



Susie Jones

July 13, 2019

Susie Ann Jones (nee Kicknosway) - Born October 29, 1936, on Walpole Island, Ontario. At rest on July 13, 2019 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. She is survived by her children Jeffrey Jones, J. Susan Jones, Jan Jones, Jay Jones and Julie Jones. Grandchildren Fawn Kelly, Anthony Alexander, Jordan Jones, Andrea Stocker, Guy Bennett, Wesley Chaney, Taylor Jones, Dakota Jones and Madison Jones. Including great grandchildren Fallon Graves, Austin and Aaliyah Alexander, Garrett Bennett, Alexis Stocker, Guy Bennett, Angie Bennett and Darcelle Williams. Nephew Kevin Kicknosway and niece Lauren Anderson. Also survived by sister-in-law Lynne LaBranche. Susie was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years Vernon Henry Jones, son Jordan Ralph Jones, daughter Jean Mae Jones, brothers Leo and Leonard Kicknosway and her mother Ella Mae Kicknosway. Susie will be missed by her "adopted children," friends and by all the colleagues she has worked with. After living and working in the U.S. most of her adult life, Susie retired and moved back to Walpole Island. As President of Shingwauk Education Trust and one of the founding members of the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association Susie will be missed for her diligent and determined efforts to advance the vision of Chief Shingwauk. Sharing her knowledge and experiences of the Residential School System was of the utmost importance to her. Susie has volunteered and contributed to many educational boards and committees within Walpole Island First Nation and Ontario. Contributions in her honour may be made to the Shingwauk Education Trust, 1550 Queen St.

E., Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2G3. The family will receive relatives and friends at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg from 5 – 8 PM on Thursday, July 18. The funeral will be celebrated at the Walpole Island First Nation Sports Complex on Friday, July 19 at 11 AM. Interment to follow at Highbanks Cemetery. Online tributes may be left at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ *Susie Jones*

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ *I was honored to hear Elder Susie Jones speak at a faculty retreat for St Clair College. She was a woman of great strength and courage as a survivor of the residential schools who shared her experiences so others could learn from them.*

Ed Cott - September 03, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ *Susie is the foundation for so many things. So many people. My life is richer having known her.*

Linda McCrea - July 29, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ *Christine Jones lit a candle in memory of Susie Jones*



Christine Jones - July 19, 2019 at 11:12 AM

MT

“ I would like to extend my condolences to Susie Jones’s family. As you are well aware, Susie represented herself as a strong and resilient woman. Her influence is appreciated by myself and others who were fortunate to have known her.



I met Susie Jones for the first time when I began teaching at Walpole Island Elementary School in 1998. At that time, Susie was chair for the board of education. Susie along with other strong members of the board wanted to affect change in the school and to address the problems that were causing students to quit secondary school.

From the very beginning, Susie was my role model. She “walked her talk” with her no nonsense approach to problem solving. Over the years her influence guided me and I would ask myself, “What would Susie do?”

To sum it all up, she taught me the following:

- What are YOU going to do about it?
- Always begin with the end result in mind;
- If you mess up and make mistakes, admit it and move on;
- Even if you are tired, go to work; (She was right)

The most important message that Susie passed on to me, was that the goal for education should promote a balanced lifestyle. In other words, children should be equipped to meet the future by living a healthy life, physically, mentally and spiritually.

Dear Susie, you will be missed by all of us, however your legacy and influence will live on. Miigwech and Thank You for being you.

Margaret Tucker

Margaret Tucker - July 19, 2019 at 09:21 AM

MD

“ *Mark & Nancy DeWolf lit a candle in memory of Susie Jones*



Mark & Nancy DeWolf - July 18, 2019 at 09:31 PM

NK

“ *Noreen Kicknosway lit a candle in memory of Susie Jones*



Noreen Kicknosway - July 18, 2019 at 01:30 PM

CF

“ *I am so honoured to have met Susie just last month with my students (as well as my young daughter) at Nindawaabjig where we taught our first traditional ecological knowledge field course at Bkejwanong through the University of Windsor. Susie spent the morning with us, sharing stories of the residential schools experience, and was wonderful to meet. We are honoured to have had presence and we will look for ways to continue to honour her legacy and life. Miigwech Susie, and condolences to the family.*



*In gratitude,
Dr. Catherine Febria
Healthy Headwaters Lab
University of Windsor*

