

James M Jones

July 1, 1939 - June 6, 2025

James “Jim” Marvin Jones passed away peacefully at his home in Mesquite on June 6, 2025. He was born on July 1, 1939, in Dallas, Texas, to Emmett and Edna Jones, whom he joyfully reunited in Heaven along with his beloved son Jeff Jones, and his cherished brother Jerry Don Jones.

Jim’s journey through life was as vibrant as the love he shared with those around him. Graduating from Terrell High School in 1958, after spending his formative years in the Red Oak community, he discovered the love of his life, Jane Harwell, during those golden high school days. From the moment he laid eyes on her, he knew his heart had found its home. They married in 1959, embarking on a lifelong adventure together.

From 1962 to 1966, Jim proudly served in the Air Force, working as a Nurses Technician on the psychiatric floor. There, he supported soldiers of all ranks as they navigated through emotional and psychological challenges brought on by the Vietnam War. His decision to join the Air Force was rooted in his commitment to sharing every moment of life’s journey with Jane, ensuring their travels were hand in hand.

In 1967, Jim and his family planted roots in Mesquite, where he dedicated nine years to Texas Instruments before joining Baylor University Medical Center. There, he worked as a unit manager and eventually as assistant manager in the distribution center until retiring in his sixties. Throughout his career, Jim brought care, diligence and a quiet strength to every role he undertook.

Jim's enthusiasm for yardwork was unmatched. His meticulous attention to detail turned mowing, edging and tending into an art form, earning him the self-proclaimed title of "best yard in the neighborhood." He took immense pride in his grass and wasn't shy about letting folks know if they dared disturb his tranquil masterpiece. His love for gardening wasn't confined to his own yard; he also worked alongside his grandfather, Jim Wallace, to landscape at Alexander Hospital. When his grandfather passed, Jim ensured the family carried on the work, turning their efforts into a lasting tribute.

Above all, Jim was a family man. His grandchildren lit up his life, and though he didn't particularly care for the name "Marvin," he embraced the affectionate "Paw Paw Marvin" with open arms. He was playful, generous and charismatic, a soul who never met a stranger and always found time to express gratitude to others. He had an extraordinary way of honoring military service, often pausing to thank both the men and their wives —the latter for the sacrifices they made alongside their loved ones.

Jim's life was a tapestry of love, kindness and devotion, woven together by the countless moments he shared with family, friends and those he encountered. His legacy is one of joy, resilience and a heart that truly never stopped giving. Left to honor and remember his legacy is his beautiful wife, Jane Jones; his children: Janet Harris and husband, James, and Jason Jones and wife, Rhonda; grandchildren: Jennifer Smith and husband Kameron, Jeffrey Harris, Ross Jones and wife Annie, and Rebekah Jones; great grandchildren: McKinley, Paisley, and Everley; sisters: Rose Wolfe and Linda Clark; brother, Grant Harwell and wife, Rosemary as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends, all of whom will miss Jim dearly.

Services for James will be held at 12:00 p.m., Friday, June 13, 2025, at the Max Slayton Funeral Chapel in Terrell Texas, with an interment to Highland Memorial Gardens in Terrell, Texas. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

Hwy 34 North
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

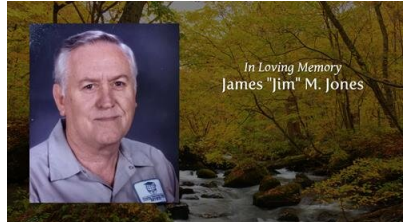
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Tribute Wall



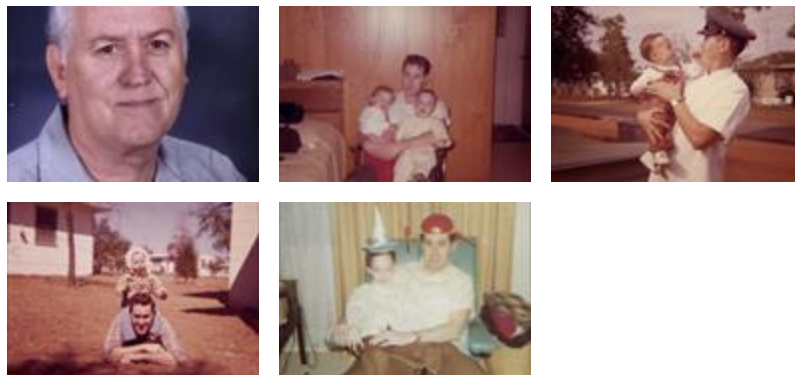
“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of James M Jones*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 13, 2025 at 04:20 PM



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Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 16, 2025 at 12:47 PM

SH

“ Jane, our families were placed together by our loving Savior. I have fond memories of Don and Jim standing in the front yard visiting so many times. They really enjoyed each other. Our sweet granddaughter knew Jim and already loved him before Lisa and Candi moved in. Your friendship and love to them through these years is a great blessing to them and to me.
Much love to you.

