



## Barry Lee Jones

January 2, 1952 - November 22, 2023

Funeral services for Barry Lee Jones, 71 of Tyler will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, with Dr. Doug Baker and Dr. David Nichols officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Red Bayou Cemetery, New Boston, Texas.

Mr. Jones passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at his home in Tyler following an unexpected illness.

Mr. Jones was born on January 2, 1952 in Texarkana, Arkansas, to Leroy and Ozella Jones. He grew up in New Boston, graduated from high school there, and then graduated in 1973 from East Texas State University in Commerce, now Texas A & M at Commerce, with a Bachelor Degree.

After graduation, Barry first went to work at Texas Employers Insurance in Tyler then later transferred to Clute, Texas, as a claims adjuster. It was in Clute that he met and then married Kay in 1978. The Jones moved to Houston in 1980 with Barry entering insurance sales. In 1982, Barry and Kay moved to Tyler where he became employed by Hibbs Hallmark Insurance and remained with their conglomerate companies until he ultimately retired in 2018 as President of Heartland Insurance.

Mr. Jones was actively involved in numerous church, civic, health care, and

philanthropic organizations including Marvin Methodist Church where he served in numerous leadership roles. He was an active member of the Sunrise Rotary Club, Tejas Mission of Tyler, and Past President of Bethesda Health Clinics where he was instrumental in organizing Bethesda's Hangers of Hope. In 2001, he made his first mission trip to Belize with Dr. David Nichols and continued twice a year thereafter making in excess of 50 mission trips. During these many trips, he fell in love with the people of Belize seeing their dire need for pre-school and high school vocational training. He and Kay monetarily funded the Barry Lee Jones Pre-School and the Corazon Creek Technical High School both in Belize.

Barry was an avid fly fisherman having fished the premiere streams throughout the world; being especially fond of Alaska and Argentina. He and Kay, for the past several years, have split their time between Tyler and their river home on the Little Red River, near Heber Springs, Arkansas.

Barry was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Debbie Olsen. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Kay Jones, son, Derek Jones and wife, Sarah, daughter, Lindsey Bolton, 3 precious and amazing grandchildren, Corban and Kayleigh Jones, and Jesse Bolton, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary Pallbearers include: Jerry Atherton, Bill Costanza, David Graham, John Hardy, Weldon Morgan, Dr. David Nichols, and Tommy Stewart.

Memorials if desired may be made to Tejas Mission, 3800 Cloverdale, Tyler, Texas 75701, or Marvin Methodist Church Children's Department, 300 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas 75702.

# Cemetery Details

## Red Bayou Cemetery

Located about two miles north of New Boston  
on the east side of Highway 8  
New Boston, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Funeral Service

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75703  
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## Burial

NOV **28**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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New Boston, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Barry Lee Jones*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 28, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barry Lee Jones*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 27, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of such a great man. Praying God's comfort for you all. It's been now 30+ years since my family and I left Tyler but I have fond memories of working with Barry on the IIA Tyler board. He was such a kind and gentle soul that we quickly became friends. Lost touch when I left to go to seminary and my own ministry. All that has been written here including Billy Hibbs Jr. I certainly agree with. Heaven gained a gem and his family and friends will have a huge hole to fill with Barry's passing. May God be with all of you.*

Kenny Pope - December 03, 2023 at 09:30 AM

BJ

“ On behalf of everyone at Heartland Security Insurance Group, we mourn the family's loss of Barry. His fingerprints are all over our organization from the early years in the 1980s with Hibbs-Hallmark & Company Insurance where he served as EVP and Sales Manager, to the 1990s as President of Claims Administrative Services, to overseeing the seven companies that now comprise Heartland where he was our first President of the holding company in 2001. He was an original member of the Hibbs Family Foundation, and served on all our company boards and committees. He was the mentor to more of our top salespeople and executives than I can count. If all that wasn't enough, he was kind enough to find the time to teach me how to fly fish.

*Barry had a great heart for the Lord, his family, clients, our organization, and local and global missions. The work that he did in Belize will be one of his many lasting legacies.*

*Barry touched the lives of many, many people from all walks of life during his 71 years on this earth. One of them was mine.*

*Thank you, Barry, for choosing to be associated with us. You are in a beautiful place! We'll see you, again, my friend.*

*Billy E. Hibbs, Jr.  
Chairman & CEO*

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**Billy Earl Hibbs, Jr.** - November 27, 2023 at 09:19 PM

JE

“ James E. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barry Lee Jones.

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**James E.** - November 27, 2023 at 05:55 PM

KP

“ Barry and I worked together for many years. Barry was a person who never heard the word 'no.' If you said "no" we cannot do that, he challenged you to be creative and think of a way to achieve the objective. Over the years he sure challenged me to think outside the box and to not accept the word "no." A "no" is really just an opportunity to think bigger and better. I will always appreciate this life lesson. Barry had many gifts to pass on, and I am grateful that he passed this one on to me. I will miss his engaging smile and all the challenges he sent me.

