



David Michael Jones

June 12, 1939 - July 3, 2022

David Michael Jones was born on June 12, 1939, to Meaders and Catherine Mae Jones in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, and went to be with his Lord at his home in Pauls Valley on July 3, 2022. He and his daughter Catherine Elinor married his beloved wife, the former Wilma Bettles and her son Clayton, on July 8, 1989, and made their home in Pauls Valley, where they are members of the First United Methodist Church.

David graduated from Pauls Valley High School in 1957, and began working as a young rough-neck in the oil fields of Oklahoma and New Mexico. In 1960, he volunteered for the draft and joined the Army. He did tours at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, Sandia Base in Albuquerque, NM and the Nevada Atomic Bomb Test Site located near Mercury, NV. After the Army, he went to college at East Central University in 1964 and was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Afterwards, he went to the University of Oklahoma and was graduated with a Master of Social Work Degree. After college, he went to work for the Department of Human Services (DHS) in Oklahoma County. Later he served as the County Director of Logan and Hughes Counties DHS offices. He later served as the Assistant County Director of Oklahoma County DHS Office. He later was employed in the Medical Services Division of DHS in several supervisor positions until the Medicaid program was transferred to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) again serving in several supervisor positions until he retired from OHCA as its Assistant Director in 1999.

David enjoyed life and was a hard worker. He made a business of Jones Lawn

Care after retirement from OHCA until he was eligible to retire under the Social Security Administration regulations. He was very proud of his home's yard and kept it neat. As a younger man, he enjoyed driving fast cars, especially European convertibles, and was known to race them. He was an avid scratch golfer, playing every spare moment he could as long as his health allowed him to do. Also, he was an excellent photographer, having won many awards for his photos. He enjoyed boating and over-night camping with family. An avid OU fan, he watched all OU sports and proudly displayed OU paraphernalia on his automobiles and in his yard. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, owning vintage and classic BMWs and touring on his Honda Gold Wing Aspencade Motorcycle, quite often with Wilma as his passenger. He was insistent that nobody ever get on a bike without a helmet and protective clothing. He rode these until his strength gave out to enable him to lift them, so he sold all and bought a small Honda 400 which he was riding when he met his saying. "All motorcyclists will have at least two wrecks on a motorcycle – their last one!" This happened to him after nearly 300,000 miles on motorcycles while riding the small motorcycle, the one time he was just going on a short trip and not wearing a helmet, and had an unavoidable accident which landed him in the hospital for brain surgery, broken bones, and lots of skin abrasions resulting in his last motorcycle ride, several years ago. David was a member of Valley Masonic Lodge No. 6 and was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, having served as the Secretary for several years. David's greatest joy was his family and friends. He enjoyed visiting with friends, especially his high school class of 1957 group, the Masons and his Spades card playing friends. He was an excellent husband, father, brother, grandfather and uncle. He was predeceased by many friends, his parents, Meaders and Catherine Jones, his brother Robert "Bob" Jones, and his son Clayton Bettes.

He is survived by his loving wife, Wilma Jones of the home; his daughter and her husband, Catherine and Tim Hayden, Lexington, KY; his twin grandsons, Benjamin and Samuel Hayden, Lexington, KY; his sister-in-law, Ann Jones,

Edmond, OK; his nephew and his wife, Greg and Karen Jones, Oklahoma City, OK; his niece and her husband, Kristin and Marc Shea, Edmond, OK; his sister-in-law, and her husband; Linda and Don Yarbrough of Oklahoma City; and his sister-in-law and her husband, Patty and Tommy McKee, Norman, OK; and many nieces and nephews, all whom will miss him.

Funeral service to celebrate the life on David M. Jones will be held Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Pauls Valley, OK with Pastor Angela Fleming officiating. Condolences for the family may be posted at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com. David's family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church- Pauls Valley
407 N. Willow Street
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of David Michael Jones*



Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 07, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *You were a good husband and I'm missing you tonight a lot. Love, wbj*

Wilma Jones - February 05, 2023 at 12:24 AM



He was my supervisor at DSHS in the Medicare office for a while before I moved to Utah in 1976. I was also in a carpool with him after Catherine was born.

