

Grace Elaine Guymon Jones, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully in her home in Provo, Utah, on July 24, 2026, at the age of 97.

Born October 19, 1928, in Parowan, Utah, to Jesse Guymon and Golda Gurr, Grace graduated from Brigham Young University in 1950 with a degree in Elementary Education, where she served as yearbook editor and developed a lifelong love of BYU athletics. She taught elementary school in Orem, Utah, before marrying Milton "Milt" Bennion Jones on September 8, 1951, in the St. George Utah Temple. They lived in Utah and Ohio before settling in Ukiah, California, in 1955, where they raised their six children, later moving to Provo in 2005.

Grace was deeply devoted to her community and her faith. She served as PTA president at multiple levels, helped establish an early advocacy chapter for children with disabilities, and helped pass one of Ukiah's first no-smoking ordinances. A lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she served over 30 years as Stake Public Communications Director and held numerous other church callings; she and Milt served together as ordinance workers in the Oakland California Temple and served full-time missions in Scotland Edinburgh and Atlanta, Georgia. In 2018, at age 90, she published *The Challenge the Book of Mormon Makes to the World: Thirty Conditions Any Writer Must Meet to Produce a Comparable Book*, a work she had researched for over 30 years, capping a lifetime of writing that also included a newspaper column and decades of family newsletters.

Grace is survived by her husband of 74 years, Milton Bennion Jones, age 100; her six children, Milton Jr. (Francien), Richard (Jean), JoLayne Wood, Tamera Engebretsen (James), Sherilee Drennan (Scott), and Karolyn Butler (Anthony); her sister, Joyce Hamilton; 37 grandchildren; and 85 great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse Walter Guymon and Golda Gurr, and siblings Lloyd Guymon and LaVonna Forster. Grace's life was one of faith, service, and devotion to family. Her motto, "If not me, who?" reflected her spirit throughout her 97 years.

Pallbearers

Nathan Jones, Taylor Jones, Cameron Jones, Trent Jones, Ammon Hale,
Aaron Hale, David Hale, Eric Engebretsen, Bryce Drennan,
Jay Drennan, Spencer Butler

Funeral Services

Saturday, August 1, 2026 ♦ 11:00 a.m.
Provo Oak Hills 5th Ward - 1960 North 1500 East

Conducting.....Bishop Rod Call
Family PrayerJim Engebretsen (Son-in-law)
Opening Song.....Francien Jones (Daughter-in-law),
Cammy Davies (Granddaughter), Raymundo Yazzie-bass,
Jenny Yazzie-violin (Granddaughter)

"Love At Home"

Accompanist: Dr. James Welch

Invocation.....Jean Jones (Daughter-in-law)
Speaker.....Sheri Drennan (Daughter)
Musical Number.....Jenna Mangelson (Granddaughter)

"Amazing Grace"

Accompanist: Laurie Sowby

SpeakerKarolyn Butler (Daughter)
Musical Number.....Milt Jones, Jr. Children

Cammy & Travis Davies, Jenny & Raymundo Yazzie,
Nathan Jones (Grandchildren)

"Hymn Medley"

Speaker.....Richard Jones (Son)
Closing RemarksBishop Rod Call
Closing Hymn—Congregation.....# 152

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Benediction.....Tammy Engebretsen (Daughter)

Interment

Cedar City Cemetery—685 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah
Monday, August 3, 2026—12:30 p.m.
Dedicatory Prayer.....Milton B. Jones, Jr. (Son)

Grace Elaine Guymon & Milton Bennion Jones, Sr.

Married September 8, 1951—St. George LDS Temple

Milt & Francien Jones - Springville, UT

Kjersti (Joe) Christensen - Afton, IA

Lucy, Iona, Ruby, baby Vera due in Sept.

Camille (Travis) Davies - Provo, UT

William, Callie, Jacob

Jennifer (Raymundo) - Springville, UT

Kai, Sage

Nathan Jones - Springville, UT

Rich & Jean Jones - Kaysville, UT

Taylor (Lizzie) Jones - Kaysville, UT

Claire, Jane, Emmie, Kate

Cameron (Kaylin) Jones - Kaysville, UT

Hallie

Lindsay (Ryan) Hansen - Kaysville, UT

Peter, Jeffrey, Molly, Jane, Annie

Trent (Katie) Jones - Lehi, UT

Milo, Gwen, Kit

Parker (Mikaela) Jones - London, UK

Sophie, George, Tom

JoLayne Wood - Provo, UT

Ammon (Jillian) Hale - Highland, UT

Grace, Jack, Max, Avery

Aaron (Mina Jensen) Hale - Franklin, TN

Emma, William, Jonathan Hale

Chloe, Logan, Cooper Jensen

Julia Hale - McMinnville, TN

Janel (Derek) Osborne - Temecula, CA

Brooklynn, Kate, Luke, Benson, Parker, Claire

David (Katrina) Hale - Phoenix, AZ

Skylar, Oliver, Hayden

Kathy (Osvaldo) Ramos - Smithfield, UT

Zenith, Lydia, Zack

Janae (Jaymes) Stone - Knoxville, TN

Bennett, Jane, Leo

Tammy & Jim Engebretsen - Provo, UT

Joy (Ted) Lansing - Richmond, VA

Amelia, Theo, Annie, Pierce, Logan

Jenna (Bryan) Mangelson - American Fork, UT

James, Ethan, Kenzi, Sage

Amy (Matthew) Larson - Lisbon, Portugal

Mazie, Jones, Anders, Golden

Amanda (Jesse) Tolley - Salt Lake City, UT

(married July 31, 2026)

Karli Engebretsen - Provo, UT

Eric (Morgan) Engebretsen - Holladay, UT

Redford, Rudy, Jesse, Juno

Sheri & Scott Drennan - Canton, MI

Bryce (Emily) Drennan - El Dorado Hills, CA

Sarah, Nathan, John, Tim, Grace, Hannah

Kristin (Jon) Chapman - Troy, MI

Benjamin, Abby, Laura, Jacob, Sophia

Michelle (Cory) Morin - Lehi, UT

(Wedding August 14, 2026)

Jay Drennan - Folsom, CA

Karolyn & Tony Butler - Weddington, NC

Kristine (Kirk) Perry - Richmond, VA

Caleb, Madelyn, Lily, Joshua

Brooks (Emily) Butler - Stillwater, OK

Charlotte, Aiden, Adeline

Alisha (Chase) Labrum - Herriman, UT

Crew

Angela Butler - Richmond, VA

Julianna Butler - Colorado Springs Mission

Spencer (Hannah) Butler - BYU Idaho

(Wedding Aug. 8, 2026)

Katie Butler - BYU Provo, UT

Michael Butler - Utah Saratoga Springs Mission

Andrew Butler - BYU Idaho

Jason Butler - Charlotte, NC

Luke Butler - Charlotte, NC

A Celebration of Life for



Grace Elaine Guymon Jones

October 19, 1928—July 24, 2026