



## Richard F. Jones

November 8, 1926 - June 20, 2020

Richard F. Jones, 93, of Fort Oglethorpe, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2020. He was born in Orlando, Florida to the late Cecil & Edna Elizabeth Chase Jones, but had lived in the Chattanooga & North Georgia areas for most of his life and was of the Baptist faith. He was a W.W. II Navy Veteran and served aboard the USS Franklin “Big Ben” when it was bombed by the Japanese for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. He then went on to work as a Merchant Marine on the Great Lakes, where he was a crew member aboard the ill-fated Edmund Fitzgerald from 1958 – 1964. He retired from the City of Chattanooga, Recreation Department in 1991 after more than 18 years of service and was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and great-great grandfather that will be truly missed by all who knew him. He was also preceded in death by his son, Steve Wofford; brother, Ted Case and sister, Nell Case.

Survivors include his loving wife of more than 56 years, Imogene Stephenson Jones; daughters & son-in-law, Debbie & (Phil) Young and Annette R. Saffles; 4 grandchildren, Tara Young, Nathan Young, Lisa Derryberry and Kristi Thomas; 8 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild and numerous extended family & friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2020 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Rev. Ray Mabe officiating. Burial will follow in the

Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday and prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

# Cemetery Details

## **Chattanooga National Cemetery**

Holtzclaw Ave.  
Chattanooga, TN

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ I truly loved Richard Jones my "Big Rich" and enjoyed everyday I was blessed to care for him and Imma Jean

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**Jennifer T.** - October 20, 2020 at 12:40 PM

CG

“ Loved your dad! I know he was your step dad but you always treated him like he was your one and only dad!  
He was a very special gentleman and absolutely adored your mother!  
I will miss his sweet face!

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**crystal Gibson** - June 24, 2020 at 02:26 PM

LB

“ Debbie, so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolence.

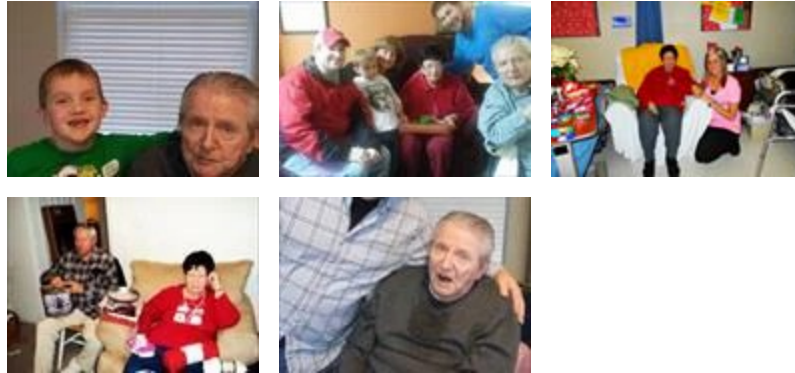
*Linda Barger*

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**Linda Barger** - June 23, 2020 at 02:58 PM

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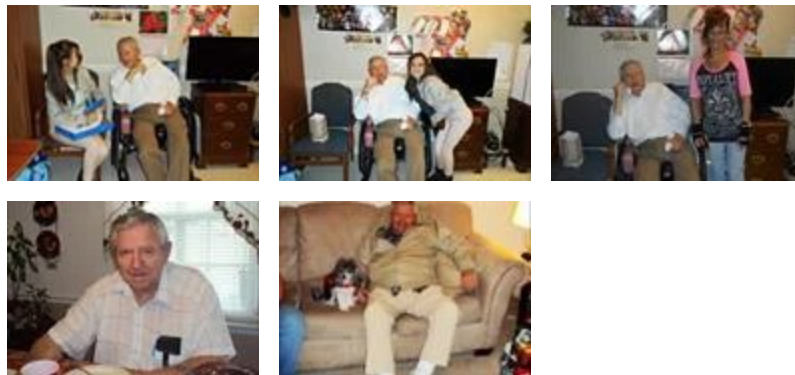
“ I love Pop and will miss him.



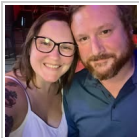
Kristi - June 23, 2020 at 12:55 PM

KE

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall

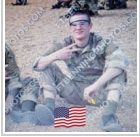


Kelsey - June 23, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ Loved talking to this man. Loved his stories about serving on CV-13.

Matt Murphy - June 22, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Billie Jean Hunter - June 22, 2020 at 03:58 PM

NA

Bless the family . We sympathize with your loss. Such a fun man to talk to ...  
Blevins family ❤️

Naomi - June 22, 2020 at 05:30 PM

MA

God help this family they lost a great sole. Avery nice man always smiling.

Mickie Ard - June 22, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ Such a sweet funny man, so glad I had the opportunity to get to know. My thoughts and prayer are with debbie and Mrs. Jones.



Billie Jean Hunter - June 22, 2020 at 03:50 PM

CJ

“ This breaks my heart more then anyone will ever know ..i love you Richard heaven got an angel..my heart goes out to you Debbie ..your in my prayers..

Cindy james - June 22, 2020 at 03:32 PM

LI

“ Will be greatly missed



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Lindsay - June 22, 2020 at 01:10 PM