



Bobby Jones

April 14, 1930 - October 9, 2016

Bobby M. Jones, age 86, of Springfield, passed away Sunday, October 9, 2016 at his home. With respect to Mr. Jones' wishes, there will be no service because, as he once stated, "I will see all the Christians soon in Heaven."

Mr. Jones was born April 14, 1930 in Robertson County to the late Maxie and Winnie Featherstone Jones. He loved life and never knew the meaning of the word "stranger". Be it rich or poor, young or old, or people of color, he loved them all the same.

Mr. Jones was a graduate of White House High School and Middle Tennessee State College. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he was appointed to the Army Security Agency by U.S. Senator Albert Gore, Sr. After a lengthy investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice he was cleared to handle top secret information. He began his tour of duty in the Far East with instructions to travel and convey highly secretive information to those in authority. During his third year of service the U.S. Congress combined all intelligence bureaus into one and names it the Central Intelligence Agency and he finished his last year of service working for the CIA.

Upon returning home he yearned to continue serving others so he ran for public office in Robertson County as a county commissioner. He continued to hold this office for 40 years. His first priority was education. He served 38

years on the education committee and took an active part in the construction of every school in the county.

During the early 1970's County Judge Bob West charged him with providing care for the mentally challenged people in Springfield. His good work was soon noticed throughout Robertson and Montgomery counties and the two merged and became Harriett Cohn Mental Health Center. He also served on the board of directors for 31 years, always proud to serve those with mental illness.

Mr. Jones was a member of the Springfield Lions Club and served at the State Level as Deputy District Governor for 15 years earning a Grand Master Key for sponsoring 52 new members and a 25 year Perfect Attendance Award. He served as emcee of the Lions Club Minstrel for 22 years and was instrumental in providing glasses for the under privileged and worked with Vanderbilt Eye Clinic to render transplants at no cost to patients.

After receiving a degree from a Bible College, according to the Robertson County Clerk's Office, Bobby made a career of performing over 6000 religious weddings over a 40 year period. He always had a Bible near his bed and The Word in his heart.

In addition to his parents Mr. Jones is preceded in death by his wife, Ann Barber Swann Jones and his daughter, Angie Jones. He is survived by his son, William (Stephanie) Jones of San Antonio, TX; daughter, Christy (Michael) Bruccoleri of Scituate, MA; grandchildren, A.K. Bruccoleri, Michael John Bruccoleri, Davis Christian Jones and Lily Ann Jones.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Springfield First United Methodist Church and may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

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Tribute Wall

“ I met Bobby in 1996, the year I opened my wedding chapel in Coopertown. I needed an officiate for couples who did not have a minister. Although Bobby had credentials to counsel, in wedding ceremonies he was indirectly counseling the couple. .

In this day of being "politically correct", when Bobby was directing the ceremony and using the words: Love, Honor and Obey- to the bride for her to repeat - This is how he skirted using the words 'obey'. Love, Honor, he hesitated before saying the substituted word "Cooperate" in lieu of "Obey". Although you never knew what kind of reaction this would bring, It was a great way to loosen the already nervous bride, with humor. Guests loved it!

He made everything look easy! Military weddings or couples thinking about getting married after a military tour, he always had good common sense options

There was one wedding that became a real challenge for the both of us. It happened during the last few months that Ann Barber was in the nursing home. In earlier years, I met Ann Barber, had lunch with she and Bobby. She was enjoyable to talk with, and a very pretty lady! This particular wedding, Bobby arrived about 30 minutes prior to the starting of the ceremony. He was not the usual jovial person, very serious. He told me that this wedding had to start on time, that he needed to be at the nursing home immediately after the ceremony. As it turned out, the groom and groomsmen showed up above five minutes late. Bobby was getting ready to leave. That was the fastest ceremony I saw him do, he was out and in that convertible like a speeding bullet.

Bobby was compassionate towards animals. Although I had many homeless cats that stayed away from the chapel , except one. A calico cat named Sunday. She thought that barn chapel belonged to her and when Bobby came out for a wedding she had no trouble seeking him out. She loved him! A wedding photographer snapped a wonderful picture of Bobby and Sunday on the front porch. That

picture was a Christmas gift to Bobby.

Wedding ceremonies were a ministry for Bobby! I will miss him. I feel as though I lost a family member.

