



## Mr. David L. Jones III

October 20, 1951 - June 29, 2022

David L. Jones, III, 70, of Plant City, passed away June 29, 2022. David is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sue Jean Jones.

David was born October 20, 1951 in Montgomery, Alabama to the late David L. "D.L." Jones, Jr. and Donna Elizabeth Jones.

David was a devoted Christian and man of faith. He was also a loving husband, father, and "Papa" to his grandchildren. He loved to read and enjoyed history, particularly WWII (in which his dad served), the Civil War, and American Revolution. David loved to travel and fond memories will endure from family road trips to Colonial Williamsburg, Washington D.C., Kennebunkport, Me., Quebec, and points in between.

David is a graduate of the University of Florida ('73). He enjoyed cheering on the Gators but remained a lifelong fan of his childhood team and parents' alma mater, the Alabama Crimson Tide.

After college David became a banker, which enabled him to pursue his lifelong passion for service and helping others. He loved his job and the many friends, customers, and colleagues he met along the way. David served as president of the Boys & Girls Club of Lakeland and Mulberry and served as elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Plant City and later the Evangelical Presbyterian

Church of Plant City.

In addition to his wife, Sue Jean, David is survived by his children, Matthew (Cassidy) Jones and Christen (Matt) Bugarin, his grandchildren, Henry Jones, Ainsley Jones, Connor Jones, Ava Bugarin, and Baby Bugarin (due August 1st), brother, Donald Dwight "Don D." (Teena) Jones, sister Pamela Jones, and nephews, Donald Dwight "Don D." (Emily) Jones, Jr. and Michael (Stephanie) Jones, as well as many beloved cousins, friends, and colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Polk County, PO Box 763, Lakeland, FL 33802, or by visiting:

<https://www.bgcpolk.org/donate-now>

Memorial contributions may also be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, PO Box 22324, New York, NY 10087, or by visiting:

<https://www.lls.org/>

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Hopewell Cemetery

6005 SR 39 S  
Plant City, FL 33567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
[office@hopewellfuneral.com](mailto:office@hopewellfuneral.com)  
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

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## Live-Streamed Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. David L. Jones III



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - July 09, 2022 at 12:21 AM

CF

*Oh Sue Jean.....just now reading of David's passing. Lot's of hugs and prayers for you and the whole family. 💕*

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**carol (taylor) ferreira** - July 11, 2022 at 08:53 AM

KP

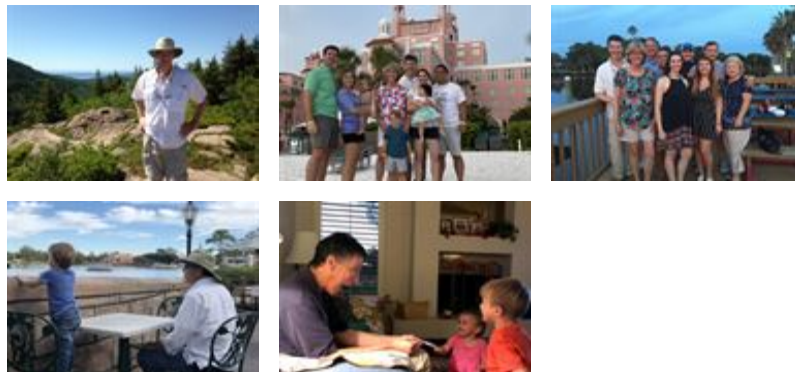
“ *My thoughts & prayers to Sue Jean and family. I knew David from high school and was so happy when he and my KD sister Sue Jean found each other at UF.*

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**Kaye Sears Parker** - July 11, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - July 09, 2022 at 12:20 AM

