



## James Bernard Jones Jr.

December 27, 1936 - November 7, 2020

J.B. Jones Jr. of Blacksburg, VA passed away peacefully at his home on November 7, 2020. J.B. was born on December 27, 1936 in Roanoke, VA to the late James Bernard Jones and Evangeline Maybell Jones of Blacksburg, VA.

J.B. just celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary this past summer with his devoted wife Suzanne (Suzie) Price Jones and their children. In addition to Suzie, JB is survived by his sister, Mary V. Jones, his son and daughter-in-law James Bernard (J.B.) III and Jane and his daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Jones Hubble and Chad. "Grumpy" also leaves two loving grandchildren Avery Lane Jones and James Bernard Jones IV. He will be dearly missed by his family, his hound dog Dixie and all who loved him.

J.B. graduated from Blacksburg High School in 1954 and moved on to receive his BS in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech in 1958. He served six years of military service through a combination of active duty Army and Virginia Army National Guard. He spent his entire working career at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant (1958-1996) and served in a variety of positions including Maintenance and Utilities manager, Program Manager responsible for design, construction and operations of both nitrocellulose and nitroglycerin nitration facilities and Chemical Processing manager. He made many friends at the arsenal and continued to tell stories of his days there

following his retirement in 1996.

J.B. was a faithful Christian his entire life and attended multiple churches around town with his family. His last church home was at Belmont Christian Church on Peppers Ferry Road.

J.B., an Eagle Scout, had a passion for public service. Upon request of Blacksburg mayor, Roger Hedgepeth, J.B. served one year on the Blacksburg town council (2003) and a total of 21 years on the Blacksburg Planning Commission (1998-2019). He was an excellent listener and truly put the best interests of the town of Blacksburg in every motion that came before him.

J.B.'s long life led him to enjoy a variety of activities including square dancing, gardening, country music, golf, VT women's basketball and softball and men's football, community theatre, reading and bird watching. He had an incredibly curious nature, and loved to research things and then share his findings. Above all, J.B. had a fantastic sense of humor – his laugh was renowned and could be heard for miles!

The family is planning a Celebration of Life service in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad @blacksburgrescue.org or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 1:30 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

JUN 12. 2:30 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

KY

“ JB was my uncle and I have so many memories of him from when we visited as children!! Unfortunately as an adult I did not visit him as often as I would have liked!! My favorite part of his obituary is the part about his laugh because I remember that well and it was very contagious! Please keep my Aunt Susie in your prayers as she treads these new waters. Much love and until we meet again I love you Uncle JB fly high



Kellie Young - November 13, 2020 at 08:00 PM

SA

“ Sandra Akins lit a candle in memory of James Bernard Jones Jr.



Sandra Akins - November 13, 2020 at 06:31 PM

RS

“ Ricky, Debbie, and sons purchased the Lavender Dreams for the family of James Bernard Jones Jr..



Ricky, Debbie, and sons - November 13, 2020 at 08:59 AM

PL

“ I had the privilege and pleasure of serving with J.B. on Blacksburg's Planning Commission for 17 years of the more than two decades he was there. J.B. took his job seriously, with enough humor here and there to keep dull meetings interesting. We didn't always agree, but we DID always respect each other's arguments over the many issues we dealt with.

J.B. also served on the town's Historic or Design Review Board, and he took great pleasure in learning about, or teaching about, Blacksburg's architectural history. I learned a lot about it from him. My condolences to Suzie and the rest of his family, and my hope that J.B. will meet again somewhere, sometime, so he can keep regaling me with stories, bad jokes, and friendship. Thanks, my friend.

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**Paul Lancaster** - November 12, 2020 at 06:34 PM

SA

Thank you for being a good husband, Dad and brother-in-law. 60 plus years of memories. All of this is hard to process. May you Rest In Peace. Love Sandra

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**Sandra Akins** - November 13, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JP

J.B. and Suzie have been friends of Regina and I for many years. We shared football games and made apple butter from scratch many times. J. B was always a pleasure to be in the company of as he never failed to have a story to tell. I spent a lot of time in his presence at RAAP management meetings and adjoining offices, so I heard that laugh many times and you did not have to guess who it was. I am sure he will be missed by all who had the pleasure of his company.

*Jim & Regina Peters*

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**James Peters** - November 13, 2020 at 06:53 PM

DV

*Jiefang and I have been neighbors to J.B. and Susie for 20years. They were the first friends we made when we moved here. J.B. was a great father figure and role model. Our hearts hurt in losing this precious and trusted friend. We will always carry him in our hearts and mind.*

*Dwight Viehland and Jiefang Li*

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**Dwight Viehland** - November 14, 2020 at 06:45 PM

HM

*My sympathies to Susie and all the family.*

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**Hope Machemehl** - November 26, 2020 at 11:26 PM

NM

*To Susie and family,  
This is Mrs. Samuel Moore, Norma. I hope you will remember me, I was reading some November 2020 Radford News Journals and came across JB's obituary. I am so sorry for your loss, Sam was so proud to be golfing buddies and friends with JB!  
You and your family are in my prayers!  
Norma Moore*

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**Norma Moore** - January 29, 2021 at 06:18 PM