



Mr. John Jones

February 11, 1955 - February 14, 2015

John Jones age 60, of Chickamauga, Georgia - On Valentine's Day 1997, John Jones married his soul mate, Montana Fisher Jones.

On the same date eighteen years later, they shared the greatest victory of John's life as he journeyed home to be with Jesus. John was born February 11, 1955 in the Woodstation Community of Catoosa County, Georgia to Josie Exa Creswell Jones and William Ralph "Bud" Jones, who both predeceased their youngest son. John graduated from Ringgold High School in 1974 and at age sixteen, began one of the greatest passions of his life as a race car driver ("J1 JJ Sideways") John raced throughout the Southeast for thirty years. In 1988, John won the prestigious Cleveland Speedway Winston Racing Series Late Model Championship and in 2002, he won the North Georgia Championship. Although his career wins were countless, he was always humble and gracious for his fans. John shared his dreams and passions with this adoring wife, Montana as they parented their chosen son, Kevin. The greatest joys of "Big Daddy's" life was the time spent with Kevin's son, Gabriel. Whether it involved painting super heroes, watching a NASCAR race, or enjoying amusement rides together, every moment was cherished. John loved the Lord with all of his heart and was a member of Chickamauga Presbyterian Church. John was a gentle giant. He will forever be cherished by all those he touched throughout his life. His twinkling blue eyes and dashing smile welcomed people into his life where everyone was valued and

appreciated. He was a man of his word, forgiving, compassionate, always seeing the strengths in others and giving of himself. He put other's needs before his own and was the wind beneath other's wings.

John is survived by his loving wife, Montana Fisher Jones , his son Kevin Fisher; grandson and apple of his eye, Gabriel Fisher; Brothers: Danny, Lewis(Pat), Steve (Lisa), and Jack (Kathy) all from Ringgold. Sister: MaryAnn Pruitt(Dewayne); several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 5pm-8pm and Wednesday February 18, 2015 from 9am-9pm. Funeral service will be held Thursday - February 19, 2015 at 1:00 pm, followed by a graveside service at Lomenick Cemetery in East Ridge, Tennessee.

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes – Fort Oglethorpe Chapel.

Online register book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

MW

“ My precious husband.It's only been a week and it seems like Forever! How am I going to live without you? You were my life for 25 years and you always will be. I am surviving with your memories. One of the last things you told me was "God's in control." And I know He is! I'm surviving by remembering how many times you told me you loved me and you wouldn't let me out of your sight the days you were in the hospital. You took such care of me and our family. My love,I could go on and on.What's keeping me going is I know you're with your parents, my momma,your sister and all your loved ones that went on,but most of all I know you're with Jesus and you're all well.I'm so thankful to God for giving you your final wish and that was to be at home with me in your final days and for me to be holding you as you slipped into the arms of God.Thank you for staying to celebrate one more anniversary with me.I love you FOREVER!

Montana Jones - Chickamauga, GA - Wife - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

I was totally in shock when I heard of John's passing last year. I got to meet John years ago either at Boyd's Speedway or Atomic.Í of course I was the track photographer for Smoky Mtn And Atomic for about 15 years. He was always a gentleman every time we spoke and I know heaven got a very gentle soul and healed he was. I have not been around the racing circut for about 16 years.so when I heard about John and a couple more I was blown away. My prayers for the family and I am thankful I crossed John's path. RIP friend.....I will not forget you.....Teresa

TERESA MAYS - July 04, 2016 at 11:56 PM

MJ

Teresa, thank you for your kind words There never will be another person like my precious husband! Bless you. Montana Jones

Montana Jones - July 10, 2016 at 06:29 PM

BC

“ John, I'm sorry I couldn't attend your funeral. The last time I saw you was at your mother's funeral. I can hear Aunt Josie laughing now and throwing her arms around you when you got to Heaven. You have lots of good company up there. Rest in peace John. I'm sorry all of us cousins weren't and still aren't that close. Farewell John.

Brenda Floyd Underwood - Hixson, TN - Cousin - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I watched John race for years but what I admired most about him was how beautifully he treated his wife, Montana, and grandson, Gabriel. John was happiest when he was with his precious family. I will always remember when John married Montana. It was the happiest day of his life. John will live forever in our memories. He is a legend.

Jenny Satterfield - Rossville, GA - friend - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VF

“*Montana, please know I have you in my heart and prayers. John was a man of character and strength. He was always so reassuring and comforting during the toughest times of my life. When my mother suddenly died from heart failure, 11 year old Alexandria was alone with mother. 911 called me with Alexandria on the line. A car was being dispatched but I was a hour and a half away. I called John and he arrived on Lookout Mountain before anyone else. He comforted and protected my child until I arrived and then drove me to the funeral home.*

John was my chosen brother as you are my chosen sister; and both of you are my chosen brother and sister in Christ. It brings me comfort knowing we will all spend eternity together.

John's love for you, Montana, was a perfect love. He adored you and our last conversation was about his love for you. You two breathed the same breath for all these years.

