



## Louis Jones

May 24, 1932 - April 19, 2017

Services for Louis Earl Jones, 84, will be Saturday, April 22, 2017 at West Erwin Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas. Family visitation will begin at 10:00 with a memorial service following at 11:00. Bill Allen will officiate. A private, family burial will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Louis (known by many as Cotton or Curly) was born May 24, 1932 in Tyler, Texas to Louis and Modena Jones. He graduated from Tyler High School and attended Tyler Junior College where he was a member of the 1951 National Championship team coached by Floyd Wagstaff. Louis also served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict and played on the base basketball team wherever he was stationed.

Louis was married to the love of his life, Jane, for 56 years. They lived in Tyler and have one son, Jeff. Louis grew up attending West Erwin Church of Christ and served as a Deacon for 50 years. He also taught Bible classes and worked with various ministries over the years.

He retired from Allstate Insurance after 30 years and was proud of his service to his customers. He and Jane were able travel to many places because of his outstanding record of sales and service. He was mentioned for his service in one of Paul Harvey's "The Rest of the Story" radio episodes. When he went

out to eat with his family, they joked they had to wait 20 minutes for him to speak to everyone in the room before they could order.

Louis loved people and was known for his quick smile, a hug and words of encouragement or cutting up. One of his great legacies is how he cared for and about others. He loved children and was often seen carrying babies around church or wherever he was. Louis was active in community serving the school district and coaching youth sports along with membership in civic organizations. He was very active in organizing reunions with his Tyler High Class of 1949.

Louis was an avid golfer and a member at Briarwood/Cascades for many years where he also served on the Men's Golf Association board. After decades of playing golf, he was ecstatic when he made his first hole-in-one in his 70's.

Survivors include his loving wife, Jane, son Jeff and his wife Kelly, grandchildren Kory Jones, Joshua Jones, Garrett Walker and his wife Beth, Ross Walker, Paul Walker and Philip Walker. He is also survived by his sister, Gene Ann Robison and her husband Marvin, brother DeWitt Jones and his wife Prissy, 2 nieces, 3 nephews and a host of other family and close friends.

The family wishes to express their gratitude for the great care and compassion given to Louis by Dr. Lee Ridenour and his staff and to the good people at Hospice of East Texas.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to West Erwin church of Christ Building Fund or Hospice of East Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 W. Erwin St  
Tyler, TX 75703

## Mem. Service

APR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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420 W. Erwin St  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Louis Jones



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 20, 2017 at 05:01 PM

RH

“ Jane and family,

*Just now hearing of Louis 's passing. Sorry I did not know.*

*Louis and I shared many work experiences and I always enjoyed seeing and working with him. May God be with you now and always.*

*Bob Hay  
Texarkana*



Robert Hay - September 03, 2017 at 08:45 PM

GT

“ Gay Tyra lit a candle in memory of Louis Jones



gay tyra - April 24, 2017 at 05:54 PM

DG

“ Dear Jane and family,  
Our hearts are so saddened for your loss. We loved Louis!  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Dale and Connie G

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**Dale Gallaspy** - April 23, 2017 at 09:16 PM

SC

“ Steve And Cindi Clark lit a candle in memory  
of Louis Jones



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**steve and cindi clark** - April 21, 2017 at 07:52 PM

SC

“ We are so very sorry for your loss !!! What a precious family !!  
Steve and Cindi Clark

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**steve and cindi clark** - April 21, 2017 at 07:51 PM

“ ODE TO LOUIS "Curly" JONES

*We lost a long-time friend today:  
Louis Earl Jones has passed away;  
Old friends recall his youthful days,  
Happy smiles and jovial ways.  
He laughed a lot and joked with all,  
A big Texan, stood straight and tall;  
People liked him, 'twas plain to see,  
Others loved him, and so did we.*

*In the Air Force, he served with pride,  
Those years with our flag by his side;  
With a salute, an honor high,  
It is "Thumbs up!" as when he'd fly.  
It's with contused, revered remorse,  
And grief we bid "Goodbye," of course;  
Though his last breath, his sun has set,  
His warm friendship, none will forget.*

*Behind he's left fond memories,  
Love of family, one of these;  
He's left his blessings with his wife  
And love to all who shared his life;  
But now at peace and end to pain,  
Angels hold him where none will wane,  
And he with God will humbly wait  
Till he greets us at heaven's gate.*

**EPILOG**

*His words of joy or laughter's thrill  
No longer swell the wind,  
Nor vision of some goodness done  
By this our cherished friend.  
No eager thought to start the day,*

*Nor plans or daily aims,  
But in our hearts he'll always live  
Among great heroes' names.*

*The radiance of his life's glow  
That he now leaves behind  
Shall shroud our memories each day  
With thoughts of him so kind.  
Though shriveled by life's challenges,  
He held his head up high,  
And found a way to share his beam,  
A star upon the sky.*

*His duties in this life released,  
Our saddened heads though bowed  
With plenteous tears that wash our cheeks,  
We humbly feel so proud.  
We felt so privileged to know  
This strong man in life's race,  
One who loved us as we loved him,  
True kinship to embrace.*

*Thus within heaven's gates he rests,  
Far from the orb of earth,  
Borne from this world to start anew  
In Glory's native birth.  
By faith he lived for this reward,  
As kindred hearts attest,  
In this his sleep, he has won life,  
As dear God's humble guest.*

*Oh, that we should never forget!  
His leaving is but brief,  
For in time we shall meet, again,  
And forget earthly grief.  
Though mute, we know what he'd say now,  
"This wish to you I give:*

*I hope your house is next to mine  
When you in heaven live."*

*-e. rowan s. trimble  
THS Class of 1950  
U, S. Air Force, 1951 - 1960*

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**Ennis Trmble** - April 21, 2017 at 01:02 PM



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



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April 21, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *Jane and Jeff-You both know how I loved Louis. Enjoyed his  
fellowship and the golf outings we took together. He was my witness  
to my hole-in-one in Colorado! Will miss him at our annual New  
Years party and the Fourth of July presentation at GABC.  
He will leave a wonderful legacy. We will meet him again one day.  
PTL.*

*Your Friend,*

*Dale Eppler*

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**dale eppler** - April 21, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - April 20, 2017 at 04:54 PM

AE

*Jane and Jeff, So sorry for your loss, our prayers and thoughts are with you both. Love to the family. Bob and Avis Edwards*

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**Avis Edwards** - April 20, 2017 at 05:18 PM