



Mary Adelaide Jones, 95, of Baton Rouge, La., died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017.

Born Jan. 10, 1922, in Shickley, Neb., she was the daughter of Elmer and Ramona Troupe Hansen. She married Norman Nelson Jones Jr. Nov. 6, 1943, in Lincoln, Neb.

After her husband's World War II military service concluded, the couple settled in his hometown of Burlington, where he worked for his father in the family business, Drake Hardware.

She was known as Mary Ad.

She was actively involved in the Burlington community, with the Hetta Gilbert Society, the Burlington Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Civic Music, First Congregational Church and other organizations.

She enjoyed bridge, Ladies' Day golf and dances at the Burlington Golf Club and picnics and parties at Crystal Lake.

She was a member of Panhellenic and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta for 75 years, attending yearly gatherings until 2015.

She was a 1942 graduate of the University of Nebraska, having transferred to the Lincoln school after a year at Ward-Belmont, a junior college in Nashville, Tenn.

Soon after college graduation, she moved to California to work for the war effort at Lockheed in Bakersfield, where she met her future husband, who was a U.S. Army pilot at the time.

At 40, she earned her pilot's license, and she maintained it for 25 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Jessica Jones of New Orleans, Betsy Williams of Baton Rouge, La., and Sarah Krall of Lander, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren; 11 greatgrandchildren; and two nephews.

Besides her husband of 61 years, she was preceded in death by one son.

The graveside committal service for Mrs. Jones will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Aspen Grove Cemetery.

Memorials have been established for the Des Moines County Historical Society and the Burlington Public Library.

Prugh-Thielen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.