When I think about the heros in my life, they include my Dad and John Jones. Knowing they are both in Heaven with Jesus makes me smile.

Victoria Wisner - Rock Spring, GA - chosen family - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“*Montana, I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. I've been out of town, and I just got back and found out. I know that you must be heartbroken, because I know that he loved you more than life itself. John adored his grandbaby, too. Gabriel was his life!! I know that you are going to miss him dearly because he was your rock. Where there was one, there was the other. You guys were never apart. You guys were true soulmates. A testimate that true love does exist.*

James Patton - Chattanooga, TN - friend - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

I just saw this. Thank you so much for your kind words. John was my Everything! I miss him more every day. Sincerely, Montana Jones

Montana Jones - July 10, 2016 at 06:33 PM

KF

“ *My condolences to the family of John Jones, especially his beautiful red haired daughter Josie. I pray for comfort, peace and understanding as you deal with the death of your father and all the hurt that surrounds you now. I remember how much he loved you when you were a little girl; he would have wanted your name in the obituary. I'm sorry for your loss.*

Kimberly Jones - Ringgold, GA - Friend - February 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I can remember on Saturdays going to the shop, John would be under a truck and he would say what about it little Mel then I would say are we not racing tonight , John would say , will make it not never in a hurry , pull in at the track with the head lights on , and would be the last headlights pulling out , where he had celebrated another victory , and now you just won your greatest victory of all time . Love you J1*

Calvin ogle - Rossville , GA - Friend - February 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *John may be away from us now but he will never be forgotten. Prayers and love for Montana and the family.*

Connie Ballew - Chickamauga, GA - Friend - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

-F

“ I just want to say something for my Dad, Charles Trundle, who could not make it to the funeral home this week.

Last night, I enjoyed listening to Dad share stories of him and John cutting and hauling pulp wood together many years ago...of John's racing days and fame...and of visiting in more recent years.

Dad sends his condolences and prayers...and also mourns the loss of his close friend, John Jones.

- For Charles Trundle (by his daughter, Tammy) - Ringgold, GA - Close Friend - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ One of the best race car drivers there will ever be. Rest In Peace. You will truly be missed.

Janet (Jones) Goins - GA - ex-wife - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ We here at North Georgia Motorsports are very sorry to hear of the passing of one of the greatest dirt track drivers ever. He will be greatly missed.

North Georgia Motorsports - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ John was a good man. I can remember going to the track with him an feeling like I was on top of the world. I looked up to him an always said one day I wish I could drive half as good as him. Will see him another day.

Ricky Wagner - Ringgold, GA - Friend - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ John was a very dear man with a big heart. He will be greatly missed by so many -who's lives he touched with his kindness and beautiful smile.

Robin Dempster - chattanooga, TN - friend - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Montana, So sorry to hear about John. I will keep you and the family in our prayers. He was a great friend of mine growing up in the race community and it was a great pleasure to be around him he will be never forgotten.

Jason Haun - Cleveland, TN - Long time friend - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Montana, We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort for you & your family during this difficult time. You know I'm here for you!

Cathy & Jerry Davis - Rossville , GA - friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I never saw John race, but have heard plenty about his driving skills. :-)

My own memories of John are from my childhood...when my Pappaw and Daddy would run into a problem with one of the trucks or farm equipment too big for them to tackle, they'd say "well, we might need to take it to John" (lol).

I am glad that John has traded in his suffering for peace & joy...but he will still be missed here. All of his family will be in my prayers.

Tammy (Trundle) Willingham - Dallas, GA - Family Friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ John and I have been friends for over forty years and raced together for twenty five years. I have always looked up to him and learned so much because he was always willing to help me when I needed it. I was fortunate to have spent time with him a week before he left for Heaven. My wife, Jody and I were Married on February 14 as well as John and Montana but we had so much more in common. He will be missed by so many people. It has been a pleasure knowing him and my God bless Montana and his entire family.

Mike Tinker - Ringgold, GA - Good Friend and competitor - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ a great man with a heart of gold.will truly be missed.

gar dickson - flintstone, GA - longtime friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Words cannot express how sorry I am to hear this sad news. Montana and John were always two of my favorite people. Love you

Susie Foley - Birmingham, AL - Friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ It's hard to believe that your gone. You struggled so long and now your in the presence of The Lord. I know you are breathing excellent now. See you soon my friend.

Kelly Hinkle - Chickamauga, GA - Friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Montana, Faye and I are very sorry for your loss and heavens gain, we love you and John and even though we haven't been as close lately as we were you were always kind of a part of the family, remembering you and Sharon at the house a lot. I don't know if we will be able to make it to the service because of my health right now. Hope we can. You know that you and family are in our prayers and just remember, It is not good bye it's good bye for now. John may be gone but never forgotten. There is coming a day when we will meet again. Jesus come quickly. Love Jack and Faye.

Jack Mullins - Ringgold , GA - Friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ John, you were a good friend in so many ways, Soar high my friend and keep the tracks hot up there. Will see you again someday.