Catherine Febria - July 18, 2019 at 08:23 AM

LO

“ Jay and Jan

I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother. Your family has such a wonderful time together, I know she will be missed. I applaud all of her efforts towards establishing and maintaining quality education for the children. Love you both. Hugs Lane

lane odalovich - July 17, 2019 at 09:08 PM

CG

“ *My sincerest condolences to Susie's family and friends. I have been so fortunate to know and learn from Susie over the past few years. Every time I was with Susie, we shared great laughs and had such deep conversations together. She taught me so much about our history, about today, and the importance of knowing oneself and standing for the messages and legacy you want to leave behind. Susie never gave up in her desire to spread truth and build understanding among educators and students and everyone that wanted to learn. She took everyone from their starting point and brought them along their journey towards understanding. Susie was an amazing woman and an inspiration who was always up for a challenge. I will miss her dearly and am a better person for having spent time with her. Baamaapii Susie!*

Cortnee Goure - July 17, 2019 at 04:17 PM

LP

My deepest condolences to all the family of this remarkable woman, Susie Jones. I was privileged to have met Susie while working with the Children of Shingwauk IRS health support program. She was always a pleasure to be around; very kind and genuine and always happy to see you. I really did love her as a person and always looked forward to seeing her when she attended meetings or events. I will miss her deeply. Rest in peace Susie. I know you will continue to shine in the heavens above as you are welcomed by all your ancestors. You did a good job here on earth and will not be forgotten. With love and respect, Lois Palmer

Lois Palmer - July 18, 2019 at 08:21 AM

AP

My condolences to Susie Jones's family. I will truly miss her because of all of the valuable information we shared and understood about residential Schools. The effects of those schools impact the minds of our people to this day and year. I personally visited shingwauk and prayed for our people who lost their lives there and the ones that were deeply traumatized. The truth is coming out through books such as the Circle Game. Creator bless Susie and our grandmothers and grandfathers continue to guide her on her journey.

Anthony Peters - July 18, 2019 at 10:48 PM

CD

“ I had the privilege of working with Susie when we were both on the Board of Education together. After that I worked with her on the W.I. Organic Gardening Project for over 10 years. Susie was a vast treasure of spiritual wisdom and encouragement to me. She was a tireless force of energy who always “ had her ducks in order”. Her inspiration to this community will be greatly missed by the Dodge family.

Charlene Dodge - July 17, 2019 at 01:42 PM

MK

“ I met Susie 5 years ago when I supported the Aboriginal Education Council (Centennial College) as the Assistant to the Council recording notes at Council meetings. She was a remarkable woman, kind and so full of life. She had a passion for life and the community. It was a blessing that our paths crossed and she always had wonderful words of wisdom. I will miss Susie and her beautiful smile.

Always,
Miranda Kerr
Centennial College



Miranda Kerr - July 17, 2019 at 12:15 PM

JP

“ So shocked to hear about Susie's passing. She was an incredible blessing to all of us that she taught the truth to. I am one of the staff members at Ursuline College "The Pines" who helps leads our Kidwin Zhingwaak group. She not only helped our group but the whole school community understand the effects of our past. Her memory and story will live on in the kids and staff she touched during her time with us. May all of you find comfort and peace in the love and support of your family, friends and strangers who were fortunate to walk with Susie in this life.

Jeff Phaneuf

Jeff Phaneuf - July 17, 2019 at 12:12 PM



“ Thoughts n Prayers are with my Cousins during this difficult time. 🦋🌹🌸🕯️👼



Gaylynn Gilbert - July 17, 2019 at 11:48 AM



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Candy Donaldson - July 17, 2019 at 07:21 AM

TS

I have much respect and love for Susie. I will truly miss you. I will not let your vision be lost. Love and condolences to your children and grandchildren.

Terrance Sands - July 17, 2019 at 10:32 AM

CB

“ *Susie was a wonderful woman who made a valuable contribution to our community. She had strength of purpose and a true vision for healing and reconciliation. She will be missed by all who had the distinct honour to know and work with her.*

Carol Bryden - July 16, 2019 at 11:15 PM

KD

“ I was so sorry to hear the news of Susie's passing. I remember her as kind and always smiling. She and Vernon were good friends to my parents, and my folks thought highly of them both. I recently watched an interview where she talked of her childhood in the residential school...she was so good and informative with so much information that I did not know. I had not seen her in years, but she was a wonderful presence in my childhood in Dryden and I share the grief of her family.

kathy davidson - July 16, 2019 at 06:59 PM