



## William "Hap" Jones

June 16, 1931 - April 11, 2021

William G. "Hap" Jones, age 89 of Purcell, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2021. Hap was born June 16, 1931 in Iowa Park, TX, a twin and 1 of 5 children born to Carl and Zettie Jones. He spent his early childhood near Jumbo, OK and graduated from Moyers High School in 1949. Hap joined the United States Air Force where Hap graduated basic and AIT as the top of the cook school, and served his country proudly during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged he moved to Purcell, where he met Janis Huddleston. They married December 16, 1955, and established their home west of Purcell, where together Hap and Jan raised their four children, Mark, Gregg, Carla and Shelly. Hap loved his family! He was a hard worker, an excellent provider, and a great example. He taught his children and grandchildren important lessons - to help those who needed a little assistance, that any job worth doing was worth doing well, and the value of standing by your word. Hap was a long-time member of Union Hill Baptist Church where you would often find him performing various activities: taking Sunday School attendance, cooking for the men's prayer breakfast, making a needed repair to the building, or holding the back pew in the sanctuary firmly in place. Hap was employed for more than 30 years as a civilian at Tinker Air Force Base where he began work in the machine shop, eventually retiring as Section Chief over Accessories. He was recognized throughout his career for many accomplishments, including receiving the 1979 Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award and 1979-80 Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service

Award, the fourth highest award granted to civilian personnel by the Department of the Air Force. Hap knew two speeds: working hard and resting. When he wasn't on the job, he worked hard with construction - building barns, houses, roofing projects and volunteering with the Union Baptist Association Mission Builders. He also worked hard when he was "relaxing" - gardening, fishing, hunting or playing dominos. After working hard, he often enjoyed a good nap - it didn't matter if it was on the couch, on the floor, or on a porch swing.

He was preceded in death by: His wife, Janis Jones and His twin brother, Pee Wee Jones;

two sisters, Estelle Whiteside and Dewayne Miller; and four brothers-in-law, Herbert Whiteside, Glen Branton, Homer Miller and Roy Huddleston and his parents, Carl and Zettie Jones.

Hap leaves behind: His sons, Chaplain (LTC-RET) S. Mark Jones and wife Chaplain (COL) Carron A. Jones of Fort Huachuca, AZ; and Curtis Gregg Jones of Kingston, OK;

His daughters, Carla Davis and husband Shawn of Cross Plains, TX; Shelly Hogan and husband Don of Shoreline, WA; His daughter-in law, Melena Jones of Purcell;

His sister, Jean Branton of Jones, OK;

His sisters-in-law, LaVene Jones and JoAnn Huddleston, of Purcell;

His brothers-in-law, Bob Huddleston and wife Marie, Dale Huddleston and wife Malinda, Keith Huddleston and wife Sandy, all of Purcell;

9 grandchildren, Nathan Jones, Andrea Neuberger, Harli Naber, Shaena Jones, Jessica Moss, Skyler Davis, Michael Davis, Tanner Hogan and Lily Hogan;

11 great grandchildren, Many nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

Graveside services and interment are scheduled at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell, Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 11 A.M. The service will be

livestreamed on our Facebook page, Wilson Little. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Union Baptist Association Mission Builders, or charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ As a young man I worked for Hap in 1971 at his wearhouse in NJ. I had the opportunity to have him want to meet me at the hotel he was staying at with his secretary a man I forget his name. He was proud of the work I was doing and wanted to promote me to buyer. He was a great man. RIP

Joseph J Greenleaf - November 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Shel, thinking of you and your family. Lots of love, Jess



Jessica Woodrow - April 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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SW

“ Fly high Hap!!! Tell daddy hi!! 💕💕

Sheri (Slate) Walker - April 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I loved this sweet wonderful Christian man. I was truly blessed to have him in my life. So happy he is with his LORD and SAVIOR and his beautiful Janice.

Carol Dees - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Hap was more of a brother than a brother-in-law. Taught me much about building and hunting.

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**Charles Huddleston** - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ You are all in our hearts, thoughts and prayers during this time. We have SO many great memories of our families together. Our favorite memory of Hap was the smile he always had on his face every single time he saw you. He was like another dad to all of us kids who grew up at Union Hill. Mom and dad enjoyed their time traveling together and making more memories with the Mission Builders. We are sorry we won't be able to attend the service and give each of you a huge, long over-due hug but please know we love you all and are praying for you.

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**Randy and Jeanne Simmons, Eulene Webster** - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM