



Jerrie Darlene McKinzie

September 2, 1952 - March 5, 2026

Born on September 2, 1952, in Isleta (El Paso), Texas, Jerrie entered the world as a blessing to her parents, Alva Willis “Bill” Jones and Hettie Mae Jones. After a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer’s disease, she went home to be with Jesus on March 5, 2026, surrounded by love in her home in Black Jack (Rockdale), Texas.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale, with her husband, Pastor Ellis McKinzie, officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive visitors Friday, March 13, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jerrie’s story with Ellis McKinzie began the way the sweetest love stories often do—two young teenagers in junior high. They dated all through high school, growing up together, and on January 29, 1971, they promised each other forever. That promise remained strong for more than five decades.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her three brothers, Robbie Jones, Jimmy Jones, and Kenneth Jones.

She leaves behind the family she cherished with her whole heart: her devoted husband, Ellis; her son, Chris McKinzie and his wife, Paige; her daughter, Carrie and her husband, Daniel Massar; and her four grandsons—Cameron McKinzie, Lucas McKinzie, Micah McKinzie, and Bryton Massar—who brought her endless joy. She is also survived by her nieces, Cindy Jones Diaz and Robyn Jones Deacon, whom she dearly loved.

Jerrie’s faith was the steady rhythm of her life. She loved the Lord deeply, and

that love shaped her marriage, her home, and the way she cared for others. She was a loving and faithful wife and mother in countless ways. When she and Ellis first met, Ellis had not yet come to faith, but through Jerrie's influence and her encouragement to attend church, he eventually placed his trust in Jesus Christ as his Savior.

When Ellis later felt called into full-time ministry, Jerrie—though initially unsure—stood by him with unwavering support. She became not only a minister's wife but a true partner in ministry, offering encouragement, hospitality, and quiet strength through every move and every new chapter God placed before them.

For 23 years, Jerrie served the people of Fayette County as a deputy tax assessor/collector at the courthouse in La Grange. She was known for her kindness, her patience, and her ability to make anyone feel at ease.

Jerrie also found great joy in crafting. The Lord blessed her with a remarkable talent for hand-painted pieces, especially those celebrating Christmas. Each year she lovingly displayed and sold her creations at Christmas craft fairs in La Grange.

Jerrie was loved by so many because she loved so well. Her warmth, her laughter, her faith, and her steady presence will be missed more than words can express. Yet even in our grief, we rejoice, knowing she is now whole, healed, and in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We celebrate her life, we cherish her memory, and we look forward to the day we will be reunited with her again.

In lieu of flowers, for those who wish, memorial donations may be made to:

Black Jack Baptist Church

7870 County Road 301

Rockdale, Texas 76567

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

250 S. Pear Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Chapel Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Jerrie for a while at the Fayette County Tax Assessor Collector's office in La Grange. She was a very patient, understanding and kind person. I was sad when they left La Grange. I'm sorry to hear she and her family had to endure the consequences of Alzheimer's Disease. Jerrie is someone that I always have and will remember fondly. My sincere condolences to the family and all that loved her. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of the Lord, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Belinda Richter - March 15 at 11:36 AM

LL

“ Linda, Jimmie and Lela. purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Jerrie Darlene McKinzie.



Linda, Jimmie and Lela. - March 13 at 11:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerrie Darlene McKinzie.

March 12 at 02:33 PM



“ Aunt Jerrie was joy, happiness and the most godly Woman. She was such a beautiful soul! I will forever miss her, till we meet again! I love you!



Terra Shepherd - March 12 at 10:51 AM

BF

“ Becky, Janna and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerrie Darlene McKinzie.

Becky, Janna and family - March 12 at 10:22 AM

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“ Becky, Janna and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jerrie Darlene McKinzie.



Becky, Janna and family - March 12 at 10:22 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Carrie Massar - March 11 at 03:28 PM

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“ 51 files added to the tribute wall



Carrie Massar - March 11 at 02:43 PM

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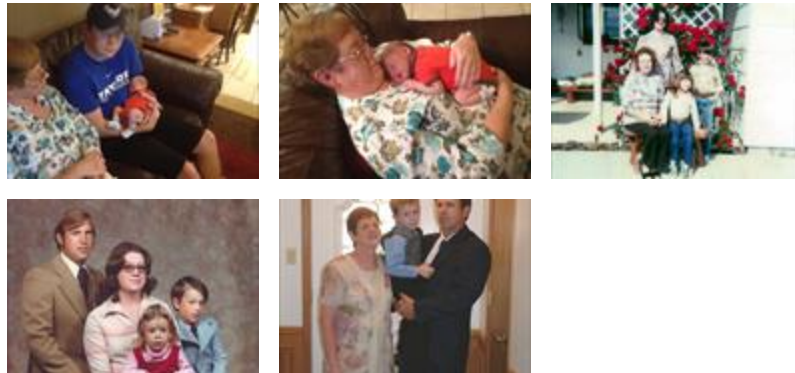
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Carrie Massar - March 11 at 02:33 PM

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Carrie Massar - March 11 at 02:27 PM

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“ So many memories with Jerrie. Early ones were climbing their mimosa tree and carving initials into the bark. My mother was always encouraging me to take friends to church with us, and we made many trips out to Jerrie's house to pick her up. My mother was also a beautician and one time Mrs. Jones had her cut Jerrie's hair. Mother could be scissor happy and she cut Jerrie's hair way shorter than Jerrie wanted. I tried to console her through her tears. It was a hard day for a young Jerrie.

Jerrie always spoke wise words.

I remember the 2 tone blue empire dresses we wore as her attendants at her and Ellis' wedding.

We had a great reunion meeting at their home in La Grange about 15 years ago. Jimmie, Linda, and I really enjoyed ourselves and the McKinzies made us feel so welcome. (I hope I can come back and add here as I remember more and have more time to think.)

Lela Williams Nichols - March 11 at 10:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Jerrie Darlene McKinzie*.

March 10 at 01:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Jerrie Darlene McKinzie*.



March 10 at 01:46 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the family. She was a great friend and pleasure to work with for many years at the courthouse.*

Charlene Baker - March 10 at 12:19 PM



“ *Alex Wilson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jerrie Darlene McKinzie.*



Alex Wilson - March 10 at 12:01 PM



“ *Joyful Memory* was purchased for the family of *Jerrie Darlene McKinzie*.



March 09 at 07:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerrie Darlene McKinzie.

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“ Francis E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerrie Darlene McKinzie.

Francis E. - March 09 at 06:22 PM



“ Jerri was a very kind, cheerful lady who was an inspiration to me in more ways than one. I enjoyed our times together and we had such fun when we were selling our crafts together. She was so talented and I wished I could be one half the artist that she was. She will be missed.

Becky Woodard - March 09 at 03:15 PM



Thank you so much for your sweet words. I know mom always enjoyed visiting with you and talking crafts at the craft shows. ❤️

Carrie Massar - March 10 at 05:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerrie Darlene McKinzie.



March 07 at 02:06 PM