



## Tracy Elizabeth Jones

October 13, 1981 - June 12, 2026

Tracy Elizabeth (Toole) Jones, a longtime journalist, wife, and mother of three, died June 12 in Savannah, Ga. She was 44.

A native of Windermere, Florida, Tracy is a graduate of West Orange High School and the University of Florida, where she first met her husband, Mark Jones. They moved together to New York City, where she worked as a writer at W Magazine in New York City for several years before returning to Florida. They started their family in Jacksonville, where she worked as a journalist at the Florida Times-Union. Tracy excelled at both feature stories and accountability-driven investigative stories, led by her insatiable curiosity and deep empathy. In recent years, the family lived on Anastasia Island and St. Augustine Beach, where Tracy was deeply proud to watch her children - Ella, Lydia, and Declan - grow and thrive.

Tracy was generous and brilliant, loving and dynamic. Her husband and children were at the center of her life, and she loved being a mom, but she also simply enjoyed her family's company. She loved animals, especially alpacas and her cats. She was wickedly funny, a great writer, and a thoughtful and joyful presence in the lives of all who loved her.

In addition to her husband and children, Tracy leaves her parents, Walter and Patty Toole; brother Thomas Toole; parents-in-law Jimmy and Barbara Jones; and beloved nieces, nephews, and close friends to cherish her memory.

A private celebration of life will be held on June 27.

In lieu of flowers, Tracy would be delighted if you donated to your favorite animal rescue organization. Some other ways to honor her: Tell a mom she's doing a great job. Support your local media outlet. Go to the beach. Give a snack to an alpaca. Find joy in the absurdity of life.

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to her tribute page at: <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/tracy-jones-14/#!/TributeWall>.

Arrangements are under the care of St. Johns Family Funeral Home, St. Augustine.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My children grew up in the hardware business and every year we vacationed with the Toole family in Marco Island where Walter and I would sing a duet together of *By the light of the silvery moon and Tracey* and our daughter would hide under the table as we embarrassed ourselves, those memories will never be forgotten. Rest in peace little lady 🙏

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**Mark Madden** - 16 minutes ago

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“ *tracy was the most amazing mother a kid could ask for she didn't just bring herself she brought light and happiness to the table no matter what we will love you forever tracy i love you*

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**rylan** - 1 hour ago

LM

“ *Tracy, have not seen you seen you were a child running around Bray Ace Hardware in early 90's. You are deeply loved and will be missed from all those you have touch through your amazing life. Prayers go out to all who will keep you alive in the thoughts and memories of your beautiful children, family and friends. God bless you, Lewis*

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**Lewis Monteleone** - 2 hours ago

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“ *Tracy was the apple of Walter and Patty's eye. she was a wonderful mother and a great wife. Tracy will surely be missed by all. what a wonderful person she was!!!*

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**Jeff Gross** - 2 hours ago