



Maydene Cone Poorman

September 26, 1921 - June 5, 2017

MAYDENE CONE POORMAN

Charleston, IL - Our beloved mother, granny, and friend to all she met, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Brookstone Estates of Charleston, Monday, June 5, at 1:20 A.M.

Maydene was born to Amon and Stella Mae Ward on September 26, 1921, in Hutchinson Kansas. Maydene Ward married JO "Jack" Cone in St. Louis on November 27, 1941, and they had 3 sons. Maydene and JO also took in 14 foster children while their own boys were young.

Granny was first widowed December 22, 1979 after 38 years of marriage. Losing JO Cone was hard and lonely.

Maydene met Bill "Pop" Poorman, they were both visiting their mothers at Douglas nursing home! She was happy again when they married in 1981, yet sadly became widowed a second time when Bill passed away on January 11, 1999.

Thankfully she had her children, who she loved unconditionally. The Cone sons, Charles Dennis and wife Susan of Fayetteville Arkansas, Donald Ray of Mattoon, and Timothy Ward of Mattoon, as well as Gregory Poorman and Wife Cheryl of Oklahoma City, OK, and Debbie Poorman Whitworth and Ernie of

Eugene, Oregon.

Her grandchildren, who often made her proud, Sara, Rachael, Angela, Niki, and Brittany, as well as Jesse, Thomas, Raven Winter, Thorne Michael and Cheney. Great grandchildren continue to arrive, Savannah, Sierra, Cody Storm, Hunter, MaryJane, Ray, Arianna, Jake, as well as Satysha, Ayeden, Lane, Will, Baby Patrick, Dakota, Keiyana, Kamari, Ronan and Scarlet.

Maydene was preceded in death by 2 sisters, a brother, and her 2 youngest sons, Don Cone and Tim Cone. She is survived by a son, Charles Cone and daughter in law, Susan, Niece Frances Zurheide Husmann, a stepson, Greg Poorman, and his wife Cheryl, a step daughter, Debbie Poorman, Ernie Whitworth and all the grandchildren. In addition, longtime caregiver, Tammy Frost and daughter, Katie Frost, who supported and loved granny, along with hundreds of dear friends and extended family who brought much happiness and good company.

Maydene was an entertainer and loved life! Her heart of gold that shined through made her ever more radiant and truly extraordinary. An actress, singer, tap dancer, musician, painter (canvas or pumpkins, take your pick!) comedienne, poet, with relentless, dedicated purpose, to lift others up. A few accomplishments include establishing and fundraising for the first Mattoon Welcome Wagon, managing Samuel Music Company, also acting in many plays with Mattoon Area Performing Arts Society. In the 1970's she owned and operated Eterna Metaphysical bookstore. She taught metaphysical courses at Lakeland College and later invited groups to her home weekly for "Love Circle."

A lifelong helper for many community organizations that aligned with her passions, Maydene supported establishing Coles County Humane Society, as she adored animals. Maydene was always working on fundraising and education about the Humane Society through community outreach and

performances with her dogs at local elementary schools.

Maydene was a VOLUNTEER, above all, with a passion for helping others as a teacher, spiritual guide, and friend. She brought love, compassion and healing to all who knew her. Entertaining at 5 local nursing homes for many years, she always felt her work in life brought more back to her than was given. Maydene loved telling risqué jokes, playing organ and singing, while having her trained rescue pets do tricks to entertain happy residents at Douglas, Convalescent Care, OddFellows, Mattoon Health Care, and Adult Day Care.

She will forever live on in us, and bring eternal joy and hope to all who knew her.

The celebration of life will be held June 28th at 1 pm at the Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, visitation will be from noon until time of service. Burial will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens.

Donations in her name can be made to the Coles County Humane Society.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdan.com to light a virtual candle in her honor or leave a message with her family.

Cemetery Details

Rest Haven Memorial Gardens

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
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<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Maydene Cone Poorman*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *missing you and dad ... watch over me please.. love you*



Brittany - July 19, 2020 at 05:31 AM



“ *Maydene was an amazing woman and role model. I just loved her feisty spirit and unselfishness. To all her loved ones: you are in my thoughts and prayers - and rest assured Maydene's memory is alive and well in so many hearts.*

gaye harrison - June 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ *I did not know Maydene very well but her Son Chuck is one of my longest time friends. It is always hard to lose one's Mother but if Christ is your Lord and Saviour a reunion will happen.*

Randy Ingle - June 11, 2017 at 02:49 PM

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“ As a student going to lake land college my friend Cindy thomlinson Niemeyer and I lived across the street (1004 Charleston ave.)from Maydene. Talking to her was always an encouragement. She became a mentor to us. She wanted girls to get a good education . She being a professional left a profound effect on us. She was A snappy dressed every hair in place example of success to us. We know her family will miss her and so will her friends. Prayers for all who knew and loved her. She was a gracious and fun lady.
Sincerely, Becky gammill craig

rebecca craig - June 11, 2017 at 07:15 AM



“ Ever since I can remember, visits to Granny's house on 10th and Charleston avenue brought with them feelings of abundance, beauty, prosperity, peace, spirit, health, and life, all attributes of the Creator who brought Granny to us, and she expressed them brilliantly through her many years. I'd walk to her house in the mornings after nights of staying up late, because I knew she would be awake, and together we'd carry out her routine of feeding every bird in town through the birdfeeders in her back yard garden, before sitting down to breakfast ourselves. Conversation, Granny, ever-ready to show off the tricks her animals performed, palm readings, and the smell of her perfume, will be memories I carry with me and cherish forever. God Bless you, Maydene, and don't hesitate to visit in spirit anytime.

Cody Rogers - June 10, 2017 at 06:58 PM

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This is really beautiful Cody💙

rachael cone - June 11, 2017 at 02:51 PM



A truly lovely tribute to a truly lovely amazing woman! Thank you Cody!

debbie whitworth - June 14, 2017 at 10:14 AM