



Ernest A. Jones

November 13, 1931 - October 21, 2018

Mr. Ernest Armour Jones, son of Armour and Norma Jones, passed away peacefully with family and friends at his side on October 21, 2018. He was 86 years of age.

Ernest was born on November 13, 1931 in Barberton, Ohio, and moved to Tallahassee while a young child. Ernest attended Leon High School in Tallahassee and graduated in 1949. He then attended Florida State University and graduated in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in music education. He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy as a designated Naval Aviator.

Ernest married Eugenia Williams on August 14, 1956. They enjoyed many hobbies together, including sailing to the Bahamas, traveling, attending musical events, and performing piano and violin duets. As an accomplished violinist and music teacher, he passed his love of music down to his son and grandchildren, never missing an opportunity to hear them play.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Eugenia Williams Jones. He is survived by his son Rod L. Jones and his wife Kristy; granddaughter Erin J. Pace and her husband Kyle; grandson Christopher B. Jones and his wife Julie Jones; great grandsons Miles Armour Pace and Landon Carter Jones, brother Edwin H. Jones and his wife Mary Birdie; sister-in-law Jean Williams; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Ernest was a member of First Baptist Church where he was actively involved in the Orchestra and First Joy choir. He also served as a volunteer for a myriad of community groups generously sharing his time, talents and interests. Most recently when asked about his profession, he stated that he was a "lover of life".

His granddaughter, Erin Jones Pace penned this loving tribute on the day of his passing. "My Granddaddy - man of God, lifelong learner, violin virtuoso, lover of photography, cruiser of the skies, keeper of the stars, voyager of the seas, servant of the community, cat whisperer, costume connoisseur, kayak captain, crafter of gifts, finder of silver linings, appreciator of nature, husband, father, brother, uncle, friend, grandfather, great grandfather, and wearer of so, so many hats - left us today. And while our hearts are heavy and broken, we stand in awe of the undeniably full life he led. Thank you, Granddaddy, for leading by example. We'll try our best to carry the torch with the same

enthusiasm for life that you possessed. Love, love, love.”

There will be a celebration of life service on November 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, 108 W College Ave, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the First Baptist Church music ministry fund. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Comments



“ Mr. Jones was my guitar teacher, so very many years ago in the early 1970s. At the time, I wasn't even in my teens, but his patient good humor and understanding helped me to learn as much as I possibly could. Even now, I think back and remember specific times, things we would talk about, music we would play. If it weren't for his instruction, I would not be what I am today.

As so many children do, I lost touch with him over the years, but I've never forgotten him. God bless and God speed Mr. Jones. And blessings and well wishes to those you had to leave behind.

Paul Pigott - October 29, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ I personally will miss this wonderful man. Mr Jones taught Chorus at Ribault Senior High in Jacksonville Florida and I was one of many that had the opportunity to be one of his students.

He loved flying huge kites (which he took time to teach us how to catch the windows) and photography with his artistic manipulations so comical and fun (I have several of these fantastic creations). I will always remember the day he took another friend and I kayaking on one of Florida's many rivers. Seeing in the wild large Blue Herons and alligators swimming under our kayak and rowing under the escarpment of vines and trees. The wildlife was magnificent

He and his lovely wife came to many of our class reunions and events after we graduated. He was very active in his church in Tallahassee Florida, which was the church of many in my own family.

Thank you Mr Jones for everything. You enriched my life as you could never imagine. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Sandi Aschoff - October 24, 2018 at 06:04 PM