



William "Perry" Jones

December 11, 1948 - November 22, 2020

William "Perry" Jones, age 71, of Rockwall, TX, passed away November 22, 2020. He was born December 11, 1948, in Charleston, WV, to William Henry Jones and Pierrette (Message) Jones. Perry attended West Virginia State University on a baseball scholarship after high school, but he grew-up right smack in the middle of the Vietnam War Era and his draft number was #32. He ended up serving his country in the Army National Guard, although he was fortunate enough to never leave the states. He worked for the WV American Water Company for several years and then took a job in Lubbock, TX working as the head of the payroll department for Furr's Supermarket. Perry also did the payroll for Sysco Foods which is all over the world while he lived in Lubbock. Perry created a program that ended up being implemented by the state of Texas while working as the head of the payroll department. Before he retired, he became a salesman for Nichols RV in Mesquite, TX. Once again, he created his own program that ended up being used at Nichols RV due to its overall simplicity yet detailed with great performance. His presence will be deeply missed.

Perry is survived by his loving wife: Debra Jones of Rockwall, TX; children: Mark Jones of Dunbar, WV, Teresa Smith and husband Todd of Dallas, TX, David Jones and wife Jessica Germany of Sarasota, FL, Alexis Terrell of Denver, CO, and Markel Hanley and husband Chad Spurlin of Hopkinsville, KY; fourteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brother: Don Jones and wife Jane of Rockwall, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Comments



“ Perry was my brother-in-law for more than 50 years, and it seems impossible that he's gone. Losing Perry has broken our hearts, but he gave us a lifetime of laughter and good memories. Perry liked to make people laugh, and anyone who knew him has a funny story to share.

Perry and Don weren't just brothers -- they were best friends from the time they were little boys. Our families were close and we enjoyed decades of fun together -- Christmas and other holidays, long weekends, cards and dominoes, cookouts, parties, camping, cruises, a fun trip with the kids to Arizona, and memorable visits to New Orleans to visit Perry's and Don's mother. Six Flags outings with the kids have gone down in family history and deserve special mention. No one could entertain the kids or devil them like Perry could.

Through his teenage years Perry played Little League baseball, and his speed and accuracy made him a star outfielder. Although he never bragged about his talent, people who watched him play talked about his incredible ability long after he hung up his glove.

As a native West Virginian, Perry was a lifelong WVU fan. Among his favorite pro teams were the Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Perry enjoyed classic TV, especially westerns, and he was always ready to quote a line from a Mel Brooks movie. Perry was interested in history and enjoyed visiting historic sites. He liked woodworking and took on many home projects over the years, including a handcrafted clock that hangs in our home today.

Although previously unknown to me, Perry had elected to be an organ donor. Because of his selfless decision, other folks received a priceless gift upon his passing.

The entire family misses Perry more than words can express, but we cherish the memories we made with him. Personally, I'd like to think of Perry in the outfield, in good health now, with steady hands and swift, sure feet, making a big play in the field of dreams. Rest in peace, Perry. We love you.

Jane Young Jones - December 16, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ Steve and I knew and loved Perry. He was a very giving guy with a soft heart.

Perry was never lost for words and always had something funny to tell.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

Phyllis Stephens - December 17, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Great tribute to Perry. He was all of that.

Phyllis Stephens - December 17, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ My wife Shirley and I never knew Perry very well, but he was happily married to my dear cousin Debra for more than 15 years and we know they were a very happy couple sharing their lives together in harmony and love. We offer our deepest sympathy, condolences and prayers. With love, Mike & Shirley Esralian

MJ Esralian - December 12, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Perry, even though I never had the opportunity to get to know him well, but the love he and Debra had for each other speaks for itself. Condolences and prayers for all ! RIP

Cindy Rayborn - December 12, 2020 at 09:51 AM