Sue Hearn - June 13, 2025 at 02:18 PM

TB

“ Mrs Jane, you know how much we love you and Mr Jim. We loved every visit and the laughs Mr Jim generated.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

With love,

*The DRMC Materials Management Team
Teresa, Barbie, Mary, Cynthia, Howard & Tim*

Teresa Barcus - June 13, 2025 at 09:38 AM

LP

“ Jimmy was one of the best! He will be missed! Always had a story and a smile. He was a dear cousin and I loved him and his family very much! Thoughts and prayers for all of you.

Laura

Laura Pitts - June 12, 2025 at 07:16 PM

CH

“ I was sad to hear of Jimmy's passing and those who knew and loved him will miss him dearly. Jimmy had a good life. I will never forget the memories made with my family in Terrell, Kaufman and Garland. Times spent with Jimmy and Janie, Aunt Edna, Rose and Linda, and Grandmother and Granddaddy Wallis. Those were the times. Jimmy was a huge fan of Roy Rogers!!!! When I lived in California, I worked at a boys' home that was founded by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. While there, an anniversary celebration was held and Gabby Hayes and the son of Roy and Dale attended. I think Jimmy was jealous. I sent him a poster of the event and, perhaps, a few more memorabilia. He was happy, happy, happy!!!! Jimmy and all of his family are very special to me. I loved him and I love his family. God's blessing to you all.



Charlotte - June 12, 2025 at 08:23 AM

MD

“ Mary D. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James M Jones.



Mary D. - June 11, 2025 at 10:57 AM

SF

“ Stovall Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of James M Jones.



Stovall Family - June 10, 2025 at 09:43 PM

AP

“ Jim will always be remembered for his kind and generous heart caring for others. From Mickey Swindell and Ann Pennington

Ann Pennington - June 10, 2025 at 08:21 PM

FA

“ From Mickey, Ann, and Alta purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James M Jones.



From Mickey, Ann, and Alta - June 10, 2025 at 08:07 PM

LG

“ Lisa (Tonroy) and Dwight Green purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James M Jones.



Lisa (Tonroy) and Dwight Green - June 10, 2025 at 07:59 PM

VA

“ Janie and family, I send my prayers for peace and understanding in these most difficult of times. Van

Van - June 10, 2025 at 04:22 PM

RS

“ *Janie, Janet & Jason:
I am so sorry to hear about Jimmy. He always
had the biggest smile & was always so kind &
oh so funny. Praying for peace & comfort to
each of you & your families.*



Richard & Tricia (Pirtle) Selman - June 10, 2025 at 02:00 PM

RE

“ *Janie, Rose and Linda, I am so sorry that Jimmy is gone. I had so
many good times with you all as a child. Time takes so much from
us but it does not take away my wonderful memories of the times
spent with all of you in Terrell.
Janet and Jason, my heartfelt sympathy to you and your families.
Rebecca*

Rebecca - June 10, 2025 at 11:53 AM

PM

“ *Jimmy always had a smile on his face and in his eyes waiting for
family and friends. I will definitely miss his warm welcoming greeting
and send my sympathy to Janie and the rest of the family. Jimmy
was one of the 'GOOD GUYS'! Patsy Sparks Marshall*

Patsy Sparks Marshall - June 10, 2025 at 10:27 AM

KS

Jimmy was loved by all. Send hugs and prayers to Jane and family.

Kay Squires - June 10, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JH

*We wish for you and your family peace. Buddy and Joan will miss Jim
so much. He was a great friend.
Much love, Buddy and Joan*

Joan Hunt - June 11, 2025 at 08:15 AM

T5

“ *THS CLASS OF 58 purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of James M Jones.*



THS CLASS OF 58 - June 10, 2025 at 08:42 AM

T5

“ *THS CLASS OF 58 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James M Jones.*

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