



David A. Jones, III "Sam"

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David A. Jones III "Sam" of Tulsa, OK passed away on January 28, 2021 at Saint Francis Hospital of COVID-19 which took away his last breath. He was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania on June 9, 1961 to David A. Jones, Jr. and Abigail (Smith) Jones.

David is survived by his wife of almost 35 years (April 2021) and the love of his life, Lorna L. (Schmidgall) Jones; his son and daughter in law David A. Jones IV and Kim Lewellen of Minneapolis, MN. His mother Abigail S. Jones, mother in law Martha Schmidgall, 2 sisters Kathryn Jones and husband, Kenneth Kosieracki and Cynthia Jones and husband Jeffery Thetge; sister in law Ann and husband Terry Brppls. nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and house guest Bonnie VanDeRaa. He was predeceased by his father.

He and his sisters and cousins spent wonderful summer days during their childhood. They all remember him reading the Britannica Encyclopedias while they played.

David graduated in 1979 from Conneaut Valley High School in Conneautville, PA. He completed his 4 year apprenticeship to become a journeyman tool and die maker at Pennsylvania Tool & Gages in Meadville, PA and moved to Tulsa in 1984. He was employed by American Airlines as a tool design crew chief where he worked for 35 years.

He was an active participant in the Tulsa Metropolitan Ministries for a number of years and made many friends in the group, as well as a member of the Jesus Seminar for many years. He was a lifelong member of the Community of Christ Church and served in the office of Elder at the Tulsa Central Congregation.

David was a progressive, liberal (always described himself as the most liberal man in the State of Oklahoma!), adaptable husband, father and son. He was a raconteur of life's little ironies and never forgot anything. His particular avocations were theology, history and family genealogy. He



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did not just talk the talk (and boy could he talk!) ask anyone who knew him and he walked the walk. No pretense or façade.

He may be gone but his memory will live on joyfully in the many lives he touched in his short 59 years with his kindness, intelligence, generosity and awesome sense of humor and story telling ability.

He enjoyed many years of bird hunting with several good friends and his son in the Dakotas, Nebraska and Iowa with his exceptional English Pointer "Buddy" (oh the stories he would tell of their relationship) and yellow lab "Lady". David enjoyed driving fast and his trucks were always the latest GMC or Chevy (none other!). He delighted friends and family with stories of his football years in high school, and his annual summer pilgrimage back to Pennsylvania to visit family, friends and classmates (actually all the family knew he came back for Hanks Frozen Custard!).

His family would like to thank and offer their sincere appreciation to the wonderful and caring COVID-19 staff at Saint Francis. His care was superb.

Due to gravity of the circumstances and the result the pandemic has brought into our lives, current conditions have necessitated measures prohibiting a customary farewell. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held in the Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel with limited seating at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 4, 2021. For those that wish to watch the service via a ZOOM live-stream feed, please click on the following link to start viewing the live feed. The live feed will start 5 minutes prior to service time. LINK: <https://viewneral.zoom.us/j/95913712431?pwd=MTEwNOJjcXhxVVJVTXVMYVc4U3FUdz09>

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Domestic Violence Intervention Services of Tulsa by going to:

<https://dvis.org/donate/donate-now/>. Or to the charity of your choice.



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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, February 4, 2021

 10:00 AM CT

 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012





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James posted:

I just saw this, I was stunned! so sorry for your loss, I always enjoyed working with Sam, he was always a great co-worker and resource for knowledge.

June 28 at 7:00 AM



Mark Davis posted:

Lorna, God's comfort to you and all the family...there will never be another Sam! He folded me right into the crew in the Tool and Die Shop in 1987. Soon I would buy a Gerstner Toolbox at his urging. Thanks to you both for helping me find some nice ladies to date between marriages. Sam was so proud of David! I will miss how engaging he was and having a great laugh as his stories unfolded. I know you will treasure the many memories you have together...bless you dear lady...

February 3 at 5:06 AM



Tina Richards posted:

Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength during the days and weeks ahead. I have many fond memories of Sam and his sisters, Kathy and Cynthia, and my siblings spending summer breaks together, going to Temple Grove, hanging out at our grandparent's house playing under the weeping willow trees, playing Red Rover and Red Light, Green Light, being outside until we were called to come in for dinner. Times as we got older that Sam drove me back to college on a Sunday after coming home for a weekend visit. Catching up at a Family Reunion that we both made it back to at the same time. Distance may have been between us, but as for all my cousins, family ties know no distance, and we could always pick up and talk like time stood still. He will be missed and never forgotten. My deepest sympathy to the entire family at this tragic loss.

February 2 at 10:14 AM



Buck And Mary Bebout posted:

We are so sad to hear of Sam's passing. He was one of the good guys and we are so glad we knew him. With love, Buck and Mary Bebout

February 2 at 5:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Jones family.



February 2 at 4:42 AM



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American Airlines - Aaero Team sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Jones family.

February 1 at 4:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Jones family.

February 1 at 4:31 AM



Guila Almon posted:

I always loved hearing Sam talk at church. He was very forthright and said things as he thought. I will miss his Xmas cards that updated us on things happening in his life. He was always an asset to our congregation. I can still remember him saying one time that he talked to God like a friend and often in his vehicle. He will be missed by all of us. "Ducky"

January 31 at 3:34 PM



Tawnya posted:

I was very glad to hear he went peacefully, but it wasn't a surprise. He has always been preparing to meet God, and I'm sure will have a list of questions to confront Him with. Sam has been part of my life for 50 years, and although the actual time in each other's physical presence has not been a lot, with years between each occurrence as adults, our conversations were all deep and memorable. I always saw new perspectives, learned new ways of thinking, and had new avenues to explore when we parted again. All of my memories are scented with fresh-mown grass, sparkled with the sun glinting on the lake, and refreshing as when we ran in to the main hall at Temple Grove, out of the heat, to share another meal. I am so lucky to have known him. Tawnya

January 31 at 1:28 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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