



**Evelyn Maxine (Thomas) Jones**, daughter of Andrew Elder and Sarah Elizabeth (Stephens) Thomas was born on March 12, 1923 at Newman Grove, Nebraska. She entered into eternal rest on Saturday morning, March 17, 2018 at her home in Shenandoah, Iowa surrounded by family at the age of 95 years and 5 days.

Her early life was spent in Schubert, Nebraska and Fairfax, Missouri, where Evelyn spent time with extended family until her father found work. The family moved to Shenandoah, Iowa when she was five years old. Evelyn started Kindergarten in the Shenandoah Community School System and graduated from Shenandoah High School with the Class of 1941. She lived the remainder of her life in Shenandoah.

On June 8, 1941, Evelyn was united in marriage to Paul Edward Jones, Sr. at Rock Port, Missouri. They made their home in Shenandoah where they raised their six children, Margo Sherry, Paul, Jr (Bud), Greg, Andrea, Danne and Gary. Paul passed away in November of 2002, after 63 years of marriage.

Primarily a homemaker to Paul and fulltime mother and grandmother to all the kids, Evelyn did work seasonally at Modern Jewelry China Glass Shoppe. She was a landlord for over 60 years and enjoyed working as a caregiver for some of the elderly in the community over the years also.

Volunteering and helping people brought great joy to Evelyn. She sold many poppies for American Legion Auxiliary, was a lifetime member of the VFW, was a Booster Club member and served on the Care Review Committee for nursing homes. A longtime member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Shenandoah, she was involved in the Women's Guild and Vestry.

Family, family and family were Evelyn's main interests. She enjoyed watching her kids' and grandkids' sporting events and activities and was very patriotic and proud of her country. She loved spending time at the lake (Lake House at Big Lake, Missouri) and ornithology (study of birds). She loved people and the community of Shenandoah very much.

Preceding Evelyn in death were her parents; husband, Paul Sr.; son, Paul Jr. (Bud); brothers, Fred and Tiz Thomas; granddaughter, Kelly; and great grandson, Kyle.

Left to cherish her memory are her five children; daughter, Margo Sherry (Jones) Taylor of Shenandoah; son, Greg Jones of Shenandoah; daughter, Andrea (Jones) Cowles and husband Earl of Nebraska City, NE; son, Danne Jones and wife Mindy of Des Moines, IA; and son, Gary Jones of Lincoln, NE; 18 grandchildren; 37 great grandchildren; and 40 great-great grandchildren for a total of 95 grandkids (matching her 95 years of age); brother Kenney Thomas and wife JoAnn of San Diego, CA; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and many, many friends.

In Loving Memory

## *Evelyn Jones*

March 12, 1923 – March 17, 2018

95 years, 5 days

### *Celebration of Life*

2:00 p.m.

Friday, March 23, 2018

Veteran's Memorial Chapel

Rose Hill Cemetery

Shenandoah, Iowa

### *Words of Comfort*

Pastor Rick Sleyster

### *Honorary Bearers*

Margo Sherry Taylor Greg Jones

Andrea Cowles Danne Jones Gary Jones

### *Music*

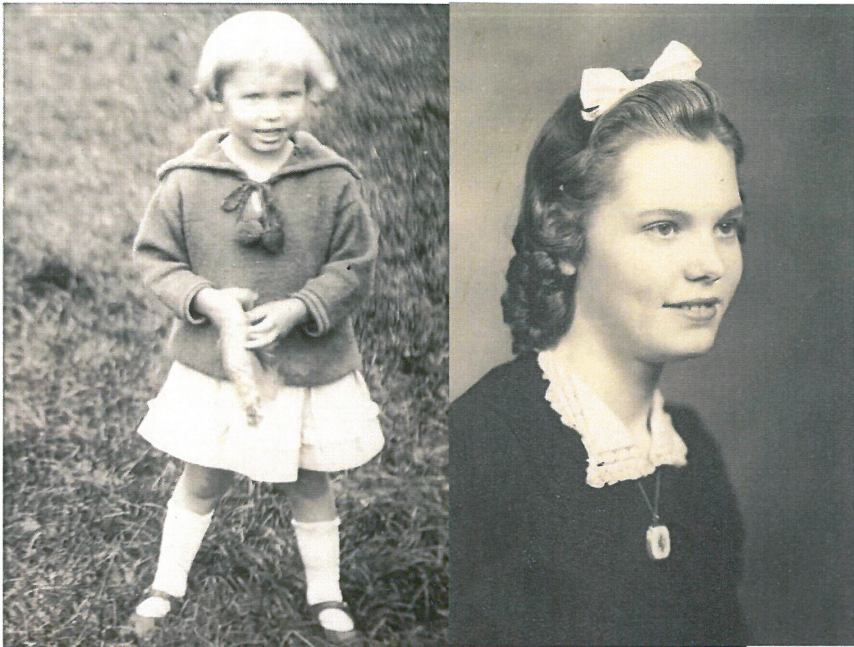
"Most People Are Good"

