



## Walker Gene Jones

August 26, 1941 - April 10, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Walker Gene Jones, a revered resident and native of Laurel, Mississippi. Mr. Jones departed from this life on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at the age of 82, leaving behind a legacy of integrity, dedication, love, and distinguished service to his country.

Born in Laurel, Mr. Jones spent over 50 years away before returning to his cherished hometown for the last decade of his life, where his profound love for Laurel and Jones County was evident in all aspects of his life. He was a pillar in the community, known for his deep roots and enduring affection for the area.

A graveside service to honor the life and memory of Mr. Jones will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., at the serene Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. The service will be presided over by the Reverend Ken Johnson, reflecting on the life and virtues of Mr. Jones.

The role of pallbearers is entrusted to family members and close friends, including Brent Jones, Payne Jones, Reece Jones, Hayden Jones, Adam Bryan, and Jay Jones, who will carry forward Mr. Jones's legacy with honor and respect.

Mr. Jones proudly served in the United States Navy from July 13, 1961, to March 16, 1965. During his service, he deployed multiple times aboard the USS Shangri La aircraft carrier, a testament to his dedication and bravery. His military service was a source of immense pride for him and an inspiration to those who knew him. This proud tradition of service is being continued by his grandson, Hayden Jones, who has enlisted in the U.S. Army and is set to begin basic training this year, honoring and extending the legacy of commitment and courage exemplified by his grandfather.

In his professional life, Mr. Jones was a respected heating and air specialist. Beyond his professional achievements, he was an avid outdoorsman who found joy in hunting and fishing. His culinary skills, particularly his exceptional brisket and unique cooler chicken, were legendary within the family. Many cherished memories were made at his home on Eagle Lake, where family gatherings, laughter, and shared meals were abundant. These moments remain among the fondest memories for his grandchildren, echoing the joy and unity he brought to their lives.

Mr. Jones's love story with his wife, Kay, spanned over 63 years, a testament to their deep and enduring bond. His devotion to Kay was unwavering, and their relationship stood as a beacon of love and partnership to all who knew them.

Mr. Jones leaves behind a cherished family, including his beloved wife, Mrs. Kay Jones; his sons, Mitchell Jones and his wife Maria, and Mark Jones; his grandchildren, Peyton Jones Bryan and her husband Adam, Brent Jones and his wife Stephanie, Payne Jones, Reece Walker Jones, Hayden Jones, and Macy Jones; as well as numerous nieces and nephews who will forever hold his memory in their hearts.

Family, friends, and those whose lives were touched by Mr. Jones are invited

to sign the online guest book at [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com) to share their memories and condolences.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that donations be made to Veteran's Outreach of Mississippi, a cause close to Mr. Jones's heart.

Donations can be made through their website: <http://veteransoutreachms.org/donate/>

Mr. Walker Gene Jones's legacy will be remembered for its warmth, integrity, and the profound impact he had on those around him, as well as his honorable service to his country and the joy he brought to his loved ones. His departure is mourned by many, but his spirit and the values he embodied will continue to inspire those who knew him.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR **13**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Hickory Grove Cemetery  
Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tracy Harris lit a candle in memory of Walker Gene Jones



Tracy McDuff Harris - April 13, 2024 at 09:38 PM

PS

“ I never saw Walker Jones without his fastidious beautiful smile. Please except my condolences to his beautiful wife Kay and family..So sorry fir your loss.....your friend Peggy Schaeffer.💔🙏💔



Peggy Schaeffer - April 13, 2024 at 09:40 AM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for family and friends during this time. We went to school together in Laurel.

Amy Bush Williams - April 12, 2024 at 11:35 AM

TW

“ Growing up one house away from Kay, as a young child, I watched a love story develop before my eyes . I was too young at that time to understand what an everlasting love relationship could be. I grew to understand what a Godly love they had for each other. I'm sure that your mother's birds are singing tonight. Bless you and your family.

Thomas Walker - April 12, 2024 at 02:27 AM

RM

“ I remember meeting Walker at Outlaw Hunting Club back in the 70's. I was just a kid at the time. Walker and his family became a big part of our families' lives for years. We were always getting together from the deer camp, to Eagle Lake, South street and Long Lake. I even got to work on some projects with Walker at ERDC before he retired. I sure missed him when they moved back to Laurel. I'll always remember that big smile and laugh with those big cat eyes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Mrs Kay and the rest of the family.

Robert McDaniel - April 12, 2024 at 01:43 AM

SC

“ I bet I know who was there to greet him besides God. Eddy was there with open arms. He loved Walker Gene like a brother. Kay, God bless you and I will pray for you.

Susan Parrish Cave - April 11, 2024 at 11:13 PM

JF

“ Julie (Erwin) Norris & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walker Gene Jones.

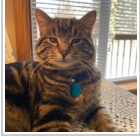
Julie (Erwin) Norris & Family - April 11, 2024 at 07:53 PM

JF

“ Julie (Erwin) Norris & Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Walker Gene Jones.



Julie (Erwin) Norris & Family - April 11, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ *Mary Herndon lit a candle in memory of Walker Gene Jones* ”



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**Mary Herndon** - April 11, 2024 at 07:46 PM