



## Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones

July 1, 1933 - October 28, 2023

Betty Jo Prosch Jones, 90, of Plant City, Florida, born on July 1, 1933, joined her Heavenly Father on October 28, 2023. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She grew up in Plant City on a crop farm where she worked for her daddy picking strawberries before school and banging on pots in the fields to keep the birds away. She graduated from Turkey Creek School in 1950 where she met the love of her life, James Anak "Sonny" Jones, while playing the bells in the school band. They later married in 1951. She worked for the Hillsborough County School District for 40 years. She was first a librarian at Turkey Creek High School and then a homeroom teacher. In 1961, she opened J.S. Robinson Elementary School as the school's Secretary and remained there until she retired in 1997. Starting in 1971, she was the hostess for the East Hillsborough County Law Enforcement banquet during the years it was held at J.S. Robinson Elementary. She was an active member of Turkey Creek First Baptist Church. She enjoyed playing the piano, working on beautifying her yard, planting flowers, and traveling. She had a love for crocheting and spent hours making gifts for many. She will forever be remembered as the most gracious hostess, having such a big heart, and her uncanny ability to make everyone she met feel special. She loved her community, her friends and especially her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Anak "Sonny" Jones, her parents, Herman & Doris Prosch, her brother, Richard Prosch, her sister, Esther Farkas, granddaughter, Kimberly Waters, and grandson, Justin Jones. She is survived

by daughter, Jackie (Darrell) Waters, sons Jim (Carolyn) & Randy (Glenda) Jones, sister, Dianne (David) Bryant, grandchildren, Larry (Sheila) Rypkema, Krista (Nathan) Heavilin, Katie (Josh) Gibbons, Kevin (April) Waters, and Brandy (Jeremy) Craddock, as well as 16 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Friday, November 3 at 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at Turkey Creek First Baptist Church, 4915 W. Trapnell Road Plant City, Florida. The service will immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Turkey Creek First Baptist Church Audio and Video Ministry. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Cemetery

East County Civic Group  
FL 33567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Turkey Creek Baptist Church  
4915 W. Trapnell Road  
Plant City, FL

## Funeral Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Turkey Creek Baptist Church  
4915 W. Trapnell Road  
Plant City, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - November 02, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ Mrs. Betty Jones was the epitome of a southern christian lady. She led by example. You could feel the love she had for people just from being around her. There was always a sense of great peace and love about her. I'm so glad we got to know her. W are going to miss her and that sweet smile. Heaven just got a little sweeter for all of us. Love and prayers for her family.



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**Steve and Frances** - November 07, 2023 at 02:26 PM

BR

“ Randy, Jim, Jackie, and families,  
Ronda and I sincerely regret not being able to be with you on this very emotional day. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Your Mom, Mrs. Betty, was truly a saint. I never heard her say a cross word to or about anyone. With her being a principal's secretary and a deacon's wife, that says a lot about her character. I will miss driving by and seeing her on her golf cart and working in her yard. She will be greatly missed.  
Love, Billy and Ronda Riley

Billy Riley - November 03, 2023 at 11:02 AM

AN

“ Adam and Leslie Norman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones.

Adam and Leslie Norman - November 02, 2023 at 03:30 PM

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“ Adam and Leslie Norman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones.



Adam and Leslie Norman - November 02, 2023 at 03:30 PM



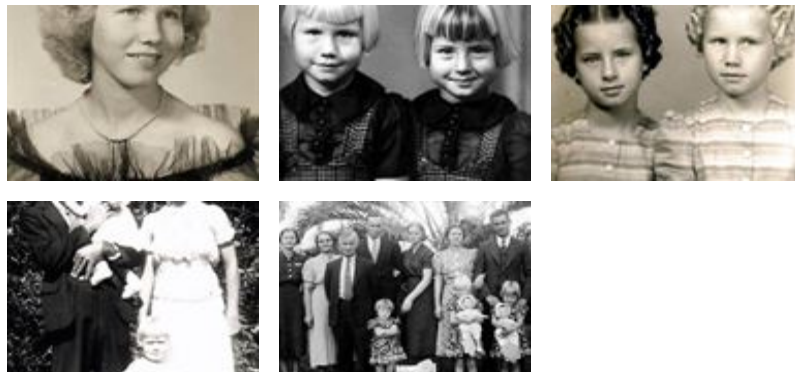
“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones.



