



Mr. James F. Jones

April 29, 1932 - January 4, 2023

James Frederick “Fred” Jones, 90, of Lady Lake, Florida, formerly of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, in Lady Lake, Florida.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York, son of the late Leroy Hecht Jones and Dorothy Manners Hunt Jones. He attended Lander College in South Carolina where he met his future bride, Barbara Theophanis. After getting an undergraduate degree in Music, he served honorably in the US Army in Germany. He then obtained a graduate degree in Library Science and worked as a Librarian and then Assistant Director of Technical Services at the Florida State University Strozier Library. They resided in Tallahassee for over 60 years.

Fred and Barbara had a welcoming home, were devoted to their children and grandchildren and sought opportunities to develop relationships with extended family all over the world. They regularly invited friends and family to their Tallahassee home to play bridge and other games and to enjoy delicious foods and desserts. Fred and Barbara, who jokingly referred to themselves as the “Royal We”, travelled to visit relatives in Greece, and after retirement, other destinations around the world. Fred was devoted to wife and family, loved classical music and opera, took long walks in nature, and was a life-long learner. He was an avid fan of FSU baseball. Later in life he sought to

champion health and environmental policy for the betterment of society.

Fred is survived by his wife of 67 years, Barbara Theophanis Jones; children, Theodore "Ted" Jones (Susan), Dorothy Jones Moat (Jack) and Michael "Mike" Jones (Glenda); grandchildren, Sarah Jones, Tom Jones, Sonia Jones, Sean Jones (Kelly), Titus Jones (Katie), Daniel Jones (MaryBeth), Serena Jones, Travis Jones (Erika) and David Jones; great-grandchildren, Ayla Jones, Elias Jones, Ian Jones, and his soon to arrive great-grandson, Cooper Jones; brother, Leroy Ellsworth Jones; nieces, Victoria "Vickie" Jones Southworth (Dan), Katherine "Kathi" Jones Dobson (Tom, deceased) and Nadia Theophanis Katopis (Petros); nephews, Eric Jones (Penny), Greg Jones, Randolph "Randy" Jones, Thanos Theophanis (Barbara); and other beloved relatives. Fred was preceded in death by a brother, Barry Hunt Jones.

Visitation starts at 10:00 AM on Saturday January 21, 2023 at Abbey Funeral Home, followed by an indoor service at 11:00 AM and a graveside committal afterwards in the adjacent Tallahassee Memory Gardens, Garden of the Christus.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Saint Francis Wildlife Association at www.stfranciswildlife.org.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Webcast in memory of Mr. James F. Jones*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - January 21, 2023 at 09:44 AM

ME

“ *Wishing peace and comfort to all who knew Mr. Jones, he was a fine and brilliant man and a good friend. I spent countless hours sitting with my dad, Mr. Jones and Barbara at FSU baseball games. He always had a pen and score book in hand and loved scoring the games. I always think fondly of those times whenever FSU baseball is reported on the news. Posted this once, hope this one sticks...*

Mark Evans - January 21, 2023 at 07:35 AM

ME

“ *Wishing peace and comfort to all who knew Mr. Jones. Such a fine man and good friend. I spent countless hours sitting with my dad, Mr. Jones and Barbara at FSU baseball games. I was always impressed by his dedication to scoring the games, never without a score book and pen in hand.*

Mark Evans - January 20, 2023 at 11:33 PM

DS

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Jones Family.*

Donna Scott Swilley



Donna Swilley - January 17, 2023 at 01:23 PM

SB

“ *Fred and Barbara Jones were our dear next door neighbors and friends since we moved to our home in 1987. For almost 25 years, Fred helped me feed and care for my disabled owls and hawks — my teaching assistants as St. Francis Wildlife’s education director. I also kept all the raptor food in the freezer in Fred’s workshop! Fred loved the birds and other wildlife, loved learning about them and frequently shared with us interesting books or articles he read about nature — the consummate librarian and teacher! We are so grateful for both Fred and Barbara — the most wonderful, clever, generous, thoughtful neighbors and friends — and offer our sincere condolences to Barbara, Ted, Michael, Dorothy and their whole family.*

Sandy Beck - January 16, 2023 at 08:59 PM

PH

“ *I am grieved to learn of Fred's death. My heartfelt condolences to Barbara. Phyllis Harris*

Phyllis Harris - January 16, 2023 at 02:50 PM

LF

“ So very sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was loved and respected patient for many years. Thoughts and prayers sent to Barbara and family. Dr. John Seasholtz,II, D.M.D., Libby, Michelle and Taylor

Libby Freer - January 16, 2023 at 09:31 AM

TE

“ 16 files added to the album From Ted



Ted - January 15, 2023 at 04:53 PM

SB

Wonderful photos of so many happy times. ❤️

Sandy Beck - January 16, 2023 at 09:11 PM

DM

To Dorothy and the entire Jones family - I remember your Dad as being such a kind soul. My deepest sympathies are with y'all as you grieve the loss of your family's patriarch. May your memories give you comfort at this time.

Diane McCarthy - January 21, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James F. Jones.*



January 15, 2023 at 12:08 PM