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Jerry W. Jones, beloved father, grandfather, and friend, passed peacefully on December 13, 2024, at Seaford Genesis Center. Born on December 9, 1933, he was the son of the late William Jones and Dorcas (Kersey) Jones.

At the young age of 17, Jerry fibbed about his age to enlist in the U.S. Army, serving four years in Japan as a proud Korean War veteran. He was a man who never shied away from hard work, always staying busy and committed to providing for his family. Throughout his life, Jerry worked numerous jobs, including as a truck driver and janitor, and he spent many years working for the News Journal and Delaware State News. Later, he retired from Walmart in Milford, DE, after a long and fulfilling career.

In 1969, Jerry married the love of his life, Irene Gladys Jones. Together, they lived in several states, including Florida, New Jersey, and finally settled in Delaware, where they raised a family. Jerry was a devoted husband and father, always putting his family first. He loved his grandchildren dearly, and they brought him great joy throughout his life.

In his later years, Jerry enjoyed spending time at the Indian River Senior Center and found pleasure in watching and betting on horse and greyhound racing. He was an avid fan of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the holidays were a special time for him to be surrounded by his loved ones. Jerry was known for his delicious Christmas fudge and chili recipes, which became a family tradition. He was a man who was strong, kind, caring, and gentle, with a warm smile that brightened the lives of those around him. Jerry never raised his voice, and his calm demeanor made him a true gentleman in every sense of the word.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, his three sons, Robert David Pettit, Sr. and Johnny Nolan Pettit and Rick Jones; and his wife, Irene G. Jones. He is survived by his children: Doug Jones and his wife, Rosie; Jerry Lee and his wife, Denise; Jeffrey Jones and his wife, Zee; Lisa Jones; and Karen Jones. He is also survived by his son, Richard Pettit, Sr., three sisters Glenda Revard, Nancy "Mickey" Foster, and Barbara Jean Fries, as well as a host of grandchildren, great-



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grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family in-laws and so many more extended family members who cherished him deeply.

Jerry will be dearly missed, but his legacy of love, hard work, and devotion to family will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Chapel Committal Services with military honors will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966.

Please sign Mr. Jones' Tribute wall at this site.




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 10:00 AM est

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Karen Jones posted:

My forever LOVE.. I will remember every moment we had together, each memory we made, your smiles and giggles, and I LOVE YOU, your compassion, STRENGTH and so much more! Your love filled my soul. I will miss our days of ice cream rides, our lunch and dinner dates. I will miss your voice asking " where are the girls?". I will miss shaving your handsome face and giving you hair cuts. Not to mention those puppy dog eyes that sparkled with each visit. I will miss those times of watching football with you, especially when your team played Lisa and daddy's team. There was not a person that didn't smile when your name " POP" was spoken of. YOU ARE LOVED! My words for you can go on forever! I hope you felt loved and very well cared for. You will be deeply missed and unforgettably thought of ALWAYS! I LOVE YOU POP. Karen & "The Girls"☐

December 18 at 11:24 AM



Richard Pettit Sr. December 19 at 1:30 PM

Jerry you will be missed remembering the good times with you delivering the Atlantic city press early in the morning, And then there was the delivery's to McDonald's when you drove truck for them,They you go me a job at winning Dixie when we moved to Florida, So yes they were some great times spent with you. You was more a father to me then my own father. So I say Jerry thank you for being a part of my life and Marriage to my Mom. Rest Easy until we meet again.



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Lisa M Jones posted:

I'm going to insanely miss ALOT about my Pop!!! Especially around these holidays when he would travel to the store, by himself and sometimes lose his car or forget where he parked, to buy all his ingredients to make good famous fudge! We would always make it together and I would always tease him about how much sugar he puts in it. And his famous words were, "Is fine!" I love you always and forever and already immensely miss you Pop!! Hug and kiss everyone up there for me until we all meet again ❤️😭💙

December 18 at 8:58 AM



Sherry Willis December 19 at 9:48 AM

Uncle Jerry was a great guy! Sending our love, prayers, and hugs! - Sherry & Howie



Susan Williams December 18 at 1:57 PM

Lisa and Karen... so sorry for your loss! I remember him always smiling and he was from a generation of men that no longer exist.



Karen Grieves December 18 at 1:27 PM

Uncle Jerry you were one of a kind . One of the greatest uncles I had ! I'll never forget when you and aunt Irene let me and Jesse stay with you guys in Florida for a whole summer when we were 10 and 11 years old! We had a blast that summer ! Sorry you had to be a Buccaneers fan but someone had to cheer them on . I know you were ready last year to be with the love of your life and I know how much you missed her so I feel at ease that you two are back together again and you can rest! I love you and will see you on the other side ! ❤️



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jerry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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