*Jimi Chappell
Chappell Acres of Coopertown*

Jimi Chappell - October 13, 2016 at 03:33 PM

WL

“ *Mr. Jones was a very sweet man. He will be greatly missed. Wanda K*

wanda lance - October 13, 2016 at 02:16 PM

DW

“ In the fall of 2001, my daughter and I met Bobby Jones for the very first time and for my daughter Chelsea (who was 2 at the time) and Bobby, it was love at first sight! We were to become next door neighbors in this small country town called Springfield which was quite an adjustment for us as we were from Melbourne, Australia! Bobby and Ann Barber were always so wonderfully kind, gentle and loving! We looked forward to seeing "Mr. Bobby Jones" drive past our house in his convertible and in the Summer months our children would ride their bikes and scooters up and down the Jones property awaiting the guaranteed popsicles Bobby or Ann Barber were never in short supply of. Chelsea and Bobby had a beautiful relationship. He even took her on her very first "date". At the tender age of 5, Bobby asked Chelsea if she would like to go to the movie theatre with him as his date! It was all very exciting, arriving in style in Bobby's convertible of course, with the top down. He even bought her popcorn! As a neighbour he was wonderful. As a member of society he was simply exceptional and it was our honor to know him. It is such sad news to read of his passing, from all the way back here in Australia. He was and always will be one of the best people I know and as incredibly sad as this news is, I am happy that he and Ann Barber along with Ange are all reunited. R.I.P you lovely angel. The world just became a little less wonderful. All our love Kirk, Dani, Chelsea, Kieran and Rylee xo

Danielle Wells - October 12, 2016 at 05:43 PM

DW

Additionally, I'd like to pass on my sincerest condolences to his children Bill and Christy. I met you both a couple of times but didn't know you well. Whilst you're in my thoughts and prayers, I hope you continue to recall all of the wonderful and fondest of memories you've shared with your beautiful parents. How lucky you were to be able to call them mum and dad! All of my love and prayers to you and your families
Danielle Wells

Philippians 4:6-7 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Danielle Wells - October 12, 2016 at 05:59 PM

MK

“ *I will never forget this family. Angie was my best friend when we were children and Mr. Bobby and Ann Barber were always very good to me. I will miss them all and want to send my love to Christy and Bill.*

Marti Barber King

Marti B. King - October 12, 2016 at 01:27 PM

MM

“ *I will always remember Bobby as a friend. He never failed to speak when he saw me, and I know that he was well known and loved in our community. Bobby was a county dispatcher for a good while, along with his other talents. He was a gifted person, and public servant. He will be greatly missed.*

Mike Martin

mike martin - October 11, 2016 at 11:18 PM



“ I have known Bobby all my life and remember he and Ann Barbara's courting days. I remember his mother and she and my mother visiting while in Shannon's Drug Store one day sitting at a table! It is funny how things come back to us at these times. Bobby had a special bond with my son. He was well liked by younger people as he showed interest in their lives and truly cared about them.



I attended church with him as well.

I regret that I personally will not be able to see Bill and Christy. Bill, especially, as he saw me at Walmart after his mother's funeral while he was in town and came down the aisle where I was to speak to me and give me two big tight hugs! We visited for a long time and his children came looking for him! I do want to get their addresses to send each a card.

May each of you feel the peace of God in your hearts and treasure the precious memories you had not only with your father but with your family unit. You were blessed to have a sweet Mother who loved you unconditionally,too. You have been on my mind since I was told of Bobby's passing. What a wonderful way to go, just slip away into the arms of God. In His Love, Nancy

Nancy Lewis - October 11, 2016 at 10:28 PM



Excuse the mistakes. There is no edit. I remember his and Ann Barbara's courting days.

Nancy Lewis - October 11, 2016 at 10:30 PM

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Lori - October 11, 2016 at 01:07 PM

DR

“ Mr. Jones married my husband and I 10 years ago this December. The clerk gave us his number and he met us outside the clerks office. Very sweet and funny man he will be missed.

Danielle Roberts - October 11, 2016 at 09:40 AM

JY


“ Rest in Peace and God Bless, Mr. Interlocutor.

John Paul Yates - October 11, 2016 at 09:32 AM

LC

I work at the nursing home where his late wife resided. Mr. Jones visited daily. He was devoted to his wife. He always had a kind word to all he talked with. Rest In Peace.

Linda Carringer - October 11, 2016 at 06:40 PM

 Dianne
Arms
Eads

“ Mr. Bobby Jones married me and my ex-husband and at the time we said I do he ask me a second time if I was sure, should have listen to him then, he was such a wonderful man, kind, loving, and really funny, he always had a wise word for you, his wisdom was one of a kind.



Dianne Arms Eads - October 11, 2016 at 08:32 AM

VB

“ *Mr. Jones married me and my high school sweetheart after 30 years. I am always going to remember this sweet man! He was such a hoot at our wedding! Good times!*



Victoria Belcher - October 11, 2016 at 06:49 AM

JM

“ *I will miss Bobby he was Gentle soul that loved everyone and little animals as well.If we are judged by the good we do in life Bobby Just made the Grade both here and in Heaven God Bless You. John Moon*

John Moon - October 11, 2016 at 06:10 AM

JT

“ *JOHN TRAYLOR lit a candle in memory of Bobby Jones*



JOHN TRAYLOR - October 10, 2016 at 10:15 PM

TT

“ *Terry Tanner lit a candle in memory of Bobby Jones*



terry tanner - October 10, 2016 at 05:04 PM