



Jere Carl Jones

August 19, 1948 - December 31, 2025

Jere C. Jones, age 77, of Augusta, passed away December 31, 2025. He was born August 19, 1948, in Augusta, Arkansas, the first-born son of Carl and Maxine Jones. He attended Augusta schools and graduated in 1966. He married Donna Helderman on June 1, 1974, and remained a devoted husband for 51 years. Their only child Jacob “Jake” Jones was born in January 1978. Jere is survived by Donna, Jake and his wife Mary Ann and their children, as well as his youngest brother Ken Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents and middle brother Lynn Jones.

After high school Jere went to work as a deck hand for Augusta’s Ark-White Towing on the White River and made a career tow boating. He worked his way up to pilot and later Captain (Sr. pilot). Some of the boats he worked on were the Murry L., Johnny Nell, Issaqueena, Red Wood, Satosha, and the White Wing. He worked on the White River, the Mississippi, the Ohio, and the Intercostal Water Ways. The last years of his career he spent on the Arkansas river between Oklahoma and the mouth where it meets the Mississippi.

He was a master duck hunter and was serious about it long before duck-hunting was “cool.” He loved hunting squirrel, swamp rabbit, and frogs. He caught a ton of catfish trot-line fishing in the White River around Augusta. He loved cutting wood for the fireplace. He loved local watermelon. He was an avid reader and preferred reading over watching television. He loved muscle

cars and drag-racing and always liked to attend the NHRA Mid-South Nationals in Memphis. He loved his yard and his cats and worked hard to make sure the hummingbirds were well fed before their annual migration.

There will be a visitation on Monday evening, January 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home, 700 N. 9th Street in Augusta Arkansas. There will be an additional visitation there on Tuesday, January 6, from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by a graveside service at the Augusta Memorial Park.

Arrangements are entrusted at Powell Funeral Home of Woodruff County.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home of Woodruff County
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Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Augusta Memorial Park
Augusta, AR 72006

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jere Carl Jones



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 05 at 02:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jere Carl Jones.



January 06 at 08:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jere Carl Jones.



January 03 at 07:39 PM



“ Peter Wyatt & Laura Cosgrove planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jere Carl Jones.

Peter Wyatt & Laura Cosgrove - January 03 at 07:39 PM