



## Leslie "Les" Jones

July 8, 1940 - July 26, 2024

Leslie "Les" Jones, 84 of Wheeling, WV died peacefully July 26, 2024.

Born in Peterstown, WV July 8, 1940, son of the late Grover Cleveland Jones and Annie Grace (Buckland) Jones.

Les attended Peterstown High School in southern West Virginia before earning several degrees from Concord College, Marshall University, Carnegie - Mellon University and West Virginia University where he earned his doctorate of physiology and education.

Dr. Les Jones was hired at West Liberty State College in 1965 and served as Dean of Education from 1974 until his retirement, with over 30 years of service. He initiated several programs including Upward Bound and the first Big Brother Program in WV. Les was always a champion for opening the doors to education for the underprivileged. An avid Mountaineer fan (especially when they were winning), Les was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Outstanding Young Men of America, BPOE Elks, and the prestigious "Good Ole Boys Club" at Wakim's Bar.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by several Brothers: William Jones, Robert Jones, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jones, Woodrow Wilson Jones, Pete Jones, Paul Jones, Willard Jones, Richard Jones, John Jones, Buck Jones, Tad Jones, Tom Jones, and Rufus Jones.

Survivors include his children: Jeff Jones (wife Staci), Stacy Jones Dietz (husband Gary), and Anne Jones, along with his grandchildren: Carly, Cole, Pyper, and Lincoln; his closest brother and friend Giles Jones, another brother

Grover Jones Jr. and his favorite sister Charlotte Jones Faulkner; along with many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 from 10:00am until time of service at 12 noon at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling with Rev. Debra Dague officiating.

Interment in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling, followed by food and fellowship at the Italian American Club, Sycamore Ave., Elm Grove.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Youth Scholarship Committee made out to the BPOE Elks Lodge 28, 4706 Jacob Street Wheeling, WV 26003.

Sympathy expressions at [grisellfuneralhomes.com](http://grisellfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

Wheeling, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem  
1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem  
1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Leslie "Les" Jones



Grisell Funeral Homes - July 29, 2024 at 03:13 PM

DT

“ *"Luke the Drifter" goes on drifting!*

Dave Thomas - August 02, 2024 at 06:42 AM

PB

“ *I knew Leslie growing up in Peterstown and always considered him a good friend. I rode to Concord College with him many times. Had not seen him for many years, but checked with family about how he was doing. Rest in peace, Leslie.*

Patricia Jervis Branscome - August 01, 2024 at 12:27 AM

NV

“ *Such an interesting and intelligent man. Always enjoyed the many conversations. His wit was incredible. Rest now Les I will sure miss running into you! 😊😊 My sincere condolences to family friends and all who knew Les.*

Nancy Vapner - July 30, 2024 at 07:36 AM

DA

“ My sincere and humble condolences to the family and friends of "Les", a lifetime friend and advisor to the Brothers of Chi Nu Fraternity. Denny Albaugh

Dennis R. Albaugh - July 29, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Jones.



July 29, 2024 at 03:34 PM

JT

“ Jeff's State Farm Fam, Heather & FA TMs purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Leslie "Les" Jones.



Jeff's State Farm Fam, Heather & FA TMs - July 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM

JT

“ Jeff's State Farm Fam, Heather & FA TMs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leslie "Les" Jones.

Jeff's State Farm Fam, Heather & FA TMs - July 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM

ST

“ State Farm Field Assignment Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Leslie "Les" Jones.



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State Farm Field Assignment Team - July 29, 2024 at 01:28 PM

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State Farm Field Assignment Team - July 29, 2024 at 01:28 PM



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July 29, 2024 at 12:32 PM

MA

“ My thought and prayers are with you and your family Jeff. May happy memories of your father comfort you in this difficult season.  
Matthew 5:4



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Meredith Artner - July 29, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Grisell Funeral Homes - July 29, 2024 at 11:07 AM

CH

“ Charlotte, Heather, & Heath purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Leslie "Les" Jones.



Charlotte, Heather, & Heath - July 29, 2024 at 10:23 AM

MG

“ Sending my sincerest condolences to you Jeff and your family on the loss of your father. Having lost my father recently, I understand what you are going through-Jeff, take comfort in knowing he knew that you loved him. Wishing you peace and comfort in this difficult time. Keeping your family lifted up in prayer.



Marcia Giles - July 29, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DF

“ *Dr. Grover Jones, Jr. & Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Leslie "Les" Jones.*



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**Dr. Grover Jones, Jr. & Family** - July 29, 2024 at 09:39 AM

CF

“ *Craig, Jodelle and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leslie "Les" Jones.*



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**Craig, Jodelle and Family** - July 28, 2024 at 07:14 PM

BF

“ *Baby and Faye purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leslie "Les" Jones.*



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**Baby and Faye** - July 28, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JK

“ *Stacy and Jeff, so sad to hear this. Condolences to you and your family.*

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**John Knight** - July 28, 2024 at 11:37 AM

SG

“ Stephanie Groome lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" Jones



Stephanie Groome - July 28, 2024 at 09:10 AM

WL

“ William L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leslie "Les" Jones.

William L. - July 27, 2024 at 02:44 PM

TH

“ Tim and Renee Harvey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leslie "Les" Jones.



Tim and Renee Harvey - July 27, 2024 at 02:03 PM