

Normal Lewis Jones



Norman L. Jones passed away on 1 September 2012 from complications of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). He was 74 years old.

Norman, or "Mouse" as he was affectionately known by friends and Classmates, was born on 12 March 1938, in Dallas, TX, where he graduated from Highland Park High School in January 1956. He entered the Naval Academy in June 1956.

Upon graduation with the Class of 1960, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. After attaining his navigator wings at Keesler, AFB, his duty assignments included the 622nd Air Refueling Squadron, England AFB; 777th Troop Carrier Squadron, Pope AFB; and 779th Troop Carrier Squadron, Pope AFB, where he participated in Operation Dragon Rouge in the

Belgian Congo in 1964. He resigned his commission in 1965.

In his civilian career, he worked for Martin Marietta as a logistics engineer; with Shearson Hammill as an investment broker; with National Chemsearch in sales development; as a real-estate broker; and with AirTran as a ground supervisor. Upon retirement, he moved to Temple, GA.

His first marriage to Patsy Adams Jones ended in divorce. He is survived by their daughter, Sabrina in Gainesville, FL; sons, Ashley in Jacksonville, FL, and Chris in Palm Coast, FL; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Ray and Lawanda; brother, Chuck; and his second wife, Debbie.

On 25 November 2012, Mouse's ashes were strewn into the Intracoastal Waterway near Mayport Ferry, FL. It was his wish that his ashes would find their way to all of the oceans.

Shipmate March-April 2013