



## Mr. James (Jimmy) Jones, Jr.

May 14, 1939 - August 10, 2024

James (Jimmy) Jones, Jr., of Plant City, Florida, passed away peacefully on August 10, 2024, surrounded by loving family and lifelong friends. Born on May 14, 1939, Jimmy was a beloved brother, uncle and friend. He is survived by his sister, Sandra Jones; his nieces, Dr. Shannon Jones-McCall (John Gainer) and Dr. Heather Jones (Dr. Francisco Furtado); great-niece AnnaGrace McCall and great-nephew Jackson McCall. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents James Eldred Jones, Sr. and Betty Lou Jones; and his brother-in-law Thomas (Tommy) Jones, Jr. Throughout his life, Jimmy was known for his strong work ethic and commitment to his profession. He graduated from the University of Florida and was a licensed professional civil engineer in the state of Florida for 56 years. He was also an outdoorsman who enjoyed raising cattle and freshwater fishing. He was confident, strong-willed, had a generous spirit, and provided wise counsel. A funeral service will be held at the graveside at Myrtle Hill Memorial Park, 4202 E. Lake Avenue, Tampa, Florida on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Jimmy's life and honor his memory. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to either St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Brandon, Florida or to the Florida Wildlife Federation. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Myrtle Hill

4002 N. 50th Street  
Tampa, FL

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ I met Mr. Jones while working his cattle with a mutual friend. After working with him on his ranch a few times we would stay afterwards and hang out. He would talk about the cattle and his family history there on the ranch. He then would always bring up his nieces and man would he just light up, he was so proud of them. I believe he even named his ponds on the ranch after them. He would tell me how much he misses fishing his big pond and he asked me to go some time so we planned it. I showed up on a Sunday after church thinking we was going to step into a big nice “safe” boat. We grabbed the poles and tackle box, then he said oh grab this battery and trolling motor. Away through the back yard we go not being able to even see the pond because of the elephant ear plants. He pushes through them and there’s a dock, with three eight foot and larger alligators laying on it and a lil 10 foot Jon boat. He waved his arms and the gators crawled off the dock. He sets fishing gear down and grabs the Jon boat like it was nothing. He flips boat into water and says ok come on. He would surprise you with his knowledge and physical strength. We loaded boat up w gear and trolling motor and away we went. Here are a couple pics I still had, we talked and had a blast. This was December 2018  
Wish I would have crossed paths with him 20 years sooner.



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**Billy Sawtelle** - October 30, 2024 at 12:44 AM

SJ

“ I met Jimmy when I was living in Tampa and he worked with my father Terry. We spent many weekends there when we lived in Florida. We stopped by three years ago and it was wonderful! He still had the picture of my sister and I on his desk from 50 years ago!!! I was looking up his number to make sure he was ok in the path of the hurricane when I found out of his death. Prayers to his sister and nieces. I'm so sorry I am just finding this out but living in Virginia I wouldn't have seen it.

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**Sherri Jones** - October 09, 2024 at 07:48 PM

PA

“ I met Jimmy Jones while visiting his family ranch to attend a family canoe trip. I remember his quick witted humor, his teasing, and his challenge for me and others to swing from a rope on the river trail with the purpose of dropping into the water. I was no spring chicken, but not about to back down. It was glorious. Over the years John and I visited Jimmy on his ranch, not enough as life has a way of filling the hours of our days. Jimmy never failed to give us the grand tour, showing us his many wonderful cows, and bull(s). He loved his farm, his animals, especially his dog, Lucky". Most of all he loved his nieces Shannon and Heather. They were and will always be the highlight of his life. He was so very proud of everything they accomplished. May you be in wonderful heavenly afterlife. Love, Pam and John Fredrick

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**Pamela** - August 16, 2024 at 01:49 PM

GC

“ I first met Jimmy at St. Andrew's UMC in 1986. We played basketball, went skiing, went to the Bama/Florida game, attended Bucs games and many more fun times together. He was a good friend and will be missed....

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**Garel Curry** - August 15, 2024 at 12:50 PM

LB

“ I attended St. Andrew's UMC with Jimmy for many years. We had some fun times together as Friends, attending Bucs games, Malios, beach trips with our Singles Sunday School class and he enjoyed us coming to the Ranch. While thinking about him, I realized he helped me move into my house 25 years ago. The Youth group used to attend Hay Rides out at the Ranch for Halloween. Everytime we spoke, he talked about his Nieces; Shannon & Heather. He was a Proud Uncle! He was a good friend and I was shocked to hear of his passing. He will be missed....

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**Laura Tidwell Brown** - August 14, 2024 at 10:57 PM

EC

“ Jimmy and I worked together on 100's of Structural projects, from 1981 to 2022. As a Draftsman I learned alot from Jimmy. He was first Structural Engineer to practice Value Engineering, always keeping the clients interest in mind. He was demanding as an employer, that made me a better design draftsman.  
I'll miss Jimmy my boss and friend.



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**Emil Chaveriat** - August 14, 2024 at 06:26 PM

TP

“ Farewell dear friend...for over 50 years we've shared wonderful times and memories together. Your friendship was one of our most treasured assets. Rest in peace old friend until we meet again.

*Tim & Chris Pariso*

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**Tim & Chris Pariso** - August 14, 2024 at 04:52 PM