



Earl Norman Jones

July 23, 1940 - April 1, 2020

Earl Norman Jones, 79, passed away on April 1, 2020, in the company of his wife of 42 years, Irene.

He was born in Chicago on July 23, 1940, to Clinton Jones and Mildred Carter Jones, spending his childhood in Harvey, Illinois. He attended Thornton Township High School and received his GED from Big Bend Community College.

Earl entered the U.S. Air Force at the age of 17 and enjoyed a 20-year career doing what he loved. His adventurous spirit and love of travel took him to Japan, The Philippines, Guam and several bases in the United States, including in Massachusetts, California, and Arizona. His last assignment before retiring from Peterson AFB in Colorado was to RAF Upper Heyford, England, where he met Airman Irene Wasylkiewicz, who would become his wife on October 22, 1977.

After retiring from the air force, Earl worked for 26 years for General Electric as a medical systems engineer, in Indiana, California, Illinois, and briefly in England.

Earl enjoyed woodworking, motorcycling, Taekwondo, and traveling, both on group tours and self-arranged outings. His last, unfinished, project was a model railroad village.

Earl is survived by his wife, Irene Julia Jones; son, Earl Kenneth Jones (Mary); daughter, Victoria Jones; grandson, Joshua Hawley; granddaughter, Jessica Desjardin; sister, Ann McFarland; brother, Dan Jones; nieces, Kellie (Greg Goodhew) McFarland, Pamela (Edward) Julius, Linda (Walter) Bay, Annette McFarland, and Lisa Marie (Stuart) Hanke; nephew, Terrance Drake (Christy) Jones; grandnieces, Rachel and Sarah McFarland-Goodhew, and Arianna and Marissa Hanke; grandnephews, Christopher Julius, Michael, Robert, and Matthew Bay, Adam Goodhew, and Ethan and Cameron Hanke.

There will be no services per Earl's wishes. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations and contributions be made to a charity of your choice in Earl's memory.

Comments



“ Happy Father's Day Dad!!



Victoria A. Offutt - June 20 at 05:12 PM



“ Earl has my respect and admiration. He was the MOST amazingly disciplined person I have ever met. I really admire how he was able to take sensible breaks and then get right back into the groove, always keeping things in balance.

Earl was a very wise and level-headed man, skilled in carpentry, creative and talented, and a wonderful husband to my sister, Irene.

I'll never forget the time Irene and Earl took me in and gave me shelter. We had some awesome game nights when we all lived in the same apartment complex back in Garden Grove. Earl will be missed!

Gabrielle Terry Wasylkiewicz - April 16 at 11:12 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lucy Lawrence - April 12 at 11:01 AM



“ My dear cousin Reeny's husband Earl - always smiling, always charming. It was plain to see that that he was very, very happily married. God bless his happy heart, always and God bless our cousin, Reeny. With much love, Lucy & Brian Lawrence X



Lucy Lawrence - April 12 at 11:01 AM



“ Thank you, dear Cousin Lucy and Brian, for your post, which brought back some wonderful memories. We truly enjoyed your hospitality on that very special occasion. Thanks for showing us a fun time then and posting these photos now. It was one of the happiest vacations of our lives. So good to see you both and share good times. With fond memories and much love, yours always, Reeny.

Irene - April 13 at 02:47 PM



“ Much love to your dear heart in which you hold dearest memories of your loving husband who you obviously gave so many wonderful years of shared love and happiness
Love, love to you.

Lucy - April 14 at 12:44 PM



“ Hi dad,

This is very difficult. I can't believe your gone. There was so much more we had to do together. We had so much in common like being "Trekkers". Me joining the Air Force. How much you loved railroading and me being a conductor. We even had the same car. Lol.

As a kid you were so easy going. You didn't have to yell. Just one look and I straightened up. When Kenny and I visited in Kokomo, you would let me hold the steering wheel while driving home back to Chicago. The remodel job In Kokomo, you would let me help you when Kenny and I came for our visits. You rode roller coasters in Ohio with me over and over again even though they made you queasy. Teaching me to play golf. Man I was terrible at it. I could go on. It's tough.

I'm going to miss you terribly. The visits, the phone calls, the emails. I understood your decision to move on. I couldn't be selfish and say don't go. Your comfortable and happy now. I will see you again.

