



Barry Jones

September 17, 1938 - July 12, 2025

Barry Ronald Jones, retired teacher and coach, age 86 of Forney, Texas passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 12, 2025. Born in Gatesville, Texas, Barry grew up in the small farming community of Turnersville, Texas as the only child of Orville and Verna Lee (Reesing) Jones. Barry was blessed to have a loving, strong extended family who instilled positive character traits. He helped with farming and livestock chores, but Saturday afternoons were reserved for going "to town" to watch a movie and enjoy a good supper afterwards.

Barry graduated at Turnersville High School as Valedictorian in a class of 13. He was a star athlete for his 6-man football team; his coach had a nickname for every player and Barry's was Bruno. Barry left for college at Tarleton State University for 2 years and then headed to the Holylands (AKA Texas A&M University, College Station) to complete his Bachelor of Science degree. Before beginning his professional career, he served in the National Guard and was called to active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962.

Loving sports so much, it was no surprise that Barry chose to be a teacher and coach. He was recruited to go to Fort Stockton ISD by one of his Turnersville friends; where he taught for 11 years. During that time, he found his life mate to join him. At the Dairy Queen parking lot in Gatesville, Barry met his future bride, Linda, and enticed her with the pickup line of "Come over

here, I've got some war stories to tell you." It worked, he persuaded her to leave her college, get married, and move to Fort Stockton. Those were good years. They would then welcome two sons, Casey and Corby. Barry also completed his Master of Education at Sul Ross University during their time in West Texas.

In 1974, the Jones family moved to Forney, TX where Barry and Linda continued serving in education. Barry became a vocational coordinator for special needs students at Rockwall High School. He formed lasting relationships with students and staff, and still maintained contact with some of them.

In 1979, the family welcomed another baby son, Clay. Clay was everybody's little brother. Clay lost his life in 1995 at 16 in a freak lightning storm while practicing football. That incident was life-altering, but with God's help, our community, church, devoted family and friends loving and supporting us— we moved forward.

Barry's favorite activities were high school sports, AGGIE football games, trips to Ruidoso, New Mexico, and family gatherings.

Barry leaves to cherish his memory with wife Linda, sons Casey (Klaudia) Corby (Raye), granddaughter, Alana Clay Jones, sisters in law Nancy (Mike) Oats, Sandra (John) Mulloy, nephew, Dr Sam Oats (Blanca) the army of his sons friends, and his bonus family, Justin (Brittany), Taylar (Korrey) Dakota (Mandi) and the "Noisy 9" children.

Memorial donations may be made to Clay Jones Legacy Foundation or First Presbyterian Church, Forney.

A memorial service for Barry will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 25, 2025 at

Jones Intermediate school, visitation will start one hour prior at 10:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Jones Intermediate School
811 S Bois D'Arc st.
Forney , TX 75126

Memorial Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Barry Jones



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - September 02, 2025 at 04:25 PM

MC

“ Mideum C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barry Jones.

Mideum C. - July 31, 2025 at 08:28 PM

TF

“ The Hanka Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barry Jones.

The Hanka Family - July 24, 2025 at 08:11 PM

TF

“ The Hanka Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barry Jones.



The Hanka Family - July 24, 2025 at 08:11 PM

SS

“ Sincerely, The Stallards purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Barry Jones.



Sincerely, The Stallards - July 24, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barry Jones.



July 24, 2025 at 10:21 AM

OV

“ We became good neighbors in Ruidoso NM with Barry and Linda and their beautiful family in the year 2008. We became great friends through the years. We always looked forward to seeing them and sitting on the deck enjoying our time and wonderful conversations. We will miss Barry dearly, but we will always remember the great memories! Prayers to Linda and family. Sending blessings from Joe & Olga Villa and Family

Olga Villa - July 24, 2025 at 07:30 AM

GS

“ Barry brought kindness & warmth into the lives of everyone who knew him. He had a unique sense of humor, love of family and aggie sports. We will cherish the memories that we shared. Gary and Sandy S.

Gary Siegrist - July 23, 2025 at 09:03 PM

AA

“ Aaron and Lisa Adams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barry Jones.



Aaron and Lisa Adams - July 23, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barry Jones.

July 23, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Barry Jones.



July 23, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barry Jones.



July 22, 2025 at 11:54 AM

RB

“ Reta B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barry Jones.



Reta B. - July 21, 2025 at 07:29 PM

RI

“ Riley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barry Jones.



Riley - July 21, 2025 at 02:25 PM

LP

“ Barry was a faithful friend to Clarence as a A&M Former Student and to me as a RISD Jacket. I will miss him.
Love and sympathy to Linda and family.
Leigh Plagens

Leigh Plagens - July 20, 2025 at 05:47 PM

MH

“ Melissa Rush, Page Staffa, Lisa Hempkins purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Barry Jones.



Melissa Rush, Page Staffa, Lisa Hempkins - July 18, 2025 at 06:52 PM

JG

“ Jodi G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barry Jones.

Jodi G. - July 18, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Barry Jones.



July 18, 2025 at 03:37 PM

SM

“ Barry started dating Linda when I was in junior high school. I thought he was pretty wonderful and he drove a cool car. He often brought a new record album to the house which he conveniently left behind for us to enjoy. He was generous and kind and thoughtful. Barry made an impact on so many. He was a loving husband to Linda and a wonderful father to Casey, Corby, and Clay. He was dedicated to his family, his students, his friends, his church, and the Forney community. Barry was one of a kind and will be missed.

Sandra Mulloy - July 18, 2025 at 01:16 PM

GM

“ Barry and I met watching our sons play little league baseball in FORNEY, back in the mid 70's.....My son and his oldest son went all of their school years together as best friends, and still are to this day....Linda and I became friends during these early years, 50 years ago, and still are today....We have been on trips together as couples, and just the two of us, and have spent many wonderful times together.....Barry, being an Aggie, and us being Longhorns made for many interesting moments....I liked to surprise Linda and Barry, when I was in a baking mood, with one of my Chocolate pies....I will miss him and his gentle spirit....I can't believe he is gone, but we will never forget him...His love of sports, especially football, as well as the great love for his family is something I will always remember fondly....❤️

Gerri McMillan - July 17, 2025 at 05:09 PM

NO

“ I first met Barry when I was a high school kid, and he was already a teacher/coach, so he often teased me like a kid sister. But over the years I was completely in awe of his devotion to my sister and his sons at every stage of their lives! His sons got to see their Dad attending church every Sunday, enjoying sports of all kinds, and of course, endured a little brainwashing in all things AGGIE! Barry lives on through his family, friends, and every student and young athlete he influenced over the years. Sending love and blessings to his family! Nancy Oats

Nancy Oats - July 17, 2025 at 06:39 AM