



Billy R. Jones

July 15, 1936 - September 12, 2024

Billy R. Jones, 88, a devoted husband and father, left us on September 12, 2024, after a long and fulfilling life. Billy was born on July 15, 1936, to Will and Dorothy (Stottlemeyer) Jones in Anderson, Indiana. Billy graduated from Anderson High School where he played basketball, ran cross country, and was a state champion pole vaulter. He went on to graduate with a mechanical engineering degree from Purdue University. He also was a pole vaulter on the Purdue Track and Field Team and was a 1958 BIG 10 champion in pole vaulting.

Billy married Sharon (Carter) in 1960. They went on to have three children: Brad (Cyndy), Kathy, and

Julie (Phil) Clendenen. He was blessed with six beautiful grandchildren: Max (Macie) Klapak,

Mackenzie, Adrienne and Will Jones, Carter and Lucy Clendenen. And two precious great-grandchildren, Eli and Estelle Klapak.

Billy had a successful career in engineering at the Delco Remy Division of General Motors. He received several patents and numerous promotions. He retired at the age of 54 after 30+ years.

In retirement, Billy spent many years as a “snowbird” in Bradenton, FL, and Bonita Springs, FL. He was an avid golfer! He also loved boating, woodworking, margaritas, bluegrass music, the Colts and Purdue sports. But most of all he loved spending time with family and friends.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Will and Dorothy Jones; sister,

Sylvia (Nunes); and nephew, Ronnie Nunes. A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, with a memorial service starting at 3:00 pm, all at Loose Funeral Home and Crematory, 200 W. 53 St. Anderson, IN. Please visit www.loosecares.com to place a memory of Billy.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP **22**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
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Anderson, IN 46013
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Memorial Service

SEP **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy R. Jones*



Loose Funeral Home - September 19, 2024 at 03:20 PM

BW

“ *Billy and I are cousins. His mother (Dorothy) was a sister to my father (Lilburn). Because of physical conditions I can not get to the funeral home in the rain, therefore I wanted you to know when we were young kids and all got together there were 17 cousins who always enjoyed being together for fun times. Sharon I'm sorry I won't be able to see you today. Take time to rest and be with your family and friends during the coming days. Barbara (Stottlemeyer) Whittaker*

Barbara Whittaker - September 22, 2024 at 01:41 PM

KZ

“ *Sharon and Family, So sad to learn of the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather. I know he'll be sorely missed by your family and we friends. I have many fond, some really fun, memories of our Delco Remy times together and even beyond. My thoughts and prayers are with you even though I can't be present to share those great memories with you. And I'm sure George is enjoying Bill's company already! God bless!*

Kathleen (Kitty) Zink - September 22, 2024 at 11:48 AM

NS

“ My memory of Bill is from 1974 at a time when I was a part of the clan of friends. He was extremely smart and very unassuming. So one day in their kitchen he said to me, “see that phone on the wall”? “Some day the phone will be replaced with a screen and you will be able to order your groceries and have them delivered to your door.” Now think about that!

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Sharon, Kathy, Brad and their families.

Nanette Stephenson

Nanette Stephenson - September 20, 2024 at 11:22 AM

RF

“ Robert Schuyler Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy R. Jones.

Robert Schuyler Family - September 20, 2024 at 08:02 AM

RF

“ Robert Schuyler Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Billy R. Jones.



Robert Schuyler Family - September 20, 2024 at 08:02 AM

RS

“ Ronnie, Jeanette, Denny & Sally. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Billy R. Jones.



Ronnie, Jeanette, Denny & Sally. - September 19, 2024 at 07:23 PM

RM

“ The Mills family and the Jones family have history spanning over the last 50 to 60 years together❤️. Too too too many good times out at Edgewood country club. Milton and Bill playing golf together. Susie and Sharon playing cards together with many of their other friends and again having way way too much fun. In our younger days pool parties where all the families got together to celebrate and make memories❤️❤️. Our hearts go out to the family in this time of sorrow, but also in this time of celebration!

Love the Mills family

Ron Mills - September 19, 2024 at 06:54 PM

EG

“ Erik G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy R. Jones.

Erik G. - September 19, 2024 at 01:48 PM

EM

“ Bill was a great guy, fraternity brother and friend. My prayers go out to Sharon and his family. Ed McCoirmick

Ed McCormick - September 19, 2024 at 09:03 AM

TH

“ *The Hamiltons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy R. Jones.*

The Hamiltons - September 17, 2024 at 01:21 PM

TH

“ *The Hamiltons purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy R. Jones.*



The Hamiltons - September 17, 2024 at 01:21 PM

~F

“ *~ The Casteel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy R. Jones.*

~ The Casteel Family - September 16, 2024 at 08:05 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Billy R. Jones.*



September 16, 2024 at 08:05 PM

ED

“ As a next door neighbor to Bill, I'll never forget him sitting in his house in a recliner positioned so he could look out the front door, as well as with a turn of his head , his back porch. After a large snow fall, I was using a large snow blower up my driveway, seeing Bill in his recliner thru the front door. As I went up my driveway , now along the side of his house, I discovered I could blow the snow over the corner of his house, onto his deck. My next trip down the driveway, I saw Bill come out his front door, looking up into the clouds. I told him, “ Man did the snow come down hard for a minute!” He said nothing and went back inside while laughed my butt off!

Erik Grothouse DDS - September 16, 2024 at 06:13 PM

ED

“ Bill said he only wore his Purdue golf shoes when playing with me, a Notre Dame grad, so he could turn his shoe sideways while holding the flag stick. All I could focus on was the Golden “ P “ on his shoe. Hit his shoe more often than in the hole!

Erik Grothouse DDS - September 16, 2024 at 06:02 PM

ED

“ 1 file added to the album Bill singing at the Florida clubhouse dinner!



Erik Grothouse DDS - September 16, 2024 at 05:55 PM

MH

I had the opportunity to meet Billy several years ago and I was told by a friend, Tom Harvey, that he was an Indiana High School State pole vault champion. We talked about track and pole vaulting and how the pole vault had changed from aluminum poles to fiberglass poles that bent 90 degrees. He said he would have liked the opportunity to use the glass poles. We talked about how it felt to be a State Champion. He certainly set a "high bar" for those who followed him at Anderson High School. He was an ambassador for the city of Anderson, Anderson High School and for the pole vaulters who followed him at Anderson High School.

Respectfully,

Mike Hanna

Pendleton Indiana

1963 Indiana Pole Vault State Champion and record holder

Mike Hanna - September 19, 2024 at 01:05 PM

MC

I am Billy's first cousin, my dad being his mom's sibling. I was the very youngest of all the Stottlemeyer grandchildren so didn't have all the cousin fun that the others did getting together when they were youngsters, but I do remember him going away to college and becoming a pole vaulting superstar then returning to work at Delco where my dad did also. My husband, Steve, graduated in the same class as Sharon, so we had that connection also. I laughed right out loud when I saw the pictures of him and Halford, who now looks like Geraldo Rivera. Looking at the video it is obvious his life was filled with love, friends, family and laughter. A life well-lived indeed, and what a legacy to leave his kids, grands, and greats.

With high regards, Marlene Stottlemeyer Collier

Marlene Collier - September 20, 2024 at 02:20 PM