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**Karlista G Patterson** - November 27, 2023 at 04:06 PM

JK

“ Heaven has gained another beautiful soul. I enjoyed talking to him about his trips to Belize and he was always so kind. My prayers are for the family.

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**Joy Kelly** - November 27, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Jones.

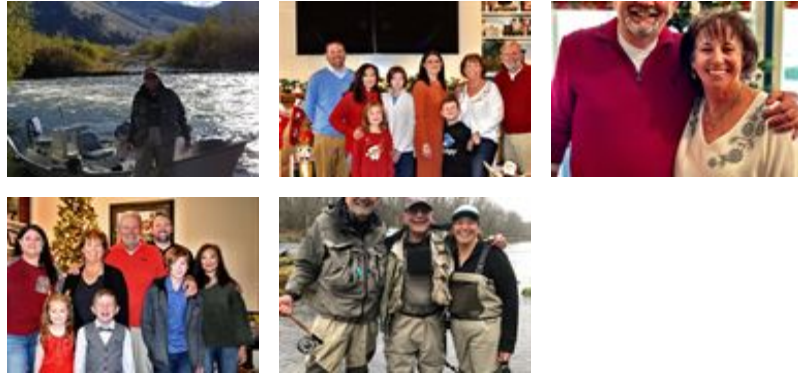


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November 27, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ 131 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - November 27, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Jones.



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November 27, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Jones.



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November 26, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JE

“ I am saddened by the sudden loss of Barry. He was such a kind and giving person to everyone he met. He helped us as president of the board of the Bethesda Clinic with long term strategic thinking and just like Belize, made things better for everyone for a long time. He was such an integral part of our opening the Hangers of Hope stores and seeing how it would impact the community for so many years. He will be sorely missed but what a great legacy he has left. Prayers for Kay and all of the family in your time of loss

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**John English** - November 25, 2023 at 10:10 AM

AE

“ Mr Barry was a vary dear friend of my family here in Belize. He and Miss Kay were so good to our children over the years- always remembering birthdays and graduations.

Since I was a little girl, I have assisted Barry, Jo and Dr David with each and every mission group and as an adult, in the Tyler Sunrise Rotary Scholarship.

He was always such a joy to work with - his generosity was endless and I cannot imagine Tejas Missions without him.

Barry was such a big part if our lives and we feel the loss deeply.

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**Aprill Echeverria** - November 24, 2023 at 05:57 PM

KS

We are still in shock and will miss the wonderful, kind and caring man who was Barry. We grieve with Kaye and the family and multitudes of friends.

We will see you soon Barry but until then, life will be a bit grayer with you not around. ❤️🙏

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**karol Smith** - November 25, 2023 at 08:58 AM

SC

*A dear friend, giver and supporter of numerous projects in Belize especiall Crique Sarco pre school sadly missed we will not be able to in this life but will meet each other on tha golden shore Rest in Peace Dear Friend*

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**Samuel choc** - November 25, 2023 at 01:07 PM

SC

*Mr. & Mrs. Jones were customers of mine at Progress Cleaners for many years. Two of the most sweetest people on the planet. They would bring me rocks back from their travels.*

*Ms. Kay, I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*May God wrap you in His comfort and peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Sherri Culpepper*

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**Sherri Culpepper** - November 27, 2023 at 05:11 PM

GH

“ *I worked along side Barry for 33 years. Early on he was my mentor and I will always appreciate his guidance. We both loved the outdoors and for several years he, I, and several others from Tyler hunted together and enjoyed the camaraderie around the campfire. One evening in particular stands out. Barry, Cliff, Corky, Robert, Patrick, and I were all there. Patrick, a good Irishman, defined “pints”, we all had a pint (or two), and told tall tales late into the evening. The deer lease eventually faded, Barry became a world wide fisherman and I, a world wide hunter. Ann and I eventually bought a home on the Little Red River near Barry and truly enjoyed dinner and wine with he and Kay on several occasions. I considered him a good friend with whom I could share any confidence. Good friends are hard to come by-he surely was one. I will miss him greatly.*

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**Gary Howell** - November 24, 2023 at 05:35 PM

YL

“ You will forever be missed and loved purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Barry Lee Jones.



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**You will forever be missed and loved** - November 24, 2023 at 05:26 PM

YL

“ You will forever be missed and loved planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barry Lee Jones.

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**You will forever be missed and loved** - November 24, 2023 at 05:26 PM

KM

“ Barry had such a kind heart and brilliant financial mind! We spent a lot of time together strategizing about Bethesda and Hangers. The Tyler community was definitely the beneficiary of those sessions. Thank you for sharing your knowledge Barry! Prayers of comfort to Kay.

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**krysti mcwha** - November 24, 2023 at 05:19 PM