

## OBITUARY

### Mary Joyce Blakeney Jones Clinton, Mississippi

Mary Joyce Blakeney Jones, 90, died November 11, 2017, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Visitation was held at Lakewood Memorial Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 14, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The service was held in the funeral home chapel at 11 a.m. Interment followed in Lakewood Memorial Park.

Joyce was born August 10, 1927, to Gussie and Pearl Blakeney of Taylorsville, Mississippi. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband,

Charles Vernon Jones.

Survivors include daughter, Carol Hammond of Ridgeland, Mississippi, and Charla Walker (Dr. Rodney), grandson, Jordan Walker (Brittany) and granddaughter, Marianna Wallace (Thomas), great grandson, Josh Walker and great granddaughter, Caroline Walker, all of Clinton, Mississippi; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

She was a member of Grace Bible Church.

The family requests memorial donations to Grace Bible Church or Friends of Alcoholics.

## Santa Claus Crawl tickets on sale

*Special to The Clinton Courier*

Main Street Clinton's Santa Claus Crawl gives holiday retail its annual juicing on December 7.

The event that combines social fun, prime holiday shopping opportunities and a shot at cool door prizes brings a festive vibe to after-hours Olde Towne.

The Santa Claus Crawl is set for 6:30 until 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 7. Tickets, \$20 advance and \$25 at the event, are on sale at the Main Street Clinton office, and will include a signature mug for the evening, to be filled with hot cider, to accompany the progressive partaking of yummy hors d'oeuvres available to shoppers making their rounds.

"It's a fun, fun event. It was designed to be more like a pub crawl, but without the pubs," said Tara Lytal, Main Street Clinton's executive director.

A former Olde Towne business owner suggested the idea in a promotions committee meeting, based on her experience in New Orleans with a scavenger hunt and wine stroll.

"We've had ideas for these things before, but it doesn't really get off the ground until it's organic from the peo-

ple who are going to participate — the business owners," Lytal said. "We'd been wanting them to do after-hours shopping for ages. They've finally kind of come together and said, 'Let's stay open late.'"

It's a way to boost downtown business and have some holiday fun in the bargain.

Now in its fifth year, the crawl will take full advantage of Olde Towne charm and the spirit of the season. Holiday lights, garlands and wreaths will perk up the setting, and Christmas music will waft through the evening air. Carriage rides around Olde Towne will offer a nostalgic touch. The event's been a fun outing for couples and ladies' groups since its inception.

Participants can stop by one shop after another, sipping cider and snacking on hors d'oeuvres at each stop. Each participating merchant will have a question about the business or something for visitors to find. Answers are written on a slip of paper and then entered into a drawing for door prizes, valued at \$50 or more, at the end of the night. Live music will be offered by Luke and JJ Campbell.

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