



Cora C. Jones

December 23, 1928 - August 30, 2020

Cora Theresa Cyr Jones, 91, of Venice, Florida passed away peacefully with family at her side on Sunday, August 30, 2020.

Cora was born in Fort Kent, Maine, on December 23, 1928 to F. Joseph and Alma (Dugal) Cyr. After high school, Cora attended Becker Junior College in Worcester, Massachusetts and then received her degree from Boston University in 1950. Following graduation, Cora moved to the big city, working as a bi-lingual secretary at the Wildenstein Art Gallery in New York City.

In New York, Cora met Keith L. Jones (across a crowded YMCA dance floor) and they were married on October 20, 1951. A year later, Keith was hired as an auditor by Northwestern Mutual Life and the couple moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Cora and Keith had two children, Jeffrey (Donna), Jacksonville Beach, Florida and Pamela Ohrt, Cedar Falls, Iowa. They had four grandchildren, Dawn (Martin VanBrunning), Nathan (Lissa) and Jonathan (Laura) Ohrt and Brian Jones (Brenna) and Cora is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Cora was preceded in death by her husband Keith and her sisters Leonie, Yvonne, Carmen, Fern and Blanche and brothers John, Conrad, Adrian (Chick), Norman and Richard (Dick).

Cora and Keith lived in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin most of their working lives. After Pam and Jeff entered high school, Cora was a business education

teacher at Nicolet High School for many years and subsequently worked for Mutual Savings and Loan in Milwaukee as a corporate trainer. After retiring in 1987, Cora and Keith initially split time between Milwaukee and Florida and ultimately located permanently in the Venice, Florida area.

Cora and Keith traveled extensively throughout the Caribbean, Europe, the Greek Islands, Russia, Australia and New Zealand. They visited all 50 states as well as many areas of Canada. They also participated in a number of Elderhostels both in the US and Europe.

Cora enjoyed volunteering at church and served as a lector and head lector at the parishes she attended. She also was very active in bringing the Peace by Peace conflict resolution program to Milwaukee and Venice elementary schools.

Cora and Keith met dancing and they continued their dancing passionately until just days before Keith's final illness (including 62 straight years of dancing lessons).

Visitation will be held at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Ewing Chapel, 140 East Venice Avenue, Venice, FL, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 12:00pm until 1:00pm.

Funeral services will be held at the Toale Brothers Funeral Home in Venice, Florida on September 8, 2020, at 1:00pm. with burial following at Sarasota National Cemetery, where Cora will join Keith in eternal rest.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Cora's memory may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 161 North Clark St, Ste 3550, Chicago, IL 60601 MDA.Donordrive.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Ewing Chapel
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Funeral Service

SEP 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ My connection with Aunt Cora and Uncle Keith (difficult to talk about one without the other) began when I was five years old. I was their flower girl in their wedding. They were very close to my parents throughout the decades so we often saw them when they visited the Cyr side of the family. I remember lots of love, French talking, laughter, swapping recipes and of course in our house, plenty of Chicks’s music that lit up Aunt Cora. The joy was ever present each July 4th when the Cyr klan would gather in Auburn, Me. to celebrate Pepere Cyr’s birthdays. Aunt Cora was in her element visiting her relatives while my dear Midwest- raised conservative Uncle Keith quietly and politely stayed aside. He was quiet THEN. He turned on his “ talkers” later in life that was such a change from the shy guy and so fun. As we would say today....he found his voice....and he always spoke thoughtfully, sensibly and intelligently. Classy guy!

As a young adult, Aunt Cora and I connected through our teaching careers. She introduced me to Peace by Piece? and encouraged me to use it in my classroom. As all good teachers have to be, Aunt Cora seemed to be very organized. How could she remember my birthdays when she had so many nieces and nephews plus her own very full life? Amazing.

This connection was maintained through my entire life. Sometimes we instigated a visit like the time Bill and I drove to Milwaukee for the HD 100th year celebration. They were such gracious hosts. While Bill and I were attending the HD parade, Uncle Keith was taping it and presented it to us. So kind! We also got to see them while they attended a religious event in NH. They were fond of the elderhostel programs.

We saw much more of them when we moved to Florida. We would get messages asking us if they could stay a couple of nights after visiting with son Jeff. They walked and we love to walk. I remember visiting them when Cora turned 80 and we all did our morning power walk. I also think all that dancing made them strong. Cora never stopped walking even after moving to Venice. They enjoyed the

beach walks with us which reminds me that Bill has a funny fishing pole story to tell.

Well, these are some of the memories that stayed with me. It would be fun to have a zoom meeting with cousins to compare family notes.

I must say, Aunt Cora and Uncle Keith should be considered role models for how to live a quality life from start to finish. Aunt Cora's beautiful smile shows us her heart. I will miss them both.

Love to all of you,

Your cousin,

Beth

Beth Drumm - September 06, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cora C. Jones.*



September 05, 2020 at 08:28 PM