



Vernon Alan Jones

September 23, 1942 - December 20, 2016

Vernon Alan Jones, age 74, of Cocoa Beach, FL, formerly of Manassas, VA, passed away late Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, FL.

He was born September 23, 1942 in Washington, DC, the son of Stewart Lewis Jones and Anna Mae Virginia (Cross) Jones. The family moved to Brentsville, VA when he was a youth. Vernon attended Manassas schools, where he played football and was a track team member. He graduated from Osbourn High School in 1962 and worked with his father until serving in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1968. During his years of service, he became a Crew Chief on B-52 bombers and was assigned to several air bases, including Guam for runs over Viet Nam and at a number of domestic Strategic Air Command bases.

After his Air Force service, Vernon worked for C&P Telephone company for a number of years, and then moved to AT&T, where he became an Information Systems and Functional Business Manager. In 1983 he started his own business, Northern Virginia Telephone Company, and he remained President and CEO after 1990 when it became United Telephone Company. After his retirement in 1995, he performed consulting work over a number of years for government contractors providing technical design, evaluation, and analysis of telecommunications systems at various locations, including several FAA sites

and airports around the country.

After completing his consulting work, Vernon moved to Charleston, SC, for a number of years prior to his move to Cape Canaveral, FL. He lived in Cocoa Beach, FL, at the time of his passing.

Florida was paradise for Vernon, and he basked in the sunshine and warm weather. He played golf frequently and enjoyed relaxing at the local restaurants. He loved dancing to bands playing 1960's music, but also was very fond of classical jazz and the music of crooners such as Frank Sinatra and Johnny Mathis. He was an accomplished chef and loved entertaining friends, and was a team member in a 9-ball pool league. Vernon was also an accomplished self-taught artist, and loved showing visitors his paintings hung on the walls throughout his home. He was a life-long Washington Redskins fan, and always felt great disappointment when his team lost a game. Vernon dearly loved his children and grandchildren, and looked forward to every Christmas as he would shop for the grandchildren so they would have a special gift from their PopPop.

Vernon was preceded in death by his son, Marc Gunnar Jones, in 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Carole (Kriesel) Jones; one son, Vernon Alan Jones II and wife Kristen; two step-children, Kristin Morrison and husband Eric, and John Fulcher and wife Kristen; and nine grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA, where funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, December 29, 2016, with Pastor Jeff Wilson officiating. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in his memory be made to Shriners Hospital for Sick Children.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ *RIP Vernon, you were truly one of a kind.*

Jeff Warner - December 28, 2016 at 03:34 PM

GF

“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories, and The Almighty God's promise in the Bible, to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.*

Greene Family - December 28, 2016 at 01:09 PM

AB

“ *As a teenage kid in high school, I hung out with Vernon and my cousins during the summer and played varsity football with him during our high school years. He was always a very special person, a caliber above the rest. One could easily tell he had special talents and was a natural leader. I was so happy to reconnect with him at our 50th reunion in Manassas and see how happy he was with Carole. He had truly found his happiness. So sad the two lovebirds could not have enjoyed their happiness much much longer. Vernon, you are so cool.*

Alfred Burer - December 28, 2016 at 12:14 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Vernon Alan Jones.*



December 28, 2016 at 11:52 AM

JA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

With heartfelt condolences, Jan & Jennifer Adgate

Jan Adgate - December 28, 2016 at 11:41 AM

GM

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Gerry Mudd - December 28, 2016 at 12:49 AM

GM

Carole, I am so very sorry for the loss of your love, Vernon. May the memories that mean the most to you live forever in your heart. This picture was taken a couple of days after your wedding at a restaurant in Florida. May Vernon rest in peace. My sympathy also goes out to his entire family. Love, always.

Gerry Mudd - December 28, 2016 at 01:00 AM

DM

I'm so sorry to hear of Vernon's passing. Although I hadn't seen him in years I will always remember the good times at the old Bell System. he was one of a kind. RIP old friend.

Denny Moore

Denny Moore - January 06, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vernon Alan Jones.*



December 27, 2016 at 06:50 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Alan Jones.*



December 27, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ *I was wife #1 and we remained friends thru the years for parenting our sons. He was always a loving father. My family always loved him and considered him family even after we divorced especially my mom. There will always be happy memories and my prayers and thoughts are with his entire family. He will be missed but always remembered. Judith Ann Jones, Bangor, Maine*

Judith A Jones - December 27, 2016 at 06:31 AM



“ *We're so sad for you at the loss of your Dad. Prayers for you and your family.*

- Chris, Sharon, Aaron and Elise Hoover

Chris Hoover - December 26, 2016 at 09:09 PM