



James "J.R." Jones

October 13, 1934 - December 27, 2022

James Ray Jones age 88 of Durant, Oklahoma passed away on December 27, 2022, in Denton, Texas. James, known as J.R., was born on October 13, 1934, in Utica, Oklahoma to James Thomas and Maddie Irene (Loftis) Jones. J.R. graduated from Blue High School and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He married Betty Laverne Renshaw on July 24, 1954, in Blue and they were blessed with two children, Gary and Jill. He proudly served the State of Oklahoma in the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and the Oklahoma National Guard for twenty years. After retiring from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, J.R. served as Chief of Security for Southeastern for fourteen years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Durant, McAlester Shriners, Jaycees, Durant Elks Lodge, and the Department of Public Safety Retired Troopers Association. J.R. deeply loved his family and friends and enjoyed playing golf and watching football and basketball.

J.R. is preceded in death by his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Jones; brother in laws Walter Lambert and James Renshaw; brother and sister-in-law Fred and Holly Webb and nephew Rick Jones. J.R.'s greatest joy was watching Sunday and Monday night football with his son Gary each week and watching his grandchildren accomplish their dreams. His daughter Jill was the light of his life and looked forward to her visit each week.

Left behind to carry on J.R.'s legacy are his wife of sixty-eight years Betty

Jones of the home; son Gary Jones of Durant, OK; daughter Jill Sutherland and husband Tom of Celina, TX; granddaughter Lauren Sutherland of Celina, TX; grandson Carson Sutherland of Celina, TX; sister Lodema Lambert of Durant, OK; brothers Ron Jones and wife Janis of Durant, OK and Mike Jones and wife Wanda of Galletin, TN and numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Services to celebrate J.R.'s amazing life will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel. Oklahoma Highway Patrol Chaplain Sam Garner will officiate. Honorary pallbearers will be JR's coffee brothers and all First Responders.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/ZGJF5L79N9CGRP43>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

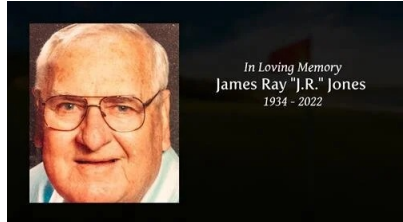
JAN 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James "J.R." Jones*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - December 30, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *James "J.R." Jones*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Paul and Mary Carey purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James "J.R." Jones.*



Paul and Mary Carey - January 02, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of James "J.R." Jones.*



January 01, 2023 at 02:21 PM

DJ

“ Donald and Pat Jones purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James "J.R." Jones.



Donald and Pat Jones - December 31, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James "J.R." Jones.



December 30, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "J.R." Jones.



December 29, 2022 at 10:10 PM

SL

“ Betty and family, please accept my sympathy in the loss of J.R. May Jesus send his healing Angels to the hearts of all those who loved him. Sharon Loftis, Malvern, Arkansas



Sharon Loftis - December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

BJ

Thank you, Sharon! That is much appreciated!

Betty Jones - December 29, 2022 at 07:50 PM

JG

*As a young trooper starting in 1975, I drank gallons of coffee with J.R.
He was a very honorable man.*

Johnny Gilbreath

Johnny Gilbreath - December 29, 2022 at 09:35 PM