



Joe Jones Sr.

February 2, 1937 - December 6, 2017

Joe Jones, 80, of Waterloo and formerly of Eddyville passed away Wednesday, December 6, in Waterloo.

Joe Lawrence Jones, the youngest of nine children, was born February 2, 1937, to Oscar and Lottie (Reed) Jones in Centerville, Iowa. He was raised in Centerville and was a 1955 graduate of Centerville High School. He was known as “Dub” in high school where he excelled in athletics. He played football, basketball and participated in track, and still holds some track records at his high school. He attended the University of Iowa for one year, before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in the Marines for three years, from 1957 – 1960, and also played football for the corps. Following his discharge, he served for an additional three years in the Marine Corps Reserves. In the late 1960’s, Joe began his career in sewer construction, specializing in deep sewer installation. He would later establish Joe Jones Construction Limited and Joe Jones Incorporated, in Eddyville. He and his son, Joe, later established Subsurface Construction, Inc. in Oskaloosa. Joe married the love-of-his-life, Elaine Louise Taylor, September 23, 1967, in Ottumwa. Together they raised four children. For over 30 years, Joe and Elaine owned and operated J & E’s Rib’s-on-Wheels. They traveled the state in their converted school bus cooking and serving delicious barbequed meals. Joe enjoyed sports his entire life and in his elderly years especially enjoyed cheering on his grandchildren at their sporting events. He also enjoyed fishing and spent many hours teaching his grandchildren and neighborhood children

how to fish. Scouring the countryside for useful “junk” was another pastime he liked. Joe was a dedicated caregiver to his wife, Elaine, for several years prior to her death January 11, 2016. In May 2010, Joe and Elaine moved to Waterloo to be closer to their son. He was a long-time member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witness in Oskaloosa, where he did the ministry work of Auxiliary Pioneering; after moving to Waterloo he attended the Waterloo Kingdom Hall.

His family includes his children: Aleece Jones of Des Moines, Lonii Jones of Champaign, Illinois, JoAnna Parker of Tacoma, Washington and Joe Jones Jr. of Waterloo; six grandchildren: Miciah, Erin, Amanda, Jamal, Caleb and Taylor; and four great-grandchildren: Antonio, Teagan, Dylan and Stella. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, his parents, and his eight siblings: Mabel Carter, Eithel Wright, Paul Jones, Robert Jones, Oscar Jones, Mary Williams, Lillian Barnett and Ollie Jones.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the Eddyville-Blakesburg High School cafeteria with Mr. Paul Resczenko of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witness officiating. Memorials may be made to the family. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life- Eddyville-Blakesburg High School cafeteria

DEC 16. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Jones Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *My Great Uncle Joe was a man of great integrity and faith, with a deep love for all his family! His last words to me at the family reunion this year will stay with me forever! Family, no matter how, no matter where, matters first after God!*



Annie Varnadore - December 16, 2017 at 09:22 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joe Jones Sr..*



December 15, 2017 at 11:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Jones Sr..*



December 15, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joe Jones Sr..*



December 13, 2017 at 03:49 PM



“ *My condolences go out to the family. I remember Joe 'Dub' well as a young girl growing up in Centerville.*



Linda Ousley - December 12, 2017 at 07:31 PM



He will be missed

Linda Ousley - December 12, 2017 at 07:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Jones Sr..*



December 12, 2017 at 11:55 AM

Gene
Rouze

“ I worked for Garden & Associates as Inspector and worked with Joe on many projects. I live only two blocks from here Joe done all his great cooking BBQ at BP. Joe was one of the fines Gentlemen the I have ever met and always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell. The world lost a Great Man and Heaven Gained the Great Man. To the family remember all the memories that you have of Joe and no one can take those away.

