



Edwin Rudolph Jones, Jr.

August 3, 1938 - January 31, 2020

Edwin Rudolph “Rudy” Jones, Jr. was born August 3, 1938 and received God’s eternal grace on January 31, 2020. A service will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 11:00am at St. John’s Episcopal Church at 2827 Wheat Street in Columbia. A reception will follow at noon at the church. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel is assisting the family.

The son of Mattie Vines Mayo Jones and Edwin Rudolph Jones, Rudy graduated from Dillon High School and received a BS in Physics in 1960 from Clemson College, where he won the coveted Norris Medal for Best All Around Graduating Senior. He earned both his masters and doctoral degrees in Physics in 1965 from the University of Wisconsin. As a teenager, Rudy met the love of his life, Elizabeth “Betty” Farmer at Camp Gravatt, an Episcopal youth summer camp in Aiken, SC. They were married just shy of 60 years.

Rudy taught Physics at the University of South Carolina for 50 years, where he became an avid lifelong Gamecock. For more than 25 years he was the Director of Undergraduate Studies, and led the National Junior Physics Academy, the Junior Science Fair, and Physics day at the SC State Fair. He developed new courses and wrote numerous lab manuals. He authored the textbook Solid-State Electronics, and co-authored Contemporary College Physics, which was widely used in undergraduate Physics classes internationally for many years. He was an active member of the American Physical Society, the American Association of Physics Teachers, and SPIE engineering society.

He was a long-time member of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church where he taught Sunday school, served on the vestry, was Senior Warden, and Chairman of the Churchyard Committee. For the past 20 years Rudy and Betty have been active members of St. John’s Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry. He was a member of the men’s bible study group at St. John’s, and until recently, a participant of the men’s Morning Prayer group at St. Michael’s.

Rudy was a lifelong educator, with special interests in electronics and optics. He enjoyed

attending all Gamecock sports and loved traveling with his wife and family.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, and his children: Caroline and Nathan Horn, Eddie and Tracy Jones, Bobby and Barbara Jones, Kate Jones and Lori Dietzler, Scott and Jeanne Berryhill; and his grandchildren: Farris, Ellen, Beth, Rick and Aaron Jones, Lara Soldaña, Ben Berryhill, Andy Berryhill and Jennifer Barker, as well as six great grandchildren, his nephew Shep Berryhill, and cousins Betty Pfeltz, Betsy Parks and Jim Bass. He was predeceased by his parents and his daughter-in-law, Kim Whitaker Berryhill.

Rudy was sustained during a long illness by his deep Christian faith. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Rudy's memory may be made to Bishop Gravatt Center at 1006 Camp Gravatt Road, Aiken SC, 29805 or Oliver Gospel Mission at PO Box 7697, Columbia SC 29202.

Memories and condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

Events

St. John Episcopal Ch. Columbarium FEB

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Columbia, SC,

Funeral Service

11:00AM

St. John's Episcopal Church
2827 Wheat St, Columbia, SC, US, 29201

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Visitation

12:00PM

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Comments



“ I am sorry to learn of Dr. Jones' passing. I enjoyed his physics class at USC and graduated with Eddie in 1985. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I am sorry for your loss.

Chip Morgan

Chip Morgan - May 22 at 05:35 PM



“ Mildred Elvington McCaskill lit a candle in memory of Edwin Rudolph Jones, Jr.



Mildred Elvington McCaskill - February 10 at 11:45 PM



“ Dear Betty and Family,
You and Rudy are in my prayers. I am sorry I cannot be with you today to celebrate Rudy's life and friendship, but I will pause and say another prayer for him and all who love him, and I'll continue thinking about him and his family, our friends and neighbors for so many years as our kids grew up.

The years during which Rudy and I carpoled to the university remain fond memories. Having time each morning and afternoon to visit with him was special. I enjoyed those times and learned so much from him.

I pray that your are comforted by your wonderful memories of Rudy and of how much he meant to countless people, including many stories which you will never know. He touched so many. I will always picture him with that warm smile.

God Bless!

Greg Adams

Greg Adams - February 04 at 10:54 AM



“ Dear Betty and family,

Rudy was one of my most beloved classmates at Clemson. Please accept my condolences and prayers for you and your family. Rudy was a great man I was proud to know him.. He will remain in my memory forever.

Blessings & Love -

David Suggs - class of 1960

David Suggs - February 03 at 11:51 AM



“ Linda, Leslie, Lea, Laura and Robert purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edwin Rudolph Jones, Jr..



Linda, Leslie, Lea, Laura and Robert - February 03 at 11:14 AM



“ My most heart-felt condolences to the family and friends of Rudy Jones. Rudy and I were good friends throughout our time together at USC. He was a warm and decent human being and I shall miss him greatly. As a fellow scientist and science educator, we worked together on common missions and goals. I will miss him greatly.

John Carpenter - February 03 at 10:54 AM



“ Elizabeth, you and I were in education classes together at U.S.C. Linda Griffith shared Rudy's obituary with U.S.C. Retirees. Rudy and I had long careers at U.S.C. Having been Director of the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies Program and Associate Dean of the now HRSA college, I worked with faculty from all disciplines. Rudy had a wonderful reputation among Professors at the University and there was never reluctance to recommend him as a great Professor under which to take classes.

I am quite a bit older than you because I was a Korean Vet before entering U.S.C. I lost my wife 10 years ago and I know the sad times you are facing. I want you to know, however, that time heals and that death is a part of life. I send my condolences and tell you: You can do this!

Richard Mims
U.S.C. 1958

Richard Mims - February 03 at 10:11 AM



“ Ben D. Tuccio purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Edwin Rudolph Jones, Jr..



Ben D. Tuccio - February 03 at 09:13 AM



“ The Jones Family is in my prayers. Simply stated, Rudy Jones was a classic Southern gentleman. He was mild mannered, unassuming and patient with others. Rudy presented so many positive traits: devout Christian, devoted husband and father, gifted scholar and academic, and a strong patriot.

I first met Rudy about 15 years ago when Betty recruited me to work for her in Ward 16 as a poll manager. Rudy and Betty ran a tight ship and set the example of how to properly administer an election. That experience grew into a valued friendship.

Rudy made his mark on this world and will be sorely missed.

Harold Mills - February 02 at 03:58 PM



“ Betty and family,
Computer problems deleted my mailing label program with all my stored addresses so I cannot sent the card I wanted to send having lost your mailing address. My classmate. Sara Ann emailed me about Rudy. She got word from Rudy's classmate Doug Blizzard. Seems like Dillon High classmates (of the 50;s) keep in touch. Always enjoy your Christmas card and note. So sorry for your loss and I share it having lost Harriette two years age. Take care and keep in touch...Love to all, Boogie

Linwood Finch - February 01 at 09:22 PM



“ James B. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Edwin Rudolph Jones, Jr..





“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Edwin Rudolph Jones, Jr..



February 01 at 12:53 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Rudolph Jones, Jr..



January 31 at 07:31 PM