



Robert "Bob" Jones

July 26, 1927 - June 6, 2025

Robert "Bob" Jones, 97, of Oskaloosa, passed away Friday, June 6, 2025, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

Robert Edgar Jones, the fifth and youngest child of Thomas Richard and Hazel Lois (Reynolds) Jones, was born at the home of his parents in rural Oskaloosa on July 26, 1927. A highlight from his youth was his involvement in 4-H. He showed hogs, sheep, and dairy cattle at fairs. Bob served on the county 4H and the FFA judging teams at the Iowa State Fair. Bob held all the offices in his local club. He also served as FFA President. He placed 4th in the National Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in a field of 1,200 contestants. His intentions in his youth were to be a livestock buyer, but he ended up becoming a retailer instead.

After his 1944 graduation from Oskaloosa High School, Bob took a course with Iowa State University and tested dairy cattle in four counties. He then worked for Maytag Dairy Farms, where he served as an assistant herdsman. Bob's most memorable times at Maytag included escorting heifers by box car to New Jersey. He also sold a young Maytag bull for \$10,000.

On August 22, 1948, he married Violet Marie Chilcote at the First Christian Church and they made their home in Oskaloosa. Later, Bob was employed by Wilcox-Garland Furniture Store. After working for the store for eleven years, Bob bought the store in 1958, which he owned for 41 years. He also owned furniture stores in Grinnell from 1965 to 1978 and in Ottumwa from 1985 to 1988. Bob retired from the furniture business in 2003.

Bob was a member of the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa and served in nearly every capacity within the church. He was President of the Oskaloosa Jaycees and was President of the Iowa Jaycees from 1960-1961. Bob was a Past Master and a 75-year member of the Masons' Council Lodge. He served as President of the Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce, Iowa State Floor Covering Club, and the Oskaloosa Rotary Club. Bob enjoyed teasing everyone, traveling, being with his family, sneaking food to his grand dogs, Iowa and Iowa State sports, and showcasing improvements around his Oskaloosa.

Bob's family includes his wife, Violet, of 76 years; three sons: Rev. Clifford (Karen) Jones of Princeton, KY; Keith (Susan) Jones of Chanhassen, MN; and Steven (Cynthia) Jones of Portland, OR; four granddaughters: Anita Gillis, Brook Miles, Amy Jones and Lone Jones; three grandsons: Curtis Jones, Ryan Jones, Oscar Jones; three great-grandsons: Robert Wynn, Noah Miles, and Kenny Gillis; and one great-granddaughter: Kaylah Jones.

Besides his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his youngest son, Gary; three sisters: Mildred DeJong, Myrtle Lois Martin, and Elsie Jones; a brother, Thomas Jones Jr.; and a great-grandson, Blake Wynn.

Funeral Services for Bob will take place at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa, with Rev. Robert Goodrich and Rev. Molly Goodrich officiating. Burial will take place following the services at Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, with the family present from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to greet friends and relatives. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa or the Oskaloosa Rotary Club.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 672-2181
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

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Funeral Service

JUN **11**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
119 A Avenue EAst
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leilani VandeWall lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Jones*



Leilani VandeWall - June 11, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Jones.*



June 10, 2025 at 03:12 PM



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

June 10, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss You and all of your families are in my thoughts and prayers.
Nancy Jane Stapp McCurdy
nancy.stapp.mccurdy@gmail.com*



Nancy McCurdy - June 10, 2025 at 07:06 AM

BF

“ Beverly Floden lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Jones



Beverly Floden - June 09, 2025 at 06:42 PM

CM

“ CINDY MOTT lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Jones



CINDY MOTT - June 09, 2025 at 03:21 PM

CL

“ Chilcote Brother and Sister In Laws purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Robert "Bob" Jones.



Chilcote Brother and Sister In Laws - June 09, 2025 at 01:58 PM

MM

“ Marilyn Mott lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Jones



Marilyn Mott - June 07, 2025 at 09:42 PM

DA

“ *My condolences to Violet and family.
Donna Malin Arendt*

Donna Arendt - June 07, 2025 at 08:49 PM

JP

“ *Bob was such a sweet guy and he always had a gentle tease and a hug for me when I'd see him at church. I will miss seeing his smiling face.*

Jennifer Peterson - June 07, 2025 at 03:50 PM

BN

“ *Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Jones*



Becky Netten - June 07, 2025 at 03:45 PM

CB

“ *You will be missed Bob ! I hope there are plenty of mushrooms up in heaven for all. You and Violet turned out to be some very good friends of mine and I will miss our visits. Rest easy with our Lord Sir.*

Carol beadle - June 07, 2025 at 03:37 PM

DC

“ *What a wonderful catalog of memories we have of Bob and Violet. Dominos and card games at our house in door co wi and trips down here to Florida to our house in Florida. Bob was a jokester! You will be missed but your memories will be filled with laughter when we reminisce of the good times! Dave and Charles!*

Dave Ohlson and Charles Chilcote - June 07, 2025 at 03:12 PM

JS

“ *Jerry & Chris Slobe lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Jones*



Jerry & Chris Slobe - June 07, 2025 at 02:33 PM

DS

“ *I will always remember his smile as he walked his customers to the door of Wilcox-Garland Furniture Store; his hand shake and smile at FCC and celebrating the same birthday. Hugs to Violet and family.*



Diana Shadduck - June 07, 2025 at 02:19 PM

RJ

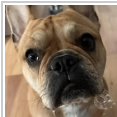
One of Oskaloosa's finest. RIP, Bob.

Roger Johannes - June 08, 2025 at 09:59 AM

ST

Bob was a true gentleman, and my husband and I appreciated his honesty and purchased many pieces of furniture from him.

Sandra Thomas - June 08, 2025 at 10:30 AM



I have many great memories of Bob having been friends with his son Gary for many years. I felt like a millionaire when he picked me up on the way to scouts in a giant blue Lincoln Continental. He was always so kind.

Scott Jones - July 30, 2025 at 08:47 PM