



Eli Bailey Jones Jr.

March 9, 1939 - October 16, 2018

Eli Bailey Jones, Jr. of Tazewell, Virginia passed away on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in the comfort of his home. Eli was born in the hills of Pisgah on March 9, 1939. Eli was a graduate of Tazewell High School (Class of '57) and Concord College with a degree in Education. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 – 1959 where he was stationed in Germany. Eli had a zest for learning and served as a teacher. He then went on to work as a special agent for the Office of Naval Intelligence in Washington, D.C. Eli believed in people, and he believed in opportunity for all. In this capacity, he served as Executive Director for Clinch Valley Community Action for 35 years. Eli was appointed to the Board of the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries by then Governor Charles Robb and reappointed by Governor Gerald Baliles. He served as both a member and Chairman during his tenure. An active community leader, Eli served in numerous capacities, including: Board of Directors, Virginia Association of Community Action Agencies; Vice Chairman, Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority; Member, Southwest Virginia Health Authority; and many other states, regional and local boards. Over the years, he was a voice for many who did not have one. Eli was a faithful member of Bundy's Chapel in Witten Valley. Eli was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed engaging in friendly political debate. Eli loved Tazewell County and was proud of his Appalachian heritage. Eli was preceded in death by his parents Eli and Trula Jones and brothers, Sam Jones and Jay Jones.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jo Jones; daughter Jennifer Jones Powell (Bob); son Joseph Alex Jones (Jenn); brother, Larry Jones; grandchildren, Sophia Gray Jones, William Bailey Jones and Robbie Powell; sisters-in-law, Charlotte Jones, Eunice Jones and Edie Keenon (Rodney). A Memorial Service will be held at 11am on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Pisgah United Methodist Church, where Eli attended during his youth. A time of remembrance and refreshments will be held following the memorial service at the Historic Crab Orchard Museum. Military honors will be conducted by members of the Barns-Beavers VFW Post #7136 prior to the time of remembrance. Eli's memory may be honored with a gift to The Nature Conservancy (Nature Conservancy; Attn: Treasury, 4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203 USA) or with flowers.

The family wishes to express gratitude to those who cared for Eli in the final stages of his life including Elsie, Jan and Sue, Chad, the VA Home Based Primary Care – Salem/Wytheville and Legacy Hospice.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Mr. Jones and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM.

Pisgah United Methodist Church
Tazewell

Tribute Wall



“ *Eli Bailey Jones Jr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Eli Bailey Jones Jr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Dear Jo and Jennifer.*

*Louis and I were so sorry to hear of your loss.
Please know that you and your family are in
our thoughts and prayers.*



Donna TePoel - October 20, 2018 at 10:08 AM



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*Louis and I are so sorry for the loss. Please know that you and your
family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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Donna TePoel - October 20, 2018 at 09:59 AM

CK

“ *Eli was my first boss. I worked for CVCA the summer before I went to college. He and Bill Allison was great to work for. Eli worked diligently to serve the folks of Tazewell county who needed assistance. Jo, Jennifer and Joseph and other family members, I am sorry for your loss. May you find peace in knowing that Eli does not have to suffer anymore and you will see him again*
Love and prayers
Christine Kinser

Christine Kinser - October 19, 2018 at 12:47 PM

CW

“ *I really respected Eli and Jo his beautiful wife. I got to know them when I first started working at Long John Silver's and while doing internship at CVCA . He was such a beautiful soul and always had a smile and a story for me .He grew up where my family's farm was and he loved picking chinkypins up in the woods. As a restaurant manager these two faces always made my day better and I loved you Mr Jones and I am honored to call you a friend.*

Cindy Wright - October 19, 2018 at 08:19 AM

MR

“ *Jennifer -- i am very sorry to hear of your loss. Morris Reece*

Morris Reece - October 19, 2018 at 07:25 AM

LM

“ *Eli will be missed, prayers for the family*

les and irma mitchell - October 18, 2018 at 10:35 PM

EU

“ *Eli has been like a brother to me since my teen years. I will miss dearly. Thanks be to God that he is out of his suffering and is now in God’s presence and with his family who preceded him to heaven. We will meet again dear brother. I cherish all the family get togethers and happy conversations around Granny Jones table. Wonderful years! Love to all my Jones family.* ”



Eunice - October 18, 2018 at 10:06 PM

BY

“ *Buddy and Jan Young purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eli Bailey Jones Jr..* ”



Buddy and Jan Young - October 18, 2018 at 08:31 PM

PC

“ *Dear Jo, So very sorry to hear this news. We are out of town but our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I am sad for you but glad for him to rest in peace. Pam and H.S.* ”

Pam Caudill - October 18, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eli Bailey Jones Jr..* ”



October 18, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ Jo,

I am so sorry to hear of Eli's passing, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Love and Prayers,
Christy (Newberry) Miller*

Christy Miller - October 18, 2018 at 12:51 PM

JH

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your dear family 🙏

Joyce Hancock - October 18, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ *Eli was a great man loved being his friend rip my friend*



James White - October 18, 2018 at 12:28 PM

HC

“ *To the family of Eli Jones,
My thoughts and Prayers are with you in the passing of your loved one. He will be missed by all who knew him.
God Bless you!
Jerry Vencill*

Helen Vencill Custalow - October 18, 2018 at 10:01 AM

CW

“ *Chris White lit a candle in memory of Eli Bailey Jones Jr.*



Chris White - October 18, 2018 at 08:18 AM