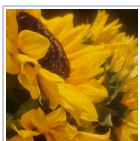
TS

“ *Dear Sue Jean & family:*

*I am deeply saddened by David's passing. He, Pete, and I were such good friends. One of the highlights of my life was the opportunity to have lunch with him! Another was working together at C&C. Our other connections were UF and Sigma Chi. He was such a gentle giant of a man that was grounded in his faith and love of family. I will miss him so much and look forward to seeing him again at our Master's feet. May Jesus strengthen you and give you peace. I'm sorry to be unable to attend as we are living in North Carolina.*  
*Theron Stangry*

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**Theron Stangry** - July 08, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Keeping family in prayers. I'm so sorry.*



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**Nyssa Robart** - July 07, 2022 at 07:37 PM

EP

“ I am very sorry to hear of David’s passing. Having been part of the side yard football team I also share fond memories of fun times at David’s house. I feel so fortunate to have had David as my friend from grade school on. He and his family were always so kind and nice to everyone. We will all miss you my friend you leave us all too soon.

*Earl Poppell*

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**Earl Poppell** - July 07, 2022 at 05:25 PM

KW

“ We moved to Plant City in 1979. David reached out on a business call and was so sincere and helpful in many ways that we soon became friends, having much in common. We have been blessed to have shared a close friendship with David and Sue Jean for all these many years. Our prayers are with the entire Jones family. I will especially miss David's dry sense of humor, deep faith and discussing politics and history. May you rest in peace David.

*Ken and Susan Wiles and family.*

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**Ken Wiles** - July 07, 2022 at 10:05 AM

CE

“ Just learned about my childhood best-friend. We were pals from grade school on. I remember his birthday football game each year and visiting in his home. Sweet parents and family, lots of fond memories. My prayers for Sue Jean and family. Rest in peace old friend.

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**Charlie Edwards** - July 07, 2022 at 05:12 AM

JW

“ One of the good guys. David was a classmate of mine at PCHS-class of 69. He was genuinely one of the nicest, mossy sincere people I have ever known- he showed great maturity and a strong faith at an early age. It was a pleasure and a privilege being your friend and classmate David. I have many fond memories of you. Rest In Peace buddy.

jim Wells - July 07, 2022 at 12:47 AM

KE

“ Sending God's Love and Comfort to Sue Jean, Matthew, Christen, and family.

Remembering David as our friend, classmate, and banker. David and Neil were also in Cub Scouts, Little League, and church together. You will be missed dear friend. May you rest in peace.

Neil and Katha Ellis

Katha Ellis - July 06, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. David L. Jones III.



July 06, 2022 at 06:27 PM

JS

“ I have such great memories of David and the Jones family. My condolences go out to his wife, children and the rest of the Jones family.

John Sanchez - July 05, 2022 at 07:13 PM

SC

“ I was so very sorry to hear of the passing of David. I have wonderful memories of working with him both at Citrus and Chemical Bank and then at Community Southern Bank. He was one of the good guys.

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**Sharon Casey** - July 05, 2022 at 05:57 PM

PN

“ When we were young kids and lived across the street, David (DL) would get upgames of football in their side yard. He would always play QB. When he would fade back to throw a pass, he would stop before he threw, Pose and would say, I'm Johnny Unitas!". I can see it like it was yesterday, yet it was 60+ years ago. Rest in peace friend. Maybe make a few passes to Johnny U! Our condolences to his family.

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**Phil Napoletan** - July 05, 2022 at 05:46 PM

JS

Good story Phil, I have the same memory plus other games we played.

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**John Sanchez** - July 05, 2022 at 07:15 PM

GS

I was thinking of all the football we played too. David's Dad showing me how to punt. Great memories with great people. Condolences from our family.

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**Gene Sanchez** - July 06, 2022 at 11:10 PM

LM

“ We have many memories of knowing David from church and our children growing up together. We met David and Sue Jean 37 years ago through church. We will always remember him as the most upstanding person. Our love, prayers and deepest sympathies to the Jones family on your loss.  
*Bud and Loraine Meech and family*

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**Loraine Meech** - July 05, 2022 at 03:47 PM

TF

“ The Meech Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. David L. Jones III.



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**The Meech Family** - July 05, 2022 at 03:22 PM