Linfa Ledlow Jacobs - October 19, 2024 at 06:43 PM



“ *David Michael Jones*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM

Jl

“ Wilma, I am so very sorry for your loss. I'm sure all the memories you have of David will give you comfort in the future. My thought and prayers are with you during this difficult time.



Judy Irwin-Weaver - July 08, 2022 at 10:59 AM

HB

“ Wilma I was so sorry to hear of your loss. You have been blessed to have David with you so long. My Sympathy, love and Prayers are with you all, you will all have many happy memories to share with each other in the future. God Bless you all.
Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally.

Harold Bradley - July 08, 2022 at 10:34 AM

WH

“ Wilma, I am deeply saddened to learn of David's death. I have so many wonderful memories of the two of you from our time in the same neighborhood and beyond. David showed his love for you, his family and his friends in so many wonderful ways. A gentle giant. Love and our deepest sympathy.

Wilma Hamilton - July 08, 2022 at 07:04 AM

SC

“ Shirley Cudjoe lit a candle in memory of David Michael Jones



Shirley Cudjoe - July 08, 2022 at 12:26 AM

TM

“ David I have loved you from the first time I met you and you have made my sister a wonderful husband. Your love got her through losing Clay, although you had also lost a son. We will love you forever

Tommy and Patty McKee - July 07, 2022 at 10:45 PM

JB

“ Wilma, Jimmy and I grieve your loss with you. The two of you showed how true love looks and acts. Nothing can replace David, but the beautiful memories will be with you forever. May God give you a peace as only He can give. Much love, Jim & Mary Baird

jim & Mary Baird - July 07, 2022 at 08:18 PM



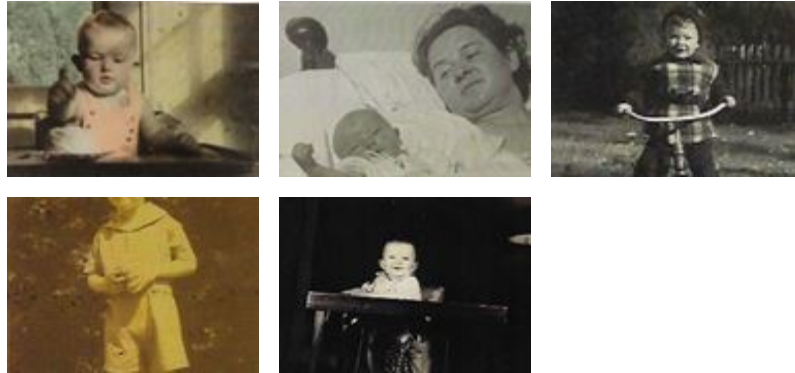
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Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 07, 2022 at 05:56 PM



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Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 07, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ Tom Moore lit a candle in memory of David Michael Jones



Tom Moore - July 07, 2022 at 01:10 AM



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Jolly Claxton - July 06, 2022 at 01:10 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the album David Jones photos



Jolly Claxton - July 06, 2022 at 01:08 PM

DT

“ Cousin Wilma and family our hearts go out to you during this time of mourning. I always enjoyed visiting with David. He will be missed.

David Thomas - July 05, 2022 at 04:32 PM

CH

“ 1 file added to the album David Jones photos



Catherine Hayden - July 05, 2022 at 03:59 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear about David. My heart aches for Wilma and all of the family during this difficult time. David was always very good to me and I always appreciated his kindness. I know he will be missed. God bless you and keep you Wilma. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

JD Reed - July 05, 2022 at 11:02 AM

KA

“ *Uncle David was a man of honor, integrity, and unconditional love. We are never ready let someone go, even though death is inevitable. We will celebrate the wonderful man he was and the memories/words of wisdom he left behind. Words can't express my sorrow and I know our family will miss him terribly. Ridded of all your health issues, rest in peace.*



Kathy - July 04, 2022 at 01:19 PM