



James Earl Jones

March 12, 1946 - January 17, 2025

James Earl “Jim” Jones, Sr., 78, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away on January 17, 2025, at his home surrounded by family. Jim was born on March 12, 1946, in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of Max Jones and Eula Worthy. A visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 PM Thursday, January 23, 2025 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. A Funeral Service will begin at 10:00 AM Friday, January 24, 2025 at Maple Hill followed by burial at the Maple Hill Cemetery. On June 18, 1962, Jim married the love of his life, Walsie, in Modesto, California, and together they shared over six decades of love, laughter, and devotion. Jim’s life was one filled with adventure and passion for his family, his hobbies, and the people around him. He was a man who enjoyed staying active, whether it was hunting, bowling in a league, playing softball with friends, or teaching Karate. His love for the outdoors and his constant drive to stay busy were integral parts of his life. Jim had a special place in his heart for working on cars and motorcycles. His hands were never idle, and he was always tinkering with something. But above all, Jim’s greatest joy was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was immensely proud of his family and loved them dearly. Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Walsie Jones; his daughter, Cynthia Bolin (Pat); his son, Jason Jones (Stephanie); his grandchildren, James Parrish, Heather Waugh, Ashley Carter, Brandi Watson, Daisy Jones, James Jones III, Valorie Blankenship, Kimberly Jones, Chandler Jones, Donald Morelan, Jerry Moore, and April Tribble.; 25 great-grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Jim was

preceded in death by his son, James Jones Jr.; his father, Max Jones; mother and stepfather, Eula and George Worthy; brother, Gene Jones; and his sister, June Kitterman.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 831-3345
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of James Earl Jones*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - January 23, 2025 at 03:41 PM

DL

“ *Walsie and family,*

JJ was a great guy. We enjoyed being around his positive attitude and sense of humor. Kenny had a good time playing softball with him a couple of days a week. We're praying for you all and we know you have wonderful memories!

Kenny and Deb Luptak

Debra Luptak - January 25, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ 109 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - January 23, 2025 at 03:33 PM

AN

“ *Uncle Jim- throughout all the years and all the tears and laughter we have had together... I will miss you. I have missed the times we had when I was growing up and your voice when I was little saying “Annie”. I love you and aunt Walsie so much. My hugs, prayers and thoughts go out to you aunt walsie. I am sorry I was not able to be there on the day we get to say good bye to you but know this..... it won't be good bye to me tomorrow as they lay you to rest, but it will be in my mind and say I will see you again. Love you and rest in paradise!*



*Love always,
Annie*

anne - January 22, 2025 at 10:20 PM

MF

“ *Macrander and Gray family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Earl Jones.*



Macrander and Gray family - January 22, 2025 at 10:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James Earl Jones.*



January 22, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Earl Jones.*



January 22, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Earl Jones.*



January 22, 2025 at 02:03 PM

JC

“ *Jess, Erin, Phoenix, and Adi Chanyaem purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Earl Jones.*



Jess, Erin, Phoenix, and Adi Chanyaem - January 22, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James Earl Jones.*



January 21, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Earl Jones.*



January 21, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Earl Jones.*

January 21, 2025 at 09:51 AM

YA

“ Your Colleagues at Cox Automotive purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of James Earl Jones.



Your Colleagues at Cox Automotive - January 19, 2025 at 12:51 AM

YA

“ Your Colleagues at Cox Automotive planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Earl Jones.

Your Colleagues at Cox Automotive - January 19, 2025 at 12:51 AM

JR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Johnny Randall - January 18, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Earl Jones.



January 18, 2025 at 12:04 PM

KL

“ *Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Earl Jones.*

Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League - January 18, 2025 at 09:23 AM

PH

“ *The loss of JJ, a cherished friend and teammate, profoundly saddens us. His passion for the game, uplifting spirit, and unwavering camaraderie impacted everyone fortunate enough to share the field with him. JJ's memory will forever live on in our hearts and in the countless joyful moments we shared together. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.*
With heartfelt sympathy,

*Paul Heacock, Treasurer
Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League*

Paul Heacock - January 18, 2025 at 09:20 AM