Love from your daughte,
Vicki

Victoria Jones - April 09 at 08:47 PM



“ Thank you for sharing your memories, Vicki. By doing so, you brought back happy ones for me. You were and always will be his little girl.

Irene - April 13 at 02:51 PM



“ Thank you Irene. I can't forget all of the adventures Dad, You, Kenny and I had together too. Remember the games we played like Rummy and Mastermind. Going to that place called Prairie Farms. Visits to Garden Grove and Rockford.
Let's keep it going.

Victoria A. Offutt - April 20 at 10:32 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Gabrielle Terry Wasylkiewicz - April 09 at 07:30 PM



“ One of our happiest Christmases ever, surrounded by family.

Irene - April 13 at 02:53 PM



“ Very sorry to learn of Earl's passing. I have fond memories of our trip to the Corning Museum of Glass when he and Irene were visiting his sister Ann in Rochester (NY). My deepest condolences to Irene and his family. Poonam Dev

Poonam - April 08 at 05:19 PM



“ Thank you, Poonam, for sharing your condolences and this memory. We really did enjoy meeting you and seeing the beautiful glassworks in Corning together. You were so gracious and a fun companion. You and Ann are lucky to be such great friends. Take care, Irene.

Irene - April 13 at 02:56 PM



“ So sorry to here of Earl's passing, praying for Peace, Comfort and Hope in the midst of your sorrow. Our deepest sympathy.
The Vickers Family



Pauline Vickers - April 08 at 01:17 PM



“ On behalf of all our family, thank you so much!

Irene - April 13 at 02:57 PM



“ I miss my Uncle Earl! He was so funny and always made me laugh. I will miss him for the rest of my life and especially on Christmas with that rapping Christmas tree! Well, I will see him on the other side one day, hopefully we can have fun for eternity!



Kelley Mcfarland - April 07 at 05:32 PM



“ Thanks, Kelley. He loved a good laugh. Thanks for being a part of his life, along with your wonderful children. He really enjoyed your company and your great artistic talent.

Irene - April 07 at 10:41 PM



“ I've had the pleasure of working with Earl for several years now. He let me know to quit calling him Mr. Jones. Ha! He has been such a kindhearted and genuine man during the years I've known him. I remember he called my office sometime around August and my son just started Kindergarten that week - I was an emotional wreck. He drove to my office later that week (over 30 minutes away) and dropped off an Italian Cream cake just to brighten my day. So thoughtful! Irene, we are praying for you!

-Arlie Scott

Arlie Scott - April 07 at 02:23 PM



“ Thank you, Arlie! He certainly knew how to bring comfort with goodies like that. I've had my share of them. He appreciated everything you did for us. Thanks for posting this lovely tribute. You brought back a happy memory.

Irene - April 07 at 10:44 PM



“ Dawn Bajalieh lit a candle in memory of Earl Norman Jones



Dawn Bajalieh - April 07 at 12:40 PM



“ Thank you, Dawn. He was the light of my life.

Irene - April 07 at 12:39 PM



“ Dear Irene,

I met Earl at one of our HOA meetings to improve the front entrance. He was very kind and wore his military hat with pride and I loved that about him coming from a huge family of military myself. I didn't know the both of you well, I did see you walking around the neighborhood. I know losing a loved one is not easy on your heart. I am your neighbor and a friend if you need anything or just a visit please don't hesitate to contact me. I am at 10008 Summer Ridge Ln. God Bless.

Dawn Bajalieh

Dawn Bajalieh - April 07 at 12:45 PM



“ That's so sweet of you, Dawn. I will miss walking with him. He was my inspiration. It won't be the same without him, but I must start up again sometime. He'd want me to take care of myself. I'm grateful for your tribute to him and your offer to me. God bless you too.

Irene - April 07 at 10:47 PM



“ Condolences just don't seem enough to recognize the passing of Earl. Perhaps it was our military background that was the foundation for our connection and communication. Earl was easy to talk to. He always displayed that warm smile and easy demeanor whether it was at a meeting or just walking through the neighborhood. Thank you Earl for your contributions to the Crighton Woods Homeowners Association. I will always remember our January 25 meeting at Starbucks to devise the plan for the annual Garage Sale. It was so easy to work with you. You will be missed; I will miss you.