Steve Walker - Ringgold, GA - Friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Josie and family...

Laura Jones - Ringgold, GA - friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Godspeed to a dear friend.

Roy Stinnett and family - Cleveland, TN - old friends of the Jones family - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Montana,

I'm so sorry for your loss. John was a childhood friend of mine. Later in life I didn't get to see him very often but still thought the world of him. I will miss my friend..

I'll be thinking and praying for you, Montana.

Cliff

Cliff Yates - Ringgold, Ga, GA - Friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Mr. Jones was always someone I admired and had great respect for as a Late Model Driver and a person, he did it the right way. Godspeed John, you will be missed.*

Joey Gregory - benton, TN - Knew him as a Driver - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *So sorry for your loss Josie. Not sure why your name was not in the obit. I know he was your dad I have been to many many races with you to.*

Kelly jenkins - ringgold, GA - friend of his one and only kid - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *So sorry for your loss Josie, Jessica and Joshua. Your daddy and grandpa was a great man.*

Jane Doe - East Ridge, TN - Friend - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ I raced with John a number of years at Cleveland speedway, or should I say he raced past me for a number of years.ha! ha!
John was always a super driver and a nice young man. Im sure he is going to be missed very much. God BE WITH THE FAMILY.

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ray price - chattanooga, TN - raced with john - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ One of the BEST RACE CAR DRIVERS EVER. Will be missed. Our PRAYERS are with the Family

Lawson Motorsports (Wendy Lawson) - BIRCHWOOD, TN - RACING FRIENDS -
February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our prayers and thought go out to the family from the late Raymond Young's family, Kevin, Kelly and Dianne Young. We enjoyed so much watching John race at North Georgia Speedway. Not only was he a great racer but always friendly. He always took time out to talk with Raymond on race night. We lost Raymond 5 years ago to cancer,so we know the feelings you must have. Just trust in God and know that some day we will meet them once again. Dianne Young

Dianne Young (widow of Raymond Young/North Ga Speedway) - Dalton, GA - race fan - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

*Mrs. Young, I am just now seeing this! Please forgive me! Thank you so very much for your wise and heart felt words. This has been the absolutely most difficult journey I've ever been on! My steps are made easier because I feel my husband with me every day. For that I am grateful! Knowing I will see him again is what keeps me going!
Blessings, Montana Jones*

Montana Jones - July 10, 2016 at 06:53 PM

BF

“ *Montana! Our hearts are so sad finding out about Johns death! There will never be another one like him!!! We will be praying for your Peace and Strength the next few days and beyond ! Call on us, if you need anything! Love you*

Buddy & Rhonda Broome - East Ridge, TN - Friends - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family!*

Ben Yell - Rossville , GA - Friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *I actually only knew John from his racing days at North Georgia Speedway and a few else where like Boyd's and Dixie. I did have the pleasure of meeting John in the pits at NGS, he was a great racer and I got to see all of his races in his 2002 Championship year. Notwithstanding I do know John was a caring, loving person and will be sorely missed.*

Dek Barbare - Rock Spring , GA - friend and fan - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *My wonderful friend, the checkered has flown for the last time. You have won your final race. Oh to see the celebration when you rolled into the gates of Heaven on three wheels. J1 will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those who knew and loved you. (Which was everyone) Fly high my friend.*

Wyn Morgan - Valleyhead, AL - Friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I watched John race ever since I was a little girl. My dad and I followed him wherever he was racing !! Even to Duck River !! Dirt racing hasn't been the same. Miss seeing that big red truck pulling in (late) !! Haha !! You will definitely be missed and was truly loved !!
RIP John

Renee Price (Hudgins) - Tunnel Hill, GA - Friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

john earl allen - Ringgold, GA - friend fellow racer - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Enjoy your reunion with all your racing buddies John. You are a wonderful guy, always so happy. You will be missed. Prayers for your family.FxVCn

Peggy Meadows - Chattanooga, TN - friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ JOHN MAY YOU REST IN PEACE GOD BLESS

DWIGHT HOOPER - NEW MARKET, AL - Friend and neighbor - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Rest easy, Big Daddy! We are so blessed to have been a part of your life and will always be here for Monte as promised. The footprint you have left on our hearts will be with his forever and the memories we created will always be priceless. You lived your life in service of other's and we know your rewards are great. We love you and will truly miss your unique, funny, and loving spirit. ?????

James and April McDonald - ocala, FL - Cousin - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Prayers for the family. Loved to watch John race.

Mike Payne - Chattanooga, TN - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ This forever candle is for you J1 you will forever be in our hearts

Jan Liedel - Ringgold, GA - friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ we love you J1 always in our hearts

Jan Liedel - Ringgold, GA - friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I loved watching you race John, You will forever be missed.
Montana, You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tara Epperson - Tunnel Hill, GA - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am going to miss you, John. You will always be in our hearts. God Bless!

Linda McClendon - Chickamauga, GA - Friend - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM