



Eddie "Big Eddie" Jones

August 11, 2009

JONES, EDDIE A. 62, of Sydney, FL, born August 10, 1947 went Home to be with his savior, Jesus Christ on August 11, 2009. He was preceded in death by his parents, Monroe & Mary Jones, sister Kathleen Benefield, and brother Kenny Jones. He is survived by his daughter, Trenda Gude and her husband Joey Gude, two granddaughters, Faith and Ashlyn Gude, and their grandmother, Wanda Miller; sisters Viola Varnadore, Ducky Clifton (Junior), OnaFaye Lawson (Wayne), and brothers, Bud Jones (Ruby) and Acle Jones (Sarah), fianc e Debbie Holt and her daughter Christy Holt-Hanson (Dennis), and many nieces and nephews, countless family and friends. Eddie graduated from Turkey Creek High School in 1965 and was proud to be a Turkey Creek Gobbler. Eddie retired from CSX Railroad after 42 years of service. He was a proud, prominent strawberry farmer and businessman who owned and operated Brandon Farms since 1979, part owner of San-Way Farms, Inc. and Gulf Coast Produce, Inc. Eddie had a boundless passion for strawberry farming and considered it an honor to be a strawberry farmer. He took immense pride in making his fields just right and practiced a "first-class" work ethic in every aspect of his life. The love for his family knew no limits. The shining stars of his life were his "girls" Faith and Ashlyn. His devotion to the ones he loved was beyond measure. Countless number of lives were touched and changed by knowing Eddie Jones. He never met a stranger and lived to help someone! It was his life s desire and goal to make others feel special. Eddie s compassion for children was beyond compare. Eddie was a very

proud member of Seffner First Free Will Baptist Church. Known as Big Ed to all who met and knew him, his heart and love for others was as BIG as the Man. Eddie's selfless generosity and thoughtfulness was immeasurable. Big Ed's inspirational example of self-sacrificing love and support will forever serve as a lasting legacy to the amazing man he was to all who were blessed to know him, and many others who he may have never met. The family will receive friends Saturday, August 15, 2009 at First Free Will Baptist Church of Tampa, 11605 US Hwy 92 East, Seffner, FL 33584, with funeral services following at 1:00pm. Pallbearers will be Junior Holman, JB Simpson, Ron Goodson, Adrian Resendiz, Lucio Torres, and Jose Torres; and honorary pallbearers Isaias Resendiz, Poncho Lopes, Magdaleno Garcia, Jorge Torres, Joe Goodson, Wayne Moss, Mike O'Neal, Sam Astin III, and Eliseo Soto. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Eddie Jones can be made to Seffner Christian Academy, 11605 US Hwy 92 East, Seffner, FL 33584. Visit www.hopewellfuneralhome.com to sign online guestbook.

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“ *The Celebration of Life service for Eddie was beautiful. He would have been so proud of the outpouring of love from his family and friends. He was a fine man who was called home too soon. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ellis and Jeanette Hall##imported-end##*

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“ *We are very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Lamar & Theresa Register##imported-end##*

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“ *OUR THOUGHT AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. EDDIE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN! MAY GOD BLESS##imported-begin##MIKE & EDWARD JEFFCOAT##imported-end##*

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“ Debbie and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bettie (Raydiance Tan) and Bill Johnson (Shamrock Seed Company)##imported-begin##Bettie and Bill Johnson##imported-end##

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“ I'll miss you BIG Ed. We had some good times at Turkey Creek. I'll miss the good times we had playing Football as a GOBBLER. I will miss you saying I love you man. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Clifford Hare##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with you. A great man has gone from among us.##imported-begin##Wiley & Audrey Gillespie##imported-end##

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“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all. He was a very special man.##imported-begin##Sandy Boggs##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May God bless you all in this trying time.##imported-begin##Leo & Ginger Houck##imported-end##

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“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU.##imported-begin##RAY AND PATTI BROWNLEE##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Eddie was a great man. If there is anything that we can do just let us know. Valrico Barbershop##imported-begin##Gary Brooks##imported-end##

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“ Tenda and Family - our heart hurts for you all during this time of loss. Eddie was indeed a special guy as we grew up with him during our school years at Turkey Creek. We always enjoyed seeing you all each year during the Strawberry Festival when I would set up our Cargill Crop Nutrition display in the Exhibit Hall. Our son Matt works as Produce Manager at the Publix in Mango and said that Eddie came into the store last week. His parting words to Matt was that he loved him. Needless to say, Matt will remember Eddie just as the paper has described him. We will keep you in our prayers and ask God to comfort you daily. May God bless and keep you safe and strong. In His Love, Jim and Debbie Burdett Matt and Casey Burdett##imported-begin##Debbie and Jim Burdett##imported-end##

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“ Dear Trendera, Tony, Debbie, and entire Jones Family. Our Love AND Prayers are with you. A loss so great is hard to overcome, but if we continue to say, God's Will be done. He will take of broken Hearts, and cover our sorrow with his Love. Love to all. Jack and Jeanette##imported-begin##Jack and Jeanette Jones##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family##imported-begin##Steve & Linda Vukmanic##imported-end##

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“ Acle and Sarah, our heartfelt condolences, prayers and sincere thoughts go out to you at this time of grief. May God's Holy Spirit's presence be very near and dear to you at this time and offer his Comfort as only He can give. We love you deeply, Wayne and Kim##imported-begin##Wayne and Kim Mulling##imported-end##

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“ May God Bless your family @ this time of sorrow##imported-begin##Alice Ellis##imported-end##

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“ Praise be to GOD who welcomes us home with loving and forgiving arms! Our condolences to Eddie's family . May GOD'S presence comfort all who will feel the void left by "BIG ED" going home to be with JESUS CHRIST. It is never easy to say goodbye to one you love so much but it is so refreshing to know Eddie knew CHRIST as His SAVIOUR! To GOD be the Glory! Love, Jim and Lynn Norton###imported-begin##Jim and Lynn Norton###imported-end##

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“ Eddie was a classmate of mine. He was one of the funniest guys in our class. His closest buddies and himself were always into some kind of mischief. When a prank was pulled, you automatically knew that it had to include Eddie, Junior, Bill and a few others. Heres to you Eddie, my classmate and friend. Keep those angels on their toes and always looking over their shoulders and wings, cause if some mischief is pulled, you gotta be behind it. Loved and missed. Linda Carter###imported-begin##Linda Carter Abbott###imported-end##

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“ condolences, pal ed browning###imported-begin##edward browning###imported-end##

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“ I wish my condolences to the family. I went to Turkey Creek High School and I work for Mine & Mill Supply in Lakeland. I graduated in 1966. I know Eddie will be missed by everyone. I'm happy to have known him... God bless you all. Charles###imported-begin###Charles E. Fitzgerald###imported-end###

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“ Dear Trenda We are so sorry to hear the news of Eddie's passing. You have lost a wonderful father and we have lost a loving friend. You being a believer should give some comfort, knowing that he has gone to a better place. Your grief will subside and the fond memories will take over in time. May God bless and comfort you in this time of grief, which we share with you. Derrell Curry###imported-begin###Derrell Curry###imported-end###

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“ He was a very special man. I never saw he that he did not have a smile on his face and never heard him complain. He has been in our prayers during his time of illness. We know he is no longer in pain and is with or Lord. Our prayers are with Trenda and the rest of his family. Jackie & Richard Fields###imported-begin###Jackie Fields###imported-end###

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“ Eddie Jones will be greatly missed, even though we all know he is in a much better place. He was THE most warm-hearted Christian man in the whole area. He had the ability to make everyone he met feel very special and he absolutely radiated God's love every time he saw you. He's the kind of person you were blessed to know. God truly loved him alot. My husband and I send our deepest sympathies to Eddie's family..... Deborah and Bob Wells###imported-begin##Deborah Wells###imported-end##

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“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. May God's love and compassion be with you during this time of sorrow. He was a very kind and loving man who never left our office without a smile and a "love you guys!". He will truly be missed! Sincerely, Jan###imported-begin##Jan Sullivan###imported-end##

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“ We send our condolences to the Eddie Jones family, you are in our prayers. Two weeks ago I was talking to Eddie in Publix and the last words he said to me was if I dont make it I will see you in heaven. He said he would tell Marty that we were all ok. What a great reunion that will be. Love, Buddy and Melba Sewell Sewell ans Sewell Farms###imported-begin##Melba Sewell###imported-end##

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“ Our Prayers and Thoughts are with you and the entire Jones family. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know. Love in Christ, Bill & Janice Blanchard###imported-begin##Bill & Janice Blanchard###imported-end##

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“ Trena and Family, Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. It is a sad time now but you know he is in a better place and no more suffering and pain. We will all rejoice and see him again. God bless you all and keep his arms around your shoulder. Steve & Connie Bonds###imported-begin##Connie Logan Bonds###imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Trena, Debbie, and family. God bless you all.###imported-begin##Valerie Sewell Alex###imported-end##

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“ My sincere sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. All I can think of is chatting away with my dad Eddie now talking about their lives. May God bless you and be with you###imported-begin##starleen clifton banks###imported-end##

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“ I will miss Mr. Jones very much##imported-begin##Deborah Bradbury##imported-end##

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“ HE WILL BE MISSED AND LOVED.##imported-begin##SERENA CRUMLEY##imported-end##

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