



## Patricia Ryan Jones

October 19, 1938 - June 10, 2017

Patricia Ryan Jones, 78, of Cary, North Carolina passed away peacefully June 10, 2017. She was born on October 19, 1938 in Westchester County, New York to Patrick and Lillian (McCurdy) Ryan.

Pat was a true Master Teacher, having taught art from elementary school children to college students as an Assistant Professor in the State University of New York. On August 20, 1966, she married William C. Jones at St. Joseph's Church in Croton Falls, New York. Pat is survived by her husband, William C. Jones; daughter, Theresa A. Jones of Cary; niece and nephews, Kelly, Michael, and Tim. She was preceded in death by her brother, Daniel Ryan.

Pat will be remembered for her great devotion to her students. She was a member of a "team" which opened new and rebuilt Elementary Schools across Wake County. In every school, she was awarded the "Teacher of the Year" status by her fellow teachers. She was a leader, a mentor, and wonderfully kind person. For several years, Wake County Schools have established a set of "character traits" for all students to aspire to. Among them are: courage, integrity, respect, kindness, responsibility, perseverance, and self-discipline. Pat exhibited all of them in her daily teaching. Her greatest satisfaction was in convincing all students that their work was as good as anyone's. Her devotion to her students had no bounds. She convinced all students that they were Artists. Pat was a mold for all teachers to emulate. Her ability to adapt her art lessons in support of regular classroom lessons

was unparalleled. Pat lived to teach and taught to live.

The family will receive friends at St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church on Friday, June 16, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 pm. Family encourages casual dress for the services. Inurnment will be in St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church Columbarium  
Memorials may be made to the Art Program at St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church, 804 High House Rd, Cary, NC 27513 in Patricia Jones memory.

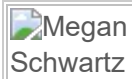
# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
804 High House Rd.  
Cary, NC 27513  
<http://www.stmichaelcary.org/>

# Tribute Wall

Megan Schwartz

“*Mrs. Jones was my art teacher at West Lake Elementary school. I was part of the first class of Kindergarteners to attend West Lake and attended for grades K-1, and 4-5. I have very fond memories of her class and of her. She definitely encouraged and helped fuel my love of art. I am now an art teacher in Wake County and I do my best to make sure that every child feels like an artist and finds value in their own artistic expression. I am grateful to have had such great leadership in my life and want to pay it forward. My condolences go out to her family. I'm sure she will be greatly missed but she has left a wonderful legacy in the impact she has made on her students and she will not be forgotten.*

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**Megan Schwartz** - June 24, 2017 at 07:21 PM

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“*It was my great honor to teach along side of Pat at Briarcliff Elementary in Cary! She was all that was stated in the obituary and more! What a fine human being! She was an out standing teacher and a friend to all! The world will miss such an exceptional and positive person! Rest in peace, Dear Pat! <3*

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**Nan Davis** - June 14, 2017 at 10:04 AM



“*Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Ryan Jones.*



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June 14, 2017 at 08:18 AM

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“ Dear Mr. Jones and Terry I'm really sorry for your loss. Pat was a beautiful soul, full of grace that made everybody around her happy. I know my life is happier because I was blessed with her beautiful friendship!!!!. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Love you!!

Maria Eugenia Villasmil- Scott

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**Maria Eugenia Scott** - June 13, 2017 at 01:31 PM