



Mr. Stephen Edwin Jones

July 20, 1943 - July 5, 2025

Stephen Edwin “Ed” Jones age 81, passed away Saturday – July 5, 2025. Ed was born in Ooltewah, Tennessee to the late Stephen Brawley and Anna Irene Varnell Jones. For the past four years he resided at the Canopy at Boynton and previously had been a lifelong resident of Ooltewah, Tennessee. He was a longtime member of Silverdale Baptist Church in Chattanooga, where he had attended and served faithfully for many years. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife: Susan Carol Brown Jones. Ed is survived by his son: Terry Lee (Jenny) Williams, Jr., of Ringgold, GA, daughter: Carrie Elaine (Rev. Matt) Hinesley of Zebulon, GA, grandchildren: Maggie Caroline Williams, Terry Lee (Ty) Williams, III, Hayden Hinesley, Molly Elizabeth Williams, Maddie Hinesley, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at Silverdale Baptist Church in the Student Ministry Building from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm on Friday – July 11, 2025 with a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. with Reverend Matt Hinesley and Brian Squires officiating. A private burial will follow in the Varnell Family Cemetery in Ooltewah, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Compassion International at www.compassion.com or Silverdale Baptist Church at 7236 Bonny Oaks Drive - Chattanooga, TN 37421 or www.silverdalebc.com. Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Cemetery Details

Varnell Family Cemetery

Corner of Varnell Lane and Ooltewah-
Georgetown Road
Ooltewah, TN 37363

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Silverdale Baptist Church
7236 Bonny Oaks Dr,
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *He was always such a gentle man. I never heard him complain about anything! He will be missed! I know Heaven is rejoicing and the reunions are precious.*

Robin Massengill - July 15, 2025 at 08:54 PM

DJ

“ *Ed and I got together often through the years, sharing prayer times and many times met up to sing some of the great old gospel songs. He loved singing so much. He will be missed, but I picture he and Susan having a grand reunion in Heaven and I'm sure he's already rounded 3 other guys to form a heavenly quartet together.*

Dan Jones - July 09, 2025 at 05:47 PM

JC

“ *So sorry to see this. I loved playing for your dad to sing at East Brainerd. He had a beautiful voice and no one could sing "I want to See Jesus" like he did. You're in my thoughts and prayers*

Jan Conway - July 07, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Ed. First, he was my dad's best friend. My dad and Ed went to lunch every Tuesday. No matter who was visiting or what we were doing, dad- luncheon with Ed was 1st priority! Dad loved the time they shared.

Second, i will never forget heaing Ed sing in the quartet for church. He loved Jesus and that was evident in his singing! He sang with all his heart and just as it has been said, he is for sure singing with and to his Savior!

Finality, for fun, I remember as a your high schooler feeling so versed in my horse riding skills. I was quickly "showed up" by a young colt barely brideled but I was confident I could easily ride him. Oh my, that colt got stung by a bee and went flying toward the barn with me hanging on for dear life. I got bucked from the saddle and was clinging to his neck for dear life. He ducked into the barn just as Ed grabbed the reigns and saved me from smacking my head into the top of the barn door. Thank you, Ed, for saving my pride! We all laughed but knew, Ed had saved my noggin from a hard knock and maybe my feelings from a bit of a reality check. I have not ridden a horse since!

Teri Phillips - July 07, 2025 at 05:22 PM