



Frederic Gene Jones

July 26, 1939 - August 8, 2026

Frederic Gene Jones, 87, of Anderson, passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2026, after an extended illness. He was born on July 26, 1939, in Indianapolis, the second of six sons of Wayne and Mary Jeanette (Jackley) Jones. He spent his very early years in Frankton, IN, then moved to Elwood when he was in the third grade. Fred graduated from Wendell L. Willkie High School, earned his BS from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN, and received his MA from Ball State University in Muncie.

Mr. Jones retired from Anderson Community Schools after 35 years, serving as Director of Health and Physical Education for grades K through 12 and was also Director of Elementary Athletics and Driver's Education. In 1969, he was awarded the honor of Educator of the Year for ACSC. Early in his career, Fred coached elementary football, basketball, track and high school swimming. He managed the Elwood swimming pool and the Edgewood Country Club pool in Anderson.

Fred was a former member of the BPO Elks Club, Madison County Retired School Administrators and Madison County Retired Teachers Association. He held a seat on the first St. Ambrose School Board and served as an usher at St. Ambrose for many years.

He was known for his ability to repair almost anything and for his exceptional

organizational skills. Fred's garage was where he proudly built eleven doll houses; one for each of his seven grandchildren, one was auctioned for the Paramount Theater, and three were given to well-deserving family members and friends.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Justine (Nichols) Jones, whom he met at Austin Peay. Also, surviving are his three daughters, Marsha (David) Rhinesmith, Carmel, IN, Stephanie Lipski, Dacula, GA, and Tracey (Brad) Freeman, Richmond, IN; seven grandchildren, Matthew (Jackie) Rhinesmith, Kevin (Katie) Rhinesmith, Indianapolis, Marie Lipski, Daytona, FL, Renee Lipski, Athens, GA, Madeline Freeman, Katherine Freeman, Indianapolis, and Lauren Freeman, Richmond, IN; two great-grandsons, Luke and Jack Rhinesmith; three brothers, Edwin (Jane) Jones, Fort Myers, FL, Terry Jones, Elwood, IN, and Robert (Paula) Jones, Kokomo, IN; and sister-in-law, Linda Roberts Nichols, Clarksville, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Richard Jones and Kenneth Jones; brother-in-law, Charles R. Nichols; and sister-in-law, Lorrie Jones.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bethany Pointe and Paradigm Health Hospice for their loving care and service during Fred's stay with them.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 W. 53rd St. Anderson, IN.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, August 13, 2026, 11:00 am, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 2801 Lincoln St. Anderson, IN, with Rev. Tom Metzger officiating.

Burial will take place in the East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Anderson, or St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Anderson.

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Cemetery Details

East Maplewood Cemetery

200 College Drive
Anderson, IN 46012

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **12.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory
200 W 53rd St
Anderson, IN 46013
(765) 649-5255
info@loosecares.com

Service

AUG **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
2801 Lincoln Street
Anderson, IN 46016

Tribute Wall



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - August 12 at 03:44 PM



“ 75 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Loose Funeral Home - August 12 at 10:24 AM



“ The LPGA Tour and team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederic Gene Jones.

The LPGA Tour and team - August 11 at 03:43 PM

TT

“ *The LPGA Tour and team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frederic Gene Jones.*



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TF

“ *Tom and O'Neil Phillips and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frederic Gene Jones.*



Tom and O'Neil Phillips and family - August 11 at 02:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frederic Gene Jones.*



August 11 at 11:48 AM

LF

“ *Love, Steve and Kim Minniear and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Frederic Gene Jones.*



Love, Steve and Kim Minniear and Family - August 11 at 11:24 AM

BC

“ I met Fred (Mr. Jones) at Park Place, he was my PE teacher. He was a very nice, and caring person who was always a BIG supporter of mine...and Kevin Bates. I can remember taking the Presidential Physical Fitness Test with him and also talking to me after the Shuttle Explosion in 1986. My deepest condolences to his family and peace be with you. RIP Mr. Jones

Ben Carney



Ben Carney - August 11 at 10:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frederic Gene Jones.



August 11 at 10:06 AM



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

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

August 11 at 08:49 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frederic Gene Jones.*



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“ *Karin,Katie & John Palmer.Lindsey Blair purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Frederic Gene Jones.*



Karin,Katie & John Palmer.Lindsey Blair - August 10 at 05:54 PM



“ *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederic Gene Jones.*



August 10 at 04:22 PM