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# **J**OE D. JONES

Joe Don Jones of Longview died Monday, April 2, 2012 at a local hospital. He was 85; a loving husband and devoted family man; and a retired chemical operator for Texas Eastman Company of Longview.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 4 at Rader Funeral Home in Longview from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at noon Thursday, April 5, at Peatown Christian Church, FM 2011, near Elderville. Burial will follow in Peatown Cemetery. Reverend Jim Lewis will officiate.

He was born June 20, 1926 in Bristow, Oklahoma to Grace Mount McIntosh and Ellis Sidney Jones and was the stepson of Robert Lawrence "Dock" McIntosh of Kilgore. Mr. Jones moved to Kilgore at an early age and attended Kilgore High School. In 1943, he enlisted in the United States Marines and served in the liberation of Guam in the south Pacific during World War II. He was honorably discharged from service in 1946 and worked at various jobs, including Western Electric, until his hiring at Texas Eastman in 1955. He retired in 1986.

He married Virginia Ann Leak on Nov. 29, 1947 and they had two sons: Joe Mack Jones and James Timothy Jones; and a daughter: Melanie Ann McKnight and son-in-law Terry McKnight – all of Longview. He is survived by his wife; all three children; grandson Daniel Joe McKnight; an aunt, Norma Smith of Narrows, Va.; plus numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jones was preceded in death by his parents, step-father and a sister, Patricia Jeanne Jones.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, water skiing, motorboating and trot-line fishing. In the early 1960s, he co-founded the East Texas Aquanauts, one of the first SCUBA clubs in Longview. Jones competed in local spearfishing contests and diving at Cozumel and the Gulf of Mexico. He managed a vineyard, tomato farm and catawba orchard and kept a garden through 2011. He was an active member of the Longview YMCA Indian Guides program in the 1950s, the PTA and supported a local Boy Scout troop. In later years, he went on archeological expeditions to Israel. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to donate to the Salvation Army, 519 E. Cotton St., Longview, TX 75601 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 906, Longview, TX 75606.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Jones Family- I am so sorry to hear about Mr Jones' death. He always had a kind word and smile when I brought packages and the mail. I will treasure his smile and twinkling eyes. My prayers are with you all- Lynn###imported-begin##Lynn DiDomenico###imported-end##

April 8 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joe was one of my most valued friends and dive buddies as well as a anchor of the freediving team of Joe Jones, Dick Wilgus and myself. Those days are among my most treasured memories and Texas Joe Jones one of the best friends of my life. RIP Joe. Hooya###imported-begin##Jim Aden###imported-end##

April 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Melody, Terry, Daniel and family,I heard of your loss and it made me think of all of my own. I am so sorry you are in such pain. My prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Gayla Hart###imported-end##

April 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am truly sorry to hear of Joes passing. We were diving partners in the early years we had some good time together at spearfishing contests.Joe was one of a kind. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.###imported-begin##Dick Wilgus###imported-end##

April 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. As you requested, we are donating to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.###imported-begin##Overton-New London Chamber of Commerce###imported-end##

April 3 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Joe, Our hearts are heavy over the passing of your Father. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jeannie & Monte Barber##imported-end##

April 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My family, I am truly saddened by my uncle's passing. But it is hard for me to be sad long because I only remember all the great times we had at your house! Remember the Peatown Peacocks baseball team?Remember the scavenger hunts and sleep overs?Remember his fabulous truck painted like the Texas flag with "Texas Joe" on the license plate?I remember all the bottles he collected and the A frame and how hard he worked on it . . .And the great rope swing that we loved to climb on and swing into the sky !He taught me how to snorkel in Cancun!Thinking about how he lived his life and how much fun we had only makes me smile! Thank you for sharing him with us for the short time we had him, Lord.Love and blessings to my cousins Joe, Tiger, Melanie and my sweet Aunt, Ginger##imported-begin##Carol Smith##imported-end##

April 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sorry to learn of Mr. Jones death. My prayers are with the family at this time. May you know that time will ease some of the pain.##imported-begin##Dorothy Garth##imported-end##

April 3 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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