



Imogene M. Jones

November 9, 1906 - July 5, 2017

Imogene M. Jones Long, 110, of Indianapolis passed away July 5, 2017. Imogene was a long time resident of the Irvington community on the east side of Indianapolis. She was loved and admired as a volunteer in numerous community organizations. Born in 1906 to Raleigh P. and Montie Mullins, she grew to adulthood in Greencastle, Indiana and graduated from DePauw University in 1927. She began work as a journalist for the Indianapolis Star. She was editor of Grit, the magazine of Delta Theta Tau, a philanthropic sorority of which she was President in 1937. For many years she wrote a weekly column for the East Side Herald, a community paper.

She married Elwood Jones, an Indianapolis attorney who died in 1957. In 1995 she married George Long who preceded her in death in 2003.

Imogene served as Director of the Junior Red Cross of Indianapolis and Director of the Indianapolis Campfire Girls. Later, she began a business, The Four Season's Import and Music Store in Irvington.

Among her many recognitions and awards were: Volunteer of the Year Award in 1999 by the Indianapolis Council of Club Women; recipient of the George Cottman Award by the Irvington Historical Society and the George Julian Award by Irvington Community Council. Governor Evan Bayh honored her by proclaiming June 6, 1998 as Imogene Jones Day. She loved children and served for many years as a volunteer and President of the Marion County Children's Guardians Home Guild. She is survived by two nieces and two

nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 12, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington St.

Memorial gifts may be made to Downey Avenue Christian Church, 111 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel
5377 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
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info@shirleybrothers.com
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Michelle Stevens lit a candle in memory of Imogene M. Jones*



Michelle Stevens - July 11, 2017 at 12:47 PM

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Glad to call her family, on behalf of the Long family! Imy will forever be in our hearts.

Michelle Stevens - July 11, 2017 at 12:48 PM

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“ *I consider Imogene my second mother.*

My earliest memories of Imogene were in grade school visiting her home on Dequincy Avenue in Indianapolis near my childhood home. It was a magical experience, seeing her home decorated up for Halloween and other holidays. She was a great story teller and all the children in the neighborhood would gather around to experience her charming personality. As I grew older, I participated in Imogene's American Junior Red Cross programs during high school, visiting local hospitals and making things to assist in various disaster relief activities.

After high school, I entered the Marine Corps for six years. Upon returning home, I confided in Imogene my troubling experiences in the Marines and my intellectual conflicts with war and discrimination based on many things I learned as a student at Marian College. Imogene guided me through my literary and philosophic conundrums as I was trying to ascribe meaning to my life after my military experience. In addition, how could one not remember her remarkable columns in the East Side Herald newspaper. Without a doubt, she was a remarkable woman of letters describing the history and folklore of the Irvington neighborhood and of her life. I remember being in her home as we watched the television together of a news report showing the suffering of Vietnamese families caught up in the conflict. As my career led me to New York City and later to Washing, DC, I continued to look to Imogene for bits of wisdom to comfort my soul. Without Imogene, I would not be the successful person I am today.

*Francis Della-Penna
Washington, D.C.*

Francis Della-Penna - July 11, 2017 at 12:25 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Imogene M. Jones.*



July 08, 2017 at 06:00 PM



“ *As a daughter of the youngest Mullins girl, Betty, I salute the passing of the oldest of the Mullins girls. Auntie Gene, you were the last of a generation of creative and expressive women. May flights of angels lead you home.*

Jody Serey - July 08, 2017 at 03:19 PM

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Well, this got the tears flowing! Beautiful!

Laura Haines Rasmussen - July 10, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“ *4 files added to the album New Album Name*



Jody Serey - July 08, 2017 at 03:13 PM

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*"You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or who have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in your joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."--Margery Williams, *The Velveteen Rabbit*.
Auntie 'Gene, you were the most beautiful, courageous, amazing woman, and not many saw your Real. But I do. With love and admiration, Laura Haines Rasmussen*

Laura Haines Rasmussen - July 10, 2017 at 02:41 PM