Rudy Guerrero - April 07 at 12:09 PM



“ Thank you, Rudy, for your kind words. And that offer of help from you and Debbie mean so much to me. Earl enjoyed working with you on HOA matters and would have been grateful to you for reaching out to me.

Irene - April 07 at 12:09 PM



“ Irene, I speak for all of your friends from the Book Nook and Central Library Conroe that we are so very sorry for your loss. We felt like we knew Earl from stories of the trips that you both took and from everyday experiences the two of you had. We all send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family,
Vicki Christopher



Vicki Cristopher - April 07 at 12:00 PM



“ Thank you, Vicki, for your kind words, prayers and cards to help keep me going at this difficult time. I really miss you and my library friends and hope we can see each other again soon. I know you must all miss each other too. Please convey my gratitude to all who reached out to me. As Earl would say when he was swamped with work, "I'm up to my eyeballs in alligators."

Irene - April 07 at 12:14 PM



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Angie - April 07 at 11:25 AM



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Angie - April 07 at 09:26 AM



“ Your wedding reception was one of the happiest times of my life, Angie and Dan.

Irene - April 07 at 12:26 PM



“ It was so wonderful to have everyone together. I love you sis. Reading Earls tribute wall makes my heart happy and sad at the same time. It sure shows how loved you both are. So bittersweet, sigh.

Angie - April 07 at 10:04 PM



“ I share your bittersweet feeling, Sis. I didn't know it was possible to miss someone so much. You never know how much you lean on someone until that support is gone. I thank my lucky stars I have all of you to prop me up.

Irene - April 13 at 03:02 PM



“ We will always be here for you!

Angie - April 14 at 03:39 PM



“ Victoria Jones lit a candle in memory of Earl Norman Jones



Victoria Jones - April 06 at 10:39 PM



“ Angie Novigrod lit a candle in memory of Earl Norman Jones



Angie Novigrod - April 06 at 09:32 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the whole family and all who feel the pain of this loss.

Dearest Squirrel,

I can't believe you are gone. My heart hurts for all of us that love you. You were there by Irene's side for pretty much my whole life. I love and admired your many talents. It just won't be the same without you.

I promise to be there for your girl and that we will all get through this with love, respect, and kindness. Thanks for being you. Keep your energy near so we can feel your presence and take comfort in it.

Fond memory: A Christmas many moons ago.

Me: Hey Earl, whatcha want Christmas?

You: Oh anything from a tie to Ferrari would be cool. “

Fast forward to opening gifts under the tree and Earl unwrapping his very own red Ferrari model car. Irene you made my heart smile the other day sending me the picture of it, and finding out he kept it after all these years.

I hope you are driving that Ferrari now with your favorite tie hanging from the rear-view mirror. Cheers to all the precious memories you gave us. See ya on the other side.

Love,

Angie (Irene's youngest sister)

Angie Novigrod - April 06 at 09:26 PM



“ Thanks for your sweet words and that happy memory. You make me smile. I love you, little sister. Thanks for all your help at this difficult time. You got things done!

Irene - April 06 at 09:31 PM



“ Of course, I love you. One foot in front of the other, one day at a time. I love you

Angie - April 07 at 09:18 AM



“ Expressing our deepest & sincerest condolences to all the Jones Family on the loss of dear Earl. He was a well-beloved brother-in-law to us for over four decades. He was a joy to be around and we will sorely miss him. It's so hard to comprehend that he's really gone and that we'll never again see him in this life. He'll be there to greet us on the other side with that warm smile of his. As the fabulous carpenter that he was, he's probably giving Jesus a hand in preparing a place for us.

Irene, you've been a magnificent wife to him. You gave each other a beautiful life together. I know you miss him terribly, but one day you'll be with each other again, minus the sufferings & sorrows of this life. God bless you. We love you, Honey.

With all our love, Chris & Bob & little Simon

Christine & Robert Fisher - April 06 at 06:17 PM



“ Thank you for your support throughout our ordeal, Chris and Bob. That was a lovely tribute. It comforts me. You've always been a treasure to me. Love you always!

Irene - April 06 at 06:56 PM



“ "I love you forever!" I miss you so, Dear. How I wish I could hold you in my arms one more time. Now I know what it's like to lose my best friend, my comfort and joy. Thank you for all the wonderful years together. I know you are at peace now and waiting for me.



Irene Jones - April 06 at 04:35 PM