

## Walter Raymond Jones



Walt passed away May 31, 2016, in Spokane, WA.

Walt was born April 12, 1936 in Cheyenne, WY to Delbert J. Jones and Lorna Ruth McClaury Jones. The family then moved to Denver, CO, the Bay Area of CA, Boise, ID, Spokane, WA, Yakima, WA and Portland, OR. He graduated from North Central High School in Spokane, and attended Texas Christian University Fort Worth, TX, the University of Washington in Seattle, before graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis MD in June 1960.

Upon graduation he married the former Marjorie McWhorter at the Naval Academy Chapel. He then took his bride with him to Pensacola, FL for flight school. Upon completion of flight training they went to San Diego. They then went to Iwakuni Japan, and NAS Whidbey Island WA. Upon completion of his commitment they moved to the Seattle area where he began his career with Pacific Northwest Bell. They lived in Mount Lake Terrace, Auburn, WA, Renton/Bellevue, Vancouver, New Jersey and finally settled in Spokane.

Walt retired from Pacific Northwest Bell/US West in 1990 and went to work for Cox Cable of Spokane. He then worked as a quality/ customer service consultant for Effective Management Systems. He then spent three years volunteering full time for Habitat for Humanity. He then worked virtually full time for Volunteer Chore until Marjorie's illness prevented it. She passed away in 2009.

While in the work force Walt was active in the community. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers, was a director of the Lilac Festival, a vice president of the United Way campaign, active in the Chamber of Commerce and Spokane Unlimited. He also was a soccer referee for 21 years refereeing for players from six year olds to intercollegiate games.

In September 2012 he made contact with his high school sweetheart, Kathleen Rose Walter Owings. They had a storybook romance and married in December 2012. They enjoyed classical music concerts, live theatre and volunteering with Meals on Wheels.

Walt is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and his four children: Barbara Grant (Evan) of Bandon, OR, Wendy Jones (Bill Solomon) of Sammamish, WA, Scott Jones (Jacqui-Lyn) of Spokane, and Beverly Jones (Alex Linzer) of Bronx, NY. He is also survived by his sister Jennifer Gardner (Roger) of Olympia; as well as nieces Rebecca Scotti, Heidi Cassadas, and Angela Harpole. He is additionally survived by grandsons: Curtis and Steven Jones, Wyatt Linzer; as well as step-grandson, Devan Bouge, and step-granddaughter, Marina Owings.

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