



## Rita Jones

November 19, 1918 - August 27, 2010

Rita C. Jones, 91, of Indian Trail, NC was born to eternal life on Friday, August 27, 2010. She was married to Don Jones for 61 years. Together they raised two daughters, Miriam and Teresa. Miriam lives in St. Louis, MO and is married to Tom Love and Teresa lives in Waxhaw, NC. Rita was "Nana" to Jonathan and David Welker and Cara and Greg Bilka. She also had two great-grandchildren, Willem and Paisley Welker.

Rita was born in Lansford, PA which was always "home" to her. She moved to Washington, D.C. where she met Don when they both worked in the optical business. They were married on June 4, 1949. Her focus was on being a wife and mother and in 1964 when the family moved to Clinton, MD her life was full volunteering at St. John's church and school and chaperoning field trips. Hers was the house where the neighborhood children came to play.

Don and Rita moved to Charlotte in 2002 after Don retired from his optical business (Jones-Pembroke Opticians) in Waldorf, MD.

Faith was her foundation as was her loving commitment to Don and her family. Rita's life was one of service to those less fortunate and she had a special place in her heart for the IHM sisters.

A Mass celebrating Rita's life will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 13700 Lawyers Road, Charlotte, NC 28227. Visitation for family and friends will be prior to the Mass at St. Luke's at 10:00 am. Interment will follow the service at Forest Lawn East Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 West Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

Arrangements for the family are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel. An online guestbook is available at [www.heritagefuneral.net](http://www.heritagefuneral.net)

# Comments

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“ Miriam,

I am so sorry for your loss and hope you find comfort in reliving the many memories of your Mom. Reading your mother's obituary, it became evident that the apple did not fall far from the tree as you have chosen a life of service to other but for a different organization. I know the boys you serve and the adults who serve with you are more fortunate because of you. May you and your family find peace during this time of sorrow.

Jeff

**Jeff Pack** - August 31, 2010 at 07:45 AM