November 02, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ 75 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - November 02, 2023 at 11:22 AM

HT

“ Heather Tapnell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones



**heather Tapnell** - November 02, 2023 at 10:29 AM

HT

*My heart goes out to the family...my thoughts and prayers are with you all...she had such a kind and beautiful soul...I know she will be truly missed by many!*

**heather Tapnell** - November 02, 2023 at 10:33 AM

MF

“ Michelle Proulx and David Wright and Fam purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones.



**Michelle Proulx and David Wright and Fam** - November 02, 2023 at 07:15 AM

CR

“ Randy, I am deeply saddened by your loss, wishing you and yours only the best in this time of grief.

Carl Rupp - November 02, 2023 at 06:49 AM

MP

“ Aunt Betty,  
I'm so going to miss our lunch dates, our outings to Publix and the Dollar Tree, getting Chic-Fil-A milkshakes and our visits together! I love you more than you will ever know!💕💔💔💔

Mechele Prosch - November 02, 2023 at 05:54 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones.



November 01, 2023 at 06:09 PM

JC

“ I was very fortunate to be a “charter” student of JS Robinson. Mrs. Jones was there with a quick smile and a willing heart to help everyone who came through her office. I know of no one who has had such a positive impact on so many of us as she. Jim and Jackie, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Jimmy Chancey - November 01, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones.*



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November 01, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Love, Dana and Jim Fortinberry purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones.*



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**Love, Dana and Jim Fortinberry** - November 01, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Thinking of you as you celebrate the remarkable life of Betty Jones. Such a beautiful lady who touched so many hearts in the Plant City/Turkey Creek area and beyond. I have enjoyed contact with her and her family for many years as a teacher/guidance counselor in several Eastern Hillsborough schools. She (and family) have been and will continue to be a significant part of the Plant City community. Rest in peace Betty Jones.*

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**Laurie Hodge** - November 01, 2023 at 11:38 AM

TW

“ I am saddened to hear this. Broke my heart when I read it this morning. I did not know Betty personally but I felt like I did. I see family photos on Facebook that Jim has shared over the years. You can tell she was a beautiful lady. Jim, I am so sorry you have lost your precious mom. I know everyone will miss her terribly. Thinking about all of the family.

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**Theresa Whitlock** - November 01, 2023 at 08:59 AM

BF

“ Betty was truly the “mother” of J .S. Robinson! She was a beautiful person to work with. Always having a smile and kind word every day. I so enjoyed working with her from 1986 until she retired! She made working at Robinson so enjoyable. May God grant her the rest and reward she so rightly earned. God Bless you, dear friend.

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**Bill Fallen** - October 31, 2023 at 11:33 PM

CW

“ I am very sorry to hear of Betty’s passing. I worked at JS Robinson for 10 years and taught her granddaughter. She cared for the students and staff. I know she will be missed greatly by family and friends. Sincerely, Cammie Williams

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**Cammie Williams** - October 31, 2023 at 10:16 PM

GM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Betty's death . I was fortunate to see her about 3 weeks ago. She was as beautiful& gracious as ever! She was among the first to welcome me to JSR when I joined the faculty there in 1969. She was always there to create a welcoming atmosphere . Good memories of those years until retirement .  
Sympathy to all, Gayle Mahoney

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**Gayle Mahoney** - October 31, 2023 at 06:48 PM

RG

“ *Robert and Chris Gonzalez purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mrs. Betty Jo Prosch Jones.*



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**Robert and Chris Gonzalez** - October 31, 2023 at 03:47 PM