"Red River Valley"

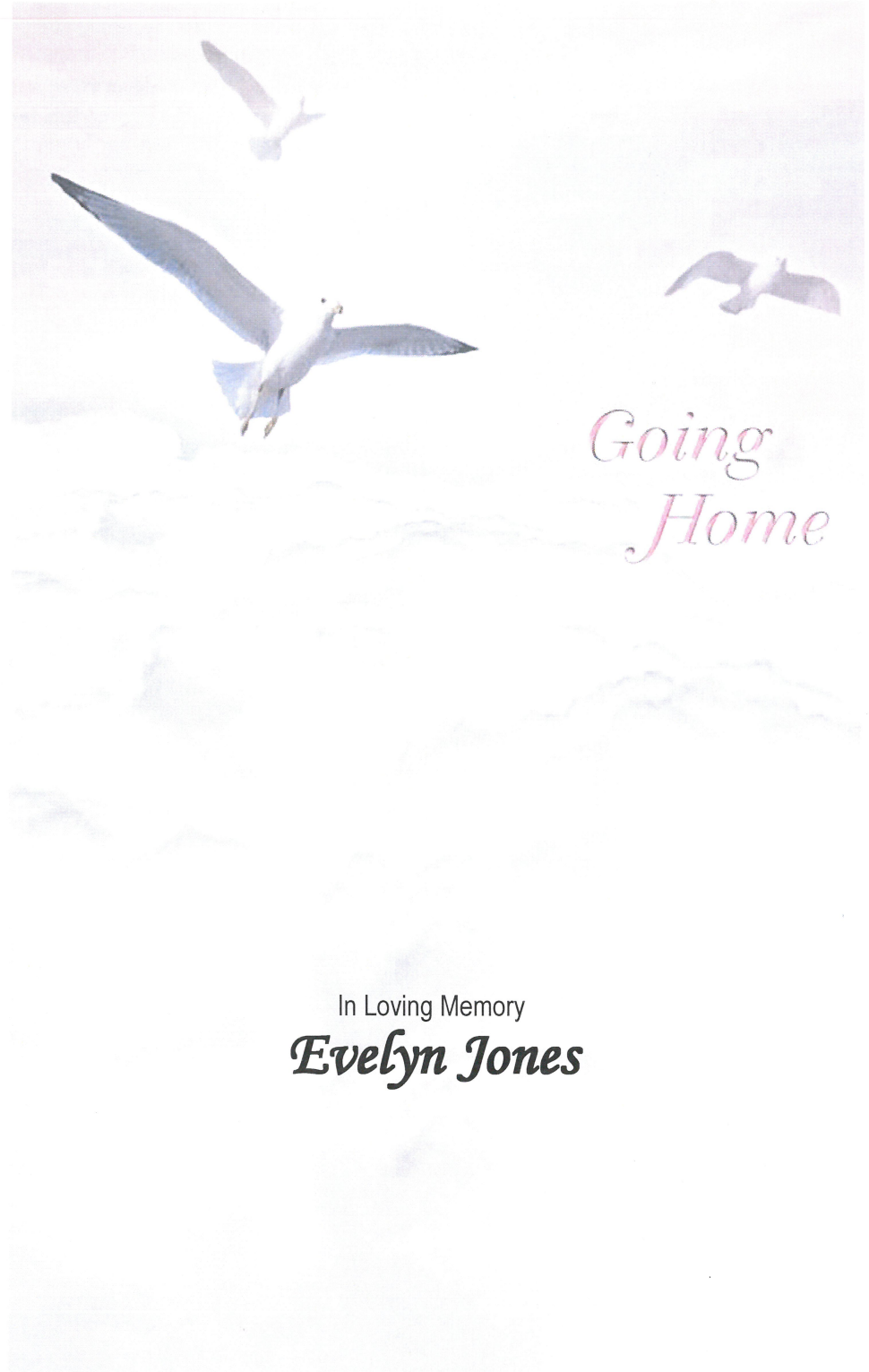
### *Memorials*

St. John's Episcopal Church

Following the committal service, fellowship will be held at the Elks Club in Shenandoah.



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*Going Home*

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