



Wyatt Jones

February 19, 1930 - March 13, 2016

Dr. Wyatt Jones, 86, passed away peacefully the morning of Sunday, March 13, 2016. He was a loving and beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Wyatt was born on February 19, 1930 in Samburg, Tennessee. He enjoyed a full and adventurous life in service to others.

He earned his Bachelor degree in 1951 from Harding University in the field of Mathematics and earned a teaching certificate. Soon after he began work on his Doctorate in Education from the University of Alabama graduating in 1962. His work took him to Pepperdine University in Malibu, California and then eventually returned him to his alma mater, Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. As a professor, he traveled with students around the world including Australia, Italy, and Germany. Dr. Wyatt Jones also proudly served his country and was a veteran of the Korean War. His service also reached many others as a preacher and active member in several congregations in both California and Arkansas.

Wyatt enjoyed an active life after retirement filling his time with his many passions. He was an avid reader and was a well known patron of the local library. Wyatt loved the game of golf spending many days out on the greens with friends. He also filled many hours fishing, playing bridge, cribbage and other card games. His traveling, golfing, and fishing adventures were fodder for his famous storytelling. Wyatt could mesmerize a whole room with tales of

his escapades. His story of his adventure to defend his dissertation after being rescued by the local fire department is legendary. Wyatt enjoyed the company of others throughout his life and was active and impactful with many groups in which he served.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Iris Jones; his children, Karen Post (Wayne), Phillip Jones, and Kevin Jones (Karen); grandchildren, Kimberly Davey (Lee), Michael Post (Mandi), Stephen Post (Michelle), and Dylan Jones; and great-grandchildren, Ashlynn & Madeline Davey, Colt & Cade Post, and Lorelei Post.

Wyatt was a God-loving, faith-filled, kind, and genuine man. He will be missed and fondly remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Tribute Wall

JH

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Joyce Hogan - May 04, 2016 at 03:01 PM

GS

“ I will miss Dr. Jones. He was the one that persuaded me to teach at Harding for which I am very grateful. We shared a lot of "computer time" together. I always enjoyed visiting with him and sharing experiences. He will be missed.

Gordon Sutherlin - March 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM

JM

“ Dr. Jones was a dedicated educator whom I am glad to have known and worked with! He touched many lives. My sympathy is extended to his family.

Jan Morgan - March 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM

CA

“ Such a sweet, good man. I worked in the College of Education. His office was across from mine. He was Dean Of Graduate Studies. Loved his stories & kindness. He will be missed.

Carolyn Anderson - March 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM

AB

“ He was one of my favorite professors. I first met him in line at a Kenny Rogers concert in Little Rock. He and his wife exuded such energy and love for life that night. Later, I applied to graduate school at Harding. He looked at my excellent GRE score and my very average GPA and laughingly stated that I had obviously had a lot of fun as an undergrad. I am proud to say that I had an excellent GPA as a graduate student and enjoyed every minute in the program. He was an outstanding teacher and mentor. Harding has lost a great Christian leader. I am so glad I got to know him and study at his feet.

Alison Baird - March 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM

KE

“ Dr. Jones was our club sponsor and one of my education teachers as well...I tutored his son in 9th grade science as part of my internship in education...I enjoyed his humor, wisdom, and friendly demeanor with students, club members, and people in general...such a wonderful man, leader, and teacher to know, learn from, and be around...:)

Keith E.Book - March 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM

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RD

“ *David and I were friends and former students, both in college and Bible class. We will miss him!*

Ruth Ann Dawson - March 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM

RM

“ *Oh Gosh! Just heard the news of Dr. Jones's passing. Loved the man. I had him in a couple of Ed. classes such a great teacher, so interesting and funny, i thought he was a great speaker. He keep 100 kids in a classroom interested in what he was saying, that's something in itself. God Bless Dr. Wyatt Jones, we will all miss him and i will always remember his thoughtfulness. He used to get after me to do better, I was always so slow in getting his message,haha. Loved the guy, will miss him. God knows he got a good one, in Dr. Jones. Take Care*

ronnie mandrell - March 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM

CC

“ *Dr. Jones believed in me, and encouraged me to be better than I was before that moment in time. My email is harding.edu because of him. Charlie and I cherish our time as students in his classes and growing as good friends. Much love and many prayers.*

Clara Carroll - March 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM

SO

“ *Wyatt and Iris are special to us and our three boys because of our shared semester in Florence in 1985. The Joneses were happy to spend time with our family even though three energetic little boys and our limited budget must have caused them to alter their sightseeing preferences on our free travel trip with them to Milan and Austria. Sincere condolences to Iris and her children.*

Sherry and Dennis Organ - March 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM