



Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones

December 18, 1949 - March 11, 2025

Suzanne Marie (Stavnes) Jones, age 75, of Osprey, Florida passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital from complications following a stroke.

Visitation is March 19 from 10:00-11:00am at Toale Brothers Funeral Home in Venice, 140 East Venice Avenue, Venice, FL 34285.

A funeral mass will follow at 12:00pm, March 19 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 425 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229.

Burial is the next day, March 20, 1:30pm, at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Rd 72 (Clark Road), Sarasota, FL 34241.

Suzanne was born December 18, 1949, to John and Clara Mae (Sheehy) Stavnes in Decorah, Iowa. "Suzie" spent her early years growing up on a dairy farm in rural Winneshiek County, Iowa and graduated from Postville High School Class of 1968. She attended Medical Secretarial School in Winona, Minnesota, launching her very successful lifelong career as a medical transcriptionist in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and later in Florida.

On May 4, 1991, Suzanne married Robert C. Jones in Marion, Iowa. For many years they resided in Hiawatha before retiring full time to Florida in 2019.

Suzanne is survived by her husband Bob, her daughters Rachel (Eric) Savage, Tiffany (Neil) Fitzgerald, and her stepchildren Rob (Lisa) Jones and Brenda (Doug) Nejd. She is also survived by three grandchildren and four step grandchildren and her siblings John (Mary) Stavnes, Jeff (Janis) Stavnes, Patricia Chechak, Robert Stavnes and Tim (Susan) Stavnes. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, her very special cousin Craig and his wife Judy Stavnes and many more cousins and dear friends.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents, infant sister Rose Marie, her grandparents, in-laws and many aunts and uncles.

Memorials can be made to the family in care of Bob Jones, 242 Palm Air Drive, Osprey, FL 34229, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 425 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229, or Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Hospice and Palliative Care, 1700 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34239.

The family is assisted by Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Ewing Chapel, 140 East Venice Avenue, Venice, FL 34285. Office Phone (941) 488-7737. www.ToaleBrothers.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Ewing Chapel
140 E. Venice Ave
Venice, FL 34285
(941) 488-7737
info@toalebrothers.com
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
425 S. Tamiami Trail
Osprey, FL 34229

Burial

MAR 20. 1:30 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Tribute Wall

GS

“ George and Heidi Stavnes purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.



George and Heidi Stavnes - March 17, 2025 at 10:15 PM

ME

“ Dear Suzanne's Family and Friends,

Our deepest sympathy at the loss of Suzanne. Suzanne was a grade ahead of me at De Sales Catholic Grade School in Ossian, IA. I have so many fond memories of time spent in school productions and always fun on the playground during recess. She was always so kind and loving to everyone. Her smile would light up every corner of where she stood. We lost contact as often happens when one moves to another school setting. Every so often we remember your family and wonder where everyone went on life's path. Sounds like Suzanne had a wonderful life as she so deserved. Blessed be her memory. God bless all of you with comfort. Jim and Margaret (Moellers) Elsbernd Ossian, IA

Margaret Elsbernd - March 17, 2025 at 11:13 AM

PA

Thank you Margaret and Jim.

Patti - March 30, 2025 at 04:21 PM

RJ

“ Rob, Lisa, Ali and Abi Jones purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.



Rob, Lisa, Ali and Abi Jones - March 17, 2025 at 10:24 AM

VO

“ Vern Snitker, Jim and Lynn Olsen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.



Vern Snitker, Jim and Lynn Olsen - March 17, 2025 at 10:13 AM

TS

“ Tiffany, Neil, & Sydney. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.



Tiffany, Neil, & Sydney. - March 16, 2025 at 12:33 PM

FF

“ *Stavnes Family,
So sorry to learn of Susie’s death. We have fond memories of growing up with all of you in NE Iowa. Know that we are thinking of you as all of you share memories of Susie and celebrate her life.
Faye Finnegan
Patty- I was always envious of you that you had an older sister. I thought it was great fun to hang with you-and having Susie there was an added plus.*

Faye Finnegan - March 15, 2025 at 03:49 PM

PA

Thank you Faye. Susie would love your comments.

Patti - March 30, 2025 at 04:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.*

March 15, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.*



March 15, 2025 at 11:47 AM

LS

“ Love, Jane, Greg, Ellen, and Maureen Sheehy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.



Love, Jane, Greg, Ellen, and Maureen Sheehy - March 15, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.



March 15, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.

March 15, 2025 at 09:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.



March 14, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.

March 14, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ Debbie Kate Teri purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.



Debbie Kate Teri - March 14, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ Mark & Nora purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.



Mark & Nora - March 14, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ Billy De Lauro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.

Billy De Lauro - March 14, 2025 at 03:52 PM

BL

“ *Billy De Lauro purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Suzanne Marie Stavnes Jones.*



Billy De Lauro - March 14, 2025 at 03:52 PM