



Roger Carson Jones

July 6, 1945 - December 28, 2024

Roger Carson Jones, age 79, of Springfield MO passed away on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Aurora, MO. He was born in Jasper County, MO on Friday, July 6, 1945; son of Charles “Jack” Jones and Martha “Jeanne” (Humphrey) Jones.

After graduating from Pierce City High School in 1963, Roger enlisted in the United States Army, where he spent nearly 25 years serving his country. He simultaneously continued his higher education, culminating in the earning of his Juris Doctorate in Law from Oklahoma City University. He graduated law school and retired from the Army the same week in 1986.

While in the Army, Roger became a highly decorated combat soldier and rose to the rank of Major while earning many prestigious awards and medals of honor for his bravery, such as the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with Valor, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Parachute Badge and many, many more. He was a fearless and brave defender of his country, serving in the Vietnam War.

After he retired from the Army, Roger became a well-regarded defense attorney in Southwest Missouri, known for being fierce in the courtroom, fighting on behalf of the clients he represented. He enjoyed morning coffee in the lawyers’ lounge and engaging in spirited debate with his colleagues.

Roger was also an enthusiastic collector of sports cards and memorabilia. He made many friends in the community when he owned his sports memorabilia store, Cardinal Heaven. Enthusiasts would come to his store, knowing he would have that special card to complete their collection. He was a St. Louis Cardinals fan and Stan Musial was his hero.

As an avid and prolific reader, Roger enjoyed spending evenings in his reading chair, enjoying books about politics, history, crime, and even an occasional love story. He could often be seen at Barnes and Noble on Saturday mornings, perusing the new releases of his favorite authors.

Roger profoundly loved his hometown of Pierce City, MO and spent much time and resources, giving back to the community. He often drove down on weekends to visit with old pals, have some breakfast and talk about old times. The Pierce City community held a very special place in his heart.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Montileone; two daughters Jada Jones and Anliya Jones; two sons, Jason Jones (wife Kidist) and Jack Jones; as well as five grandchildren, Clayton, Carter, Caleb, Calah Jones and James-Paul Jones; and two siblings, David Jones and Michelle Snelling. Roger was immensely proud of his family and never missed a chance to brag on his two young daughters to anyone who would listen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Darney Jones; and one son, James "Jimmy" Jones.

The family will receive friends at Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home in Springfield, MO on Monday, January 6, 2025, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Full Military Services will be at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield,

MO on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, beginning at 1:00 pm with Pastor Billy Harvill officiating.

Memorials in Roger's memory may be made to Smile Train U.S. in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 Southwood Road
Springfield, MO 65804

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home
500 E. Walnut Street
Springfield, MO 65806

Graveside Service

JAN 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery
5201 Southwood Road
Springfield, MO 65804

Tribute Wall

TA

“ I am just hearing of Roger's passing, and I am heartbroken. He was one heck of a guy! Sending my condolences to Lisa and the girls.

Tasha - February 10, 2025 at 02:53 PM

YT

“ Roger was such a light when he would come into Regions Bank . He was so happy all the time and cared about everyone. Roger was such a sweet soul and will be greatly missed . My condolences to his wonderful family who he was so proud of 🙏



Yesenia Trevino - January 15, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ From the website for the Carnegie Medal of Heroism. It gives his name and the year he won the award, as well as the story of his bravery!

<https://www.carnegiehero.org/hero-search/roger-carson-jones/>

Kerry Snelling - January 08, 2025 at 01:51 PM

SN

“ I attended school with Roger for all 12 years in Pierce City, Missouri. He was always bright, and he livened up discussions from day one. My most vivid memory of Roger was during our junior class play. Opening night was fast approaching, and Roger did not show up for a rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, which was very unlike him. We were frustrated and confused, as I recall. We all changed our tunes when we discovered the reason for his absence. Roger was on his way to practice when he observed a patrolman attempting to take a man into custody by the side of the highway. Roger stopped his car and sprang into action when the man grabbed the officer's gun and pointed it at the lawman. Without hesitation, Roger jumped on the man's back and hung on while the officer reclaimed the gun and subdued the fugitive. Needless to say, we forgave Roger for being late! As I recall, he was given a Carnegie Hero Award and the national recognition he was due! This one story seems to embody the innate bravery Roger had and displayed throughout his life. (FYI, the play went off without a hitch for its entire run, and Roger was brilliant in it.) I know that Roger went on to serve our country with distinction, but the same bravery he exhibited in Vietnam and throughout his storied military career was evident to all of us in the class of 1963 who knew him from his early years in Pierce City.

My sympathy to the family. Roger was a good person and will be missed.

Shirlee (Welde) Nichols

Shirlee Nichols - January 07, 2025 at 05:48 PM

MM

“ *Lisa, Jada and Anliya*

John and I were your neighbors for many years and always enjoyed all of you. Roger was loved by all and will be missed dearly. We always enjoyed passing food back and forth and sharing times out in the yard often. There were always jokes passed back and forth between Roger and John that always kept us laughing. Love to you and the girls for your loss and ours. I am sure Roger will keep everyone laughing in heaven.

To Jason and Jack, I did not know you but I am sorry for the loss of your dad. He was such a great man, friend and dad. We were friends and neighbors for many years and feel such a loss.

Blessings to all of you with sympathy.

John and Micki Melton

Mick Melton - January 06, 2025 at 11:52 AM

JN

“ *My heart goes out to Lisa, Jada and Lila, to whom Roger was so devoted. Roger was a wonderful man; passionate, kind and fun loving. His memory will always be a blessing.*

Joel Newman - January 06, 2025 at 10:30 AM

JC

“ I probably not be attending the viewing, I feel bad about that but, I always enjoyed it when Roger would drop by our home and visit with Dick and I when he would see us outside. I liked his humor and his smile. I did not know him well but, did respect him for his friendliness.

I am very sad that his family has lost him, especially during a holiday season. I know any loss is difficult for family members, and personally, I have always been able to accept my, and my family's losses by reasoning the death in my own way. Not sure this can help in any way but, I am very sad, as well as sure he made and left his mark on anyone he had contact with. He did with me!

Joseph Dale Cochran - January 03, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ All of us here at Fastbreak Sports would like to extend our condolences to the family of Roger Jones. Roger was not only a great friend to us, but also a great friend to the hobby - he nurtured the idea of collecting for the love of collecting and always had others in mind when he walked through the door. The last few Christmas seasons he would purchase hundreds of dollars of packs with the instructions to our staff to give them to the kids we think needed them - whether they be financially unable to afford packs or if "they were just good kids." Roger will be missed and we thank him for his kindness.

Robert Malina - January 03, 2025 at 12:47 PM

KC

“ *karen christian lit a candle in memory of Roger Jones*



karen christian - January 03, 2025 at 01:58 AM

ER

“ *My deepest regrets to the family. Roger was a top-class attorney and friend. May he rest in peace. We are going to miss you Roger! Thank you for all your help!*

Esther Robertson - January 02, 2025 at 12:09 PM

DD

“ *So sorry to hear of Roger's passing. He was always so very nice to me.*



Dawn Drury - January 01, 2025 at 05:26 PM

RB

“ *1 file added to the album PCHS 1960s*



Ron Bowen - January 01, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Larry Edgar lit a candle in memory of Roger Jones*



Larry Edgar - January 01, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ *Brad Sims lit a candle in memory of Roger Jones*



Brad Sims - December 31, 2024 at 09:05 PM