



James Howard Jones

July 31, 1932 - June 19, 2020

James Howard “Jim or Jimmie” Jones, 87, loving husband, father, “Pap” and friend, passed away peacefully at home in St. Augustine surrounded by his family June 19, 2020. Jim was born July 31, 1932 in Elizabeth Township, Pennsylvania, to parents John Howard and Nellie (Grable) Jones. He graduated from Elizabeth High School in 1950 where he was a member of the band, theater and played basketball. In 1951 He enlisted in the United States Navy and attended RTC Great Lakes. His first operational squadron was VF-52 supporting F2H-3 Banshees. Later he was designated as an enlisted Air Crewman and served in several RVAH squadrons flying the A-3D Sky Warrior. He served many deployments embarked on several aircraft carriers. The pinnacle of his successful Naval career was serving as the Command Master Chief (CMC) of NAS Jacksonville, Florida and several East Coast Patrol Squadrons. Command Master Chief Jones was a highly sought out commodity by Patrol Squadron Commanding Officers for his impressive leadership abilities and his unwavering commitment in guiding young sailors and officers to successful careers in the Navy. Master Chief Jones’ Navy career spanned 37 plus years and had a significant positive impact on literally thousands of young sailors’ lives. Master Chief Jones was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars and was awarded two Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Two National Defense Service Medals, Vietnam Service Medal, Nine Good Conduct Medals, Enlisted Aircrewman Wings, and Enlisted Aviation Air Warfare specialist wings. In retirement, Jim was a devoted family man and loved spending time and holidays with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Jim’s favorite hobby was wood working and cheering for his beloved Florida State Seminoles. Jim will always be remembered for all of his crazy antics and funny sense of humor. He had the special ability to bring a smile to everyone he met.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents John Howard and Nellie (Grable) Jones and his son James Howard (Jimmie) Jones Jr.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Beverly (Lilly) Jones, daughter Karen (Todd) Ostrosky of St. Augustine, Florida, daughter Denise Jones of Melbourne, Florida, son Scott (Toni) Jones of Merritt Island, Florida, daughter-in-law Virginia Jones ; five grandchildren, Kimberlie (Mason) Raley, Tommie Quinn Jr., Kasey (Dustin) Mietzner,

Matthew Quinn, and Jacob Vielock; and four great-grandchildren, Drew, Raegan, Blake, and Skylar.

There will be a private funeral on July 2, 2020, at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville, Florida, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

A reception will follow for family and friends in St. Augustine. It is requested that family and friends wear masks and comply with current social distancing guidelines.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Jim's memory to his favorite charity, Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org).

The family would like to give a big thank you for the tender and loving care he received from Vitas Hospice care in his final weeks of life.

Fair Winds and Following Seas Master Chief.

Craig Funeral Home, Crematory and Memorial Park (<http://www.craigfuneralhome.com>) is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery

Jacksonville National Cemetery

4083 Lannie Road

Jacksonville, FL, 32218

Comments



“ He was the best Command Master Chief I had ever served with in my Navy Career. I have held him in high regards all these years, morn his passing and offer prayers and condolences to his family. RIP Master Chief, we have the watch.

Kenneth Tuten - June 25, 2020 at 07:44 AM



“ A limb has fallen from our family tree but we will always remember his love and laughter he blessed us with. Prayers and love to all. Our memories will go on forever. He will be missed.
Nancy (Lilly) Hatalowich

Nancy Hatalowich - June 24, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ Uncle Jim will always be remembered for being loving, funny and for being the best husband, father, uncle and friend! He was part of a very unique club; being a good, honest and decent man! My love goes out to Aunt Bev and the whole family. Love you all!

Sally Lilly May - June 24, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ I was in VP-45 from Master Chief Jones and he was my judge when I made Chief, He was a super guy, I probably should not say this, but Jimmy gave me the biggest ass chewing I ever had in 20 years in the Navy, He was right I was wrong. But I had the highest respect for this man. Have not seen you in years, RIP Master Chief Jones.

James Curry - June 23, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ Jim was the impetus for everything community, from Christmas Lumnarias, Halloween decorations and scaring the trick or treaters, neighborhood nights out, and holiday parties. Marcel Drive just wasn't the same when the family moved. Sweet memories. Sue Stobe



Sue Stobe - June 23, 2020 at 05:40 PM