



Luther Ray Jones Sr

July 15, 1933 - September 22, 2018

Luther Ray Jones Sr. passed away at the age of 85 on September 22, 2018 after a brave battle with Melanoma cancer. He was born on July 15, 1933 to Ruben Jones and Olivia Riley Jones.

Luther was preceded in death by his parents, brothers William Freeman and Franklin Andrew Jones, sister Carrie Jones Redding and infant granddaughter Olivia Victoria Jones.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years Helen Reavis Jones, sisters Ella Faye Jones and Reba Nell (Kimberly) Jones Parks. He is also survived by his children Patricia Jones Brown (Steve), Luther Jones Jr., Larry Jones (Tabitha), Judy Jones Riley (Bill) and Donald Jones (Wilma), step-children Donny Yates (Janelle), Kerri Yates Avritt (Billy Don), and twenty grandchildren and twenty two great-grandchildren.

He served in the National Guard Armory from 1951 to 1974. He retired as a Warrant Officer.

Luther started his career in Marshall, Texas in 1949 in auto parts management and worked many years in the industry. In 1966 he began working for Entex Gas Company (United Gas Company) as a salesman in Longview, Lufkin and Tyler, Texas until 1975. In 1975 he became a partner in the Polan-Jones Air Conditioning business in Lufkin, Texas. 1980 found him back with Entex Gas

Company, where he worked as a manager in Carthage, Kilgore, and Huntsville, Texas. He retired in 1998 after 28 years with the company. Luther was a member of several organizations, The Home Builders Association, The Optimist Club, and The Rotary International. He also enjoyed playing golf at Elkins Lake in his retirement.

Luther, Daddy, Papaw, Great Papaw was a great man and loved his family dearly. He was so loved by all. He often said "a million dollars couldn't buy what he had." He was truly blessed.

Pallbearers are his grandsons Dillon Jones, Dakota Jones, Dustin Jones, Jeremy Jones, Joshua Jones, Ben Riley, Taylor Jones, Jason Yates and Brandon Yates.

Honorary pallbearers are Steve Brown, Bill Riley, Billy Don Avritt, Michael Sparks, Bryan Reed, Trey Wheeler and Jared Hathorn.

The family will receive friends at 12pm (noon), with funeral service to begin at 1pm on Thursday, September 27th in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Graveside services will be held at 11am on Friday, September 28th at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Marshall, Texas.

Any donations in his memory can be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 759329 Baltimore, MD 21275-9329.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfmh.com

Funeral Service

SEP **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM.

Eagle Creek Cemetery
Marshall, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Luther Ray Jones Sr*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We loved having Luther as a patient at Family Dentistry of Huntsville. He was so proud of all his grandchildren and great grandchildren, we enjoyed hearing his stories about them. He would always talk about how truly blessed he was. We will miss him.*

Family Dentistry of Huntsville - October 07, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Vicki Hogan*

Vicki Hogan - September 27, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Luther Ray Jones Sr.*



September 27, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. My love and prayers are with each and everyone of you and your families.*

Blenda Herring Waldner - September 26, 2018 at 01:19 PM

TK

“ *My deepest sympathies are with you all.* ”



Tammy Kirkland - September 26, 2018 at 12:33 AM



“ *All of us at McGilberry Mechanical are saddened to hear of Mr. Jones' passing. He's been a wonderful and loyal customer for 18 years and will certainly be missed. We pray that beautiful memories are a comfort to the family during this difficult time.* ”

Tammie Nokes - September 25, 2018 at 02:07 PM

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“ *Thee Hospice lit a candle in memory of Luther Ray Jones Sr* ”



Thee Hospice - September 25, 2018 at 11:52 AM

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Thank you for the opportunity allowed us to care for Luther, he was a wonderful man. Our sincere condolences.

Thee Hospice - September 25, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ *Kathy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Luther Ray Jones Sr*



Kathy Schulz - September 24, 2018 at 10:15 PM

EF

“ *Eric and Jean Meyers & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Luther Ray Jones Sr.*



Eric and Jean Meyers & Family - September 24, 2018 at 07:56 PM

CJ

“ *Cathleen Jones purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Luther Ray Jones Sr.*



Cathleen Jones - September 24, 2018 at 05:25 PM

RL

“ *Rita Watson and George Ann Lambert purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Luther Ray Jones Sr.*



Rita Watson and George Ann Lambert - September 23, 2018 at 11:19 PM



“ *Rita Watson lit a candle in memory of Luther
Ray Jones Sr*



Rita Watson - September 23, 2018 at 10:23 PM