Gene Rouze - December 11, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to the Jones family at this time. I remember going to picnics at the Jones when we were younger he was such a kind and gentle man and such an awesome cook. He will be missed by many people. My heart goes out to his family.
Rene Cameron-Carruthers and family



Rene Cameron-Carruthers - December 11, 2017 at 12:18 PM

SS

“ Although I was several years younger, (class of 61), My brother graduated with Dub in 1955. I still remember going to the Big Red athletic events as a youngster. Dub Jones was always bigger than LIFE TO ME. IT seems like it was always: " GIVE THE BALL TO DUB, HE IS A WINNER" My brother Paul has also passed on but the memories will last forever. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Jones family. Sam Sweeden, South Bend, Indiana.

sam sweeden - December 11, 2017 at 09:57 AM

JM

“ Jeff Ferguson Camdenton MO lit a candle in memory of Joe Jones Sr.



Jeff Ferguson Camdenton MO - December 10, 2017 at 09:06 PM



“ I would like Joe's family and friends to know that Joe was one of the nicest people I have ever met. I was a year ahead of Joe in school, we both attended Lincoln School.. My mother was Joe's 4th grade teacher, Madeline Theile. She told me early on that Joe was much better behaved than I was.. I enjoyed playing football and basketball with Joe in high school.. I'm very glad I was able to have a good conversation with him at his 60th high school reunion.. I did have the good fortune to meet his son Joe briefly back in "I think" 2004 in either Pella or Oskaloosa..



Bob Theile, Winona, Minnesota

Bob Theile - December 10, 2017 at 04:56 PM

DP

“ My condolences to the family.

Debra peniston-Lasseter - December 10, 2017 at 12:40 PM

VL

“ We loved to have have Joe and Elaine stop by our home in Searsboro when he was working on the new water system. My folks and them became true friends!! We enjoyed going to Eddyville to eat Joe's great barbeque. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Mom (Eva McDowell) is sitting next to me and also wants to let you know she is thinking about you during this hard time. Vicki McDowell Latcham

Vicki Latcham - December 10, 2017 at 11:46 AM

BF

“ Loved his happy go lucky smile and those “ribs”! I still can taste and eat them as before. Sleeve and Joe, so sorry for your loss 😞

Barb Fisher - December 10, 2017 at 11:01 AM

BF

Sorry, Aleece!

Barb Fisher - December 10, 2017 at 11:02 AM

DN

“ Diana Fridley Nichols lit a candle in memory of Joe Jones Sr.



Diana Fridley Nichols - December 10, 2017 at 09:04 AM

DN

Aleece, I am so sorry, sending hugs and prayers for comfort for your family.

Diana Fridley Nichols - December 10, 2017 at 09:07 AM

SP

“ Sue Peterson lit a candle in memory of Joe Jones Sr.



Sue Peterson - December 10, 2017 at 08:59 AM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss very kind family.

Rex & Alice Critchlow - December 10, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ What an amazing man this makes me so sad sending prayers to the family I'm so glad I got to know them and would get to visit them on the bus from time to time we had a lot of good visits papa Joe I'm glad your no longer in pain miss n luv ya and of course give Grammy a hug see you again someday 🥹💕



Leanna Osterloh - December 10, 2017 at 08:28 AM

KS

“ This man was one on the nicest kindness men I have ever met. To the family I'm so sorry for your loss.

Kelli Harding Sytsma - December 10, 2017 at 07:20 AM

QT

“ So sad to hear of his death. He was a mensch. I worked with him on the University Park sewer and grew to love that man. He was the epitome of manhood, kind, careful and considerate. He will be missed. Would love to contact Archie’s children, if possible.

quinton tschetter - December 10, 2017 at 04:33 AM

SP

So sorry for the loss of a great man. I worked with Joe on road construction when i worked for Manatt and Carter. And to meet him family , little Joe as we called him. I ate alot of his cooking. Such a caring man. Prayers to the family

Sue Peterson - December 10, 2017 at 08:57 AM

SH

“ As the secretary at Eddyville high school for 35 years I have so many fond memories of Joe and Elaine. He was always so friendly and had some great stories to share. His barbeque was the best ever! My deepest sympathies go out to his children and grandchildren. Joe was "one of a kind" and will be missed by many.

Shelly Hoskins - December 09, 2017 at 09:33 PM