



Bob

September 10, 1942 - June 12, 2014

Mr. Robert Ray "Bob" Jones, age 71 of Brighton, MO passed away at 11:31 AM on Thursday, June 12, 2014 of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on MO Highway 13 & BB in northern Greene County.

Mr. Jones was born on September 10, 1942 in Dadeville, MO the son of Ray Walter Jones and Evelyn Maxine (Asbell) Jones.

Bob plowed corn fields from age 9 in Stockton Valley Area on the family farm.

Bob was a graduate of the Dadeville High School, the Joplin Junior College, John Brown University and received his Master's Degree from Drury University. While in school, Bob received numerous athletic awards and achievements during his scholastic career setting records, some of which stand today.

After college he was Head Coach for Basketball, Baseball and Golf at local schools for several years. During that time he was also a teacher and moved into school administration.

During his coaching career he continued his lifelong love of cars through his employment in car sales. He worked at several dealerships until opening his own dealership “ Bob Jones Used Cars” in Springfield and later near his home at Brighton.

Bob attended the First Baptist Church in Bolivar.

Bob was united in marriage to Arletta (Stevens) Greer in Springfield, MO on November 7, 1991.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray Jones and Evelyn Shelton. Step-father James Shelton, Sister Martha Jones and Brother Bill Shelton.

Surviving is his wife Arletta Jones of the home, His Daughter, Kim Smith and Husband Dennis of Bolivar, MO; Their sons, Matthew Smith and Jared Smith. Step-son, Steven Greer and wife Sara of Ozark, MO; Their children, Ashton Greer and Peyton Greer. Step-son, Jeff Hamlin and wife Cheri of Springfield, MO; Their daughter, Catherine Hamlin. A Half-brother J. D. Shelton of

Albuquerque, NM. And Bob's special pets, Chico & Choco.

All who knew Bob will agree that he was a Christian Man, a Gentle Man, A Generous Man and a very Humorous Man. Bob's two greatest passions were spending time with his family and trips to Colorado.

A visitation will be held on Monday, June 16, 2014 from 5-7 PM at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the First Baptist Church in Bolivar with Rich Cochran and Rev. Billy Russell officiating. Burial will follow in the Bona Cemetery at Bona in Dade County. Casketbearers will be Dennis Smith, Steven Greer, Matt Smith, Jared Smith, Jeff Hamlin, Ron Todd and Don Todd.

Memorial contribution may be made to the Keeling Foundation For Kids, % Butler Funeral Home, P.O. Box 11, Bolivar, MO 65613

Friends may sign the guest book at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bob*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Bob*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I did not know Bob personally, but I knew who he was, we graduated high school the same year, he from Dadeville, I Greenfield. He was a great basketball player, long jumper, and sprinter.*

Frank Berry - June 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for you loss I remmber him as coach jones. He was so sweet.*

Royce Slagle - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers, thoughts and deepest sympathy is with you Arletta. I remember Bob when he went to school at Dadeville. He was two years ahead of me in school. May God Bless You!*

Katy Crain - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I will always remember what a kind and funny man Uncle Bob was. He will be missed by many. We pray for peace and strength during this time of sorrow. Love to you all.

Eric and Amanda Metcalf

Amanda Metcalf and Eric Metcalf - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ My deepest sympathy, Bob was my basketball coach 1968,69,70.Bolivar H.S.he was the first basketball coach to let his players sit during a time out.Took place in the Blue and Gold Tournament 1967. Even bought cars from him when he had his dealership and antique store on Sunshine St.A wonderful man, gentle spirit.We mourn for your loss. We mourn for ourselves to loose such a friend.

Rick and Alexis Degraffenreid

Rick DeGraffenreid - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Bob was among a generation of coaches that shaped the lives of countless young men and women, of which I am one.

Arletta, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dennis Cooper - June 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Bob,

Of all my years in the car business, you have to be one of the greatest people I have ever met. Always fair and honest and to the point. God love your family and you will be missed.

Jon and Sandy Dunn

Jon Dunn - June 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ BOB was a terrific coach and mentor and was the best basketball player from Dadeville High school

bob jackson - June 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ May God Bless and Keep you in your memory of a great man. Will never forget his jump shots when I was in grade school in 1950's at Dadeville and his down to earth personality

If I think basketball I think of Bob Jones

CLYDE CUMMINGS - June 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.

Randy and Brenda Potts

Randy and Brenda Potts - June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *My sympathy to all of you.*

Kathy Drake - June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Dear Arletta,*

I'm sorry for you & your family's loss. You are all in my thoughts & prayers during this most difficult time.

Helen Ann (Strack) Stanek - June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thoughts and prayers going out for your family.*

Susan Durham (NIN) - June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Coach Jones was my high school coach my Freshman through Senior Year at Bolivar High School. Our basketball team was very successful under Coach Jones guidance. His passing saddens me greatly. But the great memories of Coach Jones and our High School years will memories that last a lifetime. #32*

Class of 73.

Randy DeGraffenreid - June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May God be your comforter at this difficult time.*

Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I first met Bob when he sold my daughter, Keli, her first car.... Knew him as an acquaintance after that, and found him to always have a smile, a kind and generous heart....always a true gentleman. I'm sure he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Phyllis Cunningham - June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Our dear Arletta, our prayers are with you during this difficult time. We know where Bob is and that you will be together again someday. That does not keep you from missing him from the depths of your heart today and in the days to come! We both know what you are feeling right now and we once again feel that pain as well. Love you girl and we are PRAYING for you and your family!

Dan & Patti Dickerson - June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I was so sorry to hear about your tragic loss. Please know you and your family are in our prayers.

Barb Gaines - June 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Arletta, we are so very sorry for your loss.

Ken and Connie Hulett - June 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family in this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,

Dan & Gloria Kennedy

Dan & Gloria Kennedy - June 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss, i have bought the last 3 cars from you guys. praying

Tina Hargus - June 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I was so saddened to hear of Coach Jones' accident. He came to Bolivar at a critical time and stage in my life and had a significant impact and influence on my life and how I have lived. I will be forever grateful for the lessons of life and encouragement that he provided me. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Jerald Andrews - June 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM