



John Paul Jones

December 16, 1929 - March 9, 2021

John Paul Jones was tapped on the shoulder by God and followed Him 3:05 p.m. on March 9, 2021.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Albany First United Methodist Church sanctuary beginning at 2:00 pm.. The Reverend Thad Haygood will officiate, assisted by Anna Miller and Laurel Griffith. Others who will take part are Gary Unger, Brandon Keaton, and Mary Beth Hillard. The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Albany First United Methodist Church. Mr. Jones's cremated remains will be buried at Crown Hill Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post 30.

John Paul was born December 16, 1929 in Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and grew up in Albany, Georgia. He graduated from Albany High School in 1947 and attended North Georgia College in Dahlonega and Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Georgia. He studied through the New York Institute of Photography and graduated from Abby Star Photography School in Miami, Florida. After finishing school, he joined the United States Navy and served from 1950-1954. John Paul spent two years on board the aircraft carrier, USS-WASP/CVA18, as an aerial photographer. He returned to Albany in 1954, began work at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, and retired after thirty years.

John Paul was an active member of First United Methodist Church all of his life. He served as Sunday School Superintendent for over fifteen years, was an usher, and served on the Board of Stewards. John Paul was a member of the Georgia Cochran and the Hudson Malone Sunday School Class, serving as President several times. John Paul spent many hours constructing the dining hall and dormitories at Camp Kirksey, a camp supported by First United Methodist Church.

John Paul served on the Lee County Board of Education for fifteen years. He was instrumental in implementing the NJROTC program at Lee County High School. He also served on the Health Board of Lee County for over twelve years. John Paul was a volunteer poll worker at a Lee County voting precinct for many years.

John Paul was a member of several organizations: the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 15011, the American Legion Post 30, the National Association of Naval Photography, the National Association Retired Federal Employees, and the USS WASP/CV-CVA-CVS-18 Association.

John Paul is preceded in death by his parents, Dannie Lee and Minnie Claudia (Haddock) Jones, brother, David Lee Jones, and sister, Marion (Jones) Cecil.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, the love of his life, Laura Nan (Parrish) Jones, and two daughters, Laura (Farron) Pasteka of Albany, Georgia and Chimene (Darren) Johnson of St. George Island, Florida. John Paul, "Granddaddy," will be remembered fondly and missed greatly by four granddaughters: Lara Ashley (Kylie) Pasteka, Brittany Grace (Josh) Parham, Kati Morgan (Ricky) Hathcock, Parrish Cates Johnson and Bruce Taylor. He often shared his love of the North Georgia and Smokey Mountains with his

granddaughters by taking them on countless camping trips. In fact, he often referred to his granddaughters as his mountain tops because he so loved them. John Paul was blessed with seven great-grandchildren, who enriched his later years: JohnTalon Mathes, Kaia Cates Hathcock, Isaac Taylor Parham, Hudson James Hathcock, Tolliver Reed Pasteka, James Cooper Parham, Hadley Grace Hathcock, Kacen Hunter Taylor, and Paisleigh Grace Taylor.

John Paul is also survived by a brother-in-law, William T. Parrish, and several nieces and nephews.

Those desiring may send memorials to:
First United Methodist Church
302 Flint Ave.
Albany Ga. 31707

Masks and Social Distancing will be required for the celebration.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Memorial Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



“ *Elena Taylor lit a candle in memory of John Paul Jones*



Elena Taylor - November 02, 2021 at 11:56 PM

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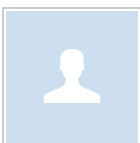
“ *I'm sorry for your loss. He was a nice & talented man.*
Carol Ann Peak

Carol Peak - March 19, 2021 at 02:30 PM

BC

“ *I lost a long-time friend and co-worker. My sincere sympathy to Nan and his family.*
Bobby Clay

Bobby Clay - March 18, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Paul Jones.*



March 16, 2021 at 06:24 PM

AT

“ As a vendor at the Marine Base in the mid-1960's I found Paul to be a genius at Photography and related technologies. He no doubt saved the government many thousands of dollars over the years through his talents and job skills.

Later, at First Methodist I discovered him be solid in his faith and dedication to his church.

A good man has left our midst.

Art Tanner

Arthur Tanner - March 15, 2021 at 10:59 AM

LI

“ May the Holy Spirit give you peace and comfort and bring to mind many wonderful memories. He is remembered by us with love. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Judge and LeNelle

LeNelle Ivey - March 13, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Paul Jones.



March 12, 2021 at 11:56 AM

PM

“ *Nan and family:*

Oh, how sad I was to learn Paul is gone.....really glad he went to Heaven but just wasn't quite ready for that.....I remember his 90th birthday in SS and how much he enjoyed seeing everyone. The last time I saw Paul is when you taught SS to the 4 classes in the Chapel after we started meeting again.

Well, you two were quite a pair...don't ever remember seeing one without the other....

True love and a wonderful life, I know....

Just know you have many, many friends who join you in grieving the loss of such an outstanding man. Love you and your family and am praying for you all.

Patsy Martin - March 10, 2021 at 07:06 PM

LP

“ *Lamar Potts lit a candle in memory of John Paul Jones*



Lamar Potts - March 10, 2021 at 03:50 PM

DS

“ *Nan and Family, So may fond memories of Mr. Paul at FUMC! he was always a fixture in the church, no matter what job he was doing! He was a kind man with a gentle soul. Please know that you and your family are all in my thoughts and prayers. He was a blessing to so many people in his life, and leaves a legacy that won't be forgotten!*
Debbie TenHagen Sutton



Debbie Sutton - March 10, 2021 at 03:16 PM

ES

My thoughts and prayers are with you. I have many good memories of working with John Paul at MCLB..

Elsie Stewart

Elsie H. Stewart - March 15, 2021 at 01:16 PM

MS

Such wonderful memories of this man growing up. He was a huge part of my life. I miss him dearly.

Mark Simmons - March 28, 2021 at 03:11 PM