

UELAC Honorary Vice-President Orlo Jones - 1988

Orlo Jones grew up in rural Prince Edward Island and comes from good Loyalist stock. She believes that her interest in Loyalist history and genealogy originates from the time that she was a little girl and often listened to her great uncle recount tales of the trials and tribulations of the Loyalist pioneer settlers. She grew up to become a medical technologist in various Canadian and United States centres. With a degree from Douglass College, Rutgers University, she taught first in Linden, N.J. and then at Summerside High School (1964-1977). However, over the years, she continued to strengthen her knowledge of Loyalist genealogy. She studied P.E.I. genealogy whenever she could, to the point where she attended courses with the Mormons at Brigham Young University and subsequently she was granted the title of Certified Genealogist.

She is most proud of being instrumental in the standardization of genealogical procedures within our country. For many years, Orlo has planned, organized and conducted genealogical seminars and workshops throughout the Maritimes and New England - once venturing as far west as Manitoba. She became a good friend of the renowned Maritime genealogist, Terry Punch.



Orlo evolved into an authority on matters related to genealogy, particularly on P.E.I., where she was the Abegweit Branch genealogist for more than ten years. She is widely known and respected for her encyclopedic knowledge of genealogy and her forthright manner throughout Maritime Canada and beyond.

Orlo co-authored the Abegweit Branch's reference book "The Island Refuge" and she has been a contributing author to many other books and pamphlets. Over the years she has helped countless descendants of Island Loyalists flush out their family tree.

In retirement, she remains an enthusiastic supporter of all things Loyalist and is a valued member of the Abegweit Branch.

Honours and Awards

- 1981 - Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry
- 1983 - 5000 Personalities of the World, American Biographical Institute
- 1985 - Foremost Women of the Twentieth Century, Cambridge, England
- 1986 - Dictionary of International Biography, Cambridge England
- 1986 - The World Who's Who of Women, Cambridge, England
- 1987 - Two thousand Notable American Women, Raleigh N.C.,
- 1987 - Biography International, Delhi India
- 1987 - Orlo Jones Trust Fund Established
- 1988 - UELAC Honorary Vice-President
- 1989 - Mary Cornfoot Brehaut Award
- 1992 - 125 Commemorative Medal

Submitted by Peter Van Iderstine, President Abegweit Branch UELAC.

Orlo Louise Marie Jones

Passed peacefully, Saturday, February 28, 2015, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital of Orlo Jones of Stratford, age 85 years.

Orlo was a loving aunt of Kim Jones (Paul Wood) and her children Laurel Myers and Craig Myers; Locke Jones (Karen) and his children Dakota Jones and Briann Jones; and many more nieces and nephews. She is also survived by special first cousins, Arthur Jones, Norma Hambly, Hilda Simpson, Ken Yeo and various other cousins. She is also remembered by many good friends.



She was predeceased by her parents, Frank and Marie Jones (nee MacNeil); brother, Robert Jones; twin brothers, Edgar and Harold Jones; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Cheverie and Marion King.

Resting at Hillsboro Funeral Home, 2 Hollis Ave., Stratford, for visitation Monday, March 2, 2015, from 2-4 p.m. A funeral service will be held Tuesday at the Stratford Chapel, Hillsboro Funeral Home, at 2 p.m. Interment will take place later in Hazelbrook Baptist Church Cemetery.

As an expression of sympathy memorial donations to the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University of Newfoundland would be appreciated.

Completion of funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Hillsboro Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to hillsborofuneral@eastlink.ca or www.peifuneralcoops.com.

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