, Baltimore, MD for which she also modeled clothing. She later worked as an executive secretary in the Insurance Stock Division of Alex. Brown & Sons, Baltimore. After moving to Chestertown in 1973, she held various part-time jobs with the Chamber of Commerce, the United Fund, and H&R Block. Having an interest in theological studies, Grace established the Historic Christianity Free Lending Library from her home and hosted numerous bible studies.

In 1955, she married well known Baltimore musician, Charles Christian "Charlie" Bishop. They were married for 38 years. After his death in 1994, she married Ellis "Rusty" Rustand with whom she enjoyed 21 joyful years of marriage. Even past ninety, she was an avid reader, well-informed about current affairs, a capable internet user, and most importantly a caring and compassionate person who cared for those around her. Never lacking for warmth and joy for everyone around her, she will be missed.

She is survived by her daughter Bettina Bishop Harris; a grandson Jared Christian Harris; stepchildren Linda Dutton, Lauri Rustand, and Mark Rustand; her sister Betsy Stubblefield of Burlington, NC, and her brother Charles Jones of McLeansville, NC. She was predeceased by her sister Thelma, her brothers, Vernon Jones, Leo Jones, and her dear little brother Gary Jones, who was taken from her family too soon at four years of age and with whom Grace is happy to now finally be reunited.

She is a member of Christ Presbyterian Church, Elkton, MD. A funeral service will be live

streamed and held on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD. Interment will be in Christ I.U. Cemetery, following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to America's Food Fund at [americasfoodfund.org](http://americasfoodfund.org).

# Cemetery

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# Events

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Christ I.U. Cemetery

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Service

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Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam

130 Speer Rd, Chestertown, MD, US, 21620

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 08 at 10:02 AM



“ video not coming through!

**sherry hendrix** - January 08 at 01:08 PM



“ Thank you for broadcasting so more can attend during the pandemic.

**Lauren** - January 08 at 01:57 PM



“ Such a wonderful woman and friend gone to soon this was a amazing service and I pray for all of you may god be with all of you gonna really miss you Mrs Gracie love you Pam

**Pam Whitby** - January 08 at 02:01 PM

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 07 at 11:23 AM



“ Thank you for sharing these photos with me!

Love & Prayers,  
Shirley Beiler

**Shirley Beiler** - January 08 at 04:19 PM

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“ Aunt Grace shared many memories in all of our conversations ; She was part of our care when our mom had twins and she really needed assistance. Imagine 2 babies and no formula and no baby food. Wow. Aunt Grace loved to talk about North Carolina. There were so many things dear to her: the homeplace as it grew and developed, the farm and the farm personnel, Her singing, and her school. It was a growing up story full of imagination and conversation. As she grew older we tried to talk at least once a month and then of course we would laugh at all of those memories.

Aunt Grace, always in my heart.

Betty Ciesla

betty ciesla - January 10 at 01:16 PM

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“ I only met Grace a couple of times but what a wonderful, beautiful, and accomplished woman. She led a remarkable life and I have come to learn just how much she was loved by all who knew her. I have enjoyed hearing the stories and reading the comments here and learning more about Grace's compassion, kindness, and love for others.

I know Jared loves her immensely and she loves him with all her heart too. Jared's character is a testament to the values imparted to him by Grace. I pray that Jared and Tina will be comforted by the Holy Spirit and feel Grace's spirit as they navigate through life.

With much love,  
Mary O'Neil

Mary O'Neil - January 08 at 06:04 PM

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“ Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Grace Jones Bishop - Rustand



Frankie & Jane Dill - January 08 at 02:56 PM

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“ One spring when I was a little girl, Aunt Grace sent pretty Easter dresses for me and my sisters Sherry and Pam. They were purple with floral prints and I thought it was the fanciest dress I'd ever seen. We children didn't even know her very well since we lived in a small town in eastern NC and she lived far away in MD, but we were very impressed with her generosity. Rest in peace, Aunt Grace. You always seemed so elegant but you were so interested in our lives whenever we had a chance to talk. Jared and Tina, I pray that you will feel her spirit with you throughout your lives.

Christy Jones

Christy Jones - January 08 at 12:41 PM

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“ I'm saddened to hear of your passing. I know you loved the Lord and the Lord loved you. I will miss your morning prayer and our not so short talks. May you Rest In Peace

Regina Bailey



Regina Bailey - January 08 at 07:59 AM

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“ Ms. Grace is one of my all-time favorite people! Always a hoot! I have some great “Ms. Grace stories!” She and my mother, Bonnie, were close friends for nearly 40 years. Ms. Grace loved the Lord. Knowing Him is what she would want others to know was THE most important thing. Her life always pointed to Him. For that & for the many smiles she gave, I will always be eternally grateful. ...Until we meet again, Ms. Grace. Love you, Dear!

Tina & Jared - She loved you with all of her heart. For you, she was fierce. For you, she remained. Thinking of you at this time.

-Jennifer (Holland) Hancock

j hancock - January 07 at 10:10 PM

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“ In Christ's Love, Wendy Winstead and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Grace Jones Bishop - Rustand.



In Christ's Love, Wendy Winstead and family. - January 07 at 09:33 PM

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“ She wa such a nice lady. Diane & Basil Wadkovsky

Diane Wadkovsky - January 07 at 05:21 PM

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“ So happy that Grace is with her Savior now! But so sad that she has left those who knew her behind. Grace loved God and was eager for others to know Him too. She had such a winsome personality and was always able to see that God was working for good in every circumstance. I only knew one of Grace's husbands and that was Rusty. The two of them made an amazing team and she always set an example of how to love and respect your spouse. She was such a generous person and freely gave to causes to help impact people for Jesus Christ. When she moved out of the area I was not able to stay in touch with Grace but I often thought of her and prayed for God to bless her. She will be dearly missed. She was so proud of her grandson, Jared and loved him very much. May Our Heavenly Father send his comfort to the family and all who knew Grace.

Debbie Hartland - January 07 at 03:04 PM

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“ 23 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 07 at 11:15 AM

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“ I have missed seeing Grace (and Rusty) for the last few years. Happy that they are reunited again! Both were such sweet people. Look forward to seeing them again in eternity.

Joe Wey

Joe Wey - January 07 at 02:37 AM



“ It is with great joy and great sadness that I just learned of Grace's death. Though separated by many miles, we had remained dear friends for many years. What a dear lady she was. I talked to her before Christmas and had to tell her my dear husband had recently died from cancer. She was so sad. She had asked Gary years ago to preach at her funeral. What a joyful reunion they must have had. I will miss her until I go home too

Sherry Hendrix

Sherry Hendrix - January 07 at 07:32 AM

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“ Grace was always a lady. I remember her loving presence when we lived in Elkton and went to church together. She had the ability to light up the room with her joy. Definitely a lady in every sense of the word.

Darlene - January 05 at 09:10 PM

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“ Grace was a very dear friend to me. We met each other in 1986, when we both worked for H & R Block in Chestertown. We shared a lot of happy and even sad times over the years. We attended our daughter's weddings, we were happy to become Grand Mothers and got together when we could. Grace shared her love for Jesus everyday in the way she lived her life. Grace was a "real" lady. She had a wonderful sense of humor and could always see the "good" in people. God Bless.



Jean Spence - January 05 at 02:31 PM

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“ Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Grace Jones Bishop - Rustand



Maryann Ruehrmund - January 05 at 09:12 AM