

T.J. Jones

August 30, 1931 - December 12, 2016

Funeral services for Mr. T.J. Jones, 85, of Kilgore, will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Phil Hodson and David Hampton officiating. Interment with military graveside honors will follow at Zion Hill Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the funeral home.

Mr. Jones passed away December 12, 2016, at his residence in Longview. He was born Aug. 30, 1931 in Minden, Tx to the late Amos Jones and Eva Jones Sparkman. He worked as a salesman. He served his country in the US Navy from 1948-1950.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Amos Jones, and Monnie and Eva Jones Sparkman; brothers and sisters, Jack Sparkman, Carl Thomas Jones, Billy Amos Jones, Nora Ann Best, Robert Elmer "Bobby" Sparkman, and John William "Buddy" Sparkman.

Survivors include: his children, Carol Woerndle and husband George of Red River, NM, Jeff Jones and wife Beth of Longview, Kari Hale and husband Jeff of Houston, Kitsy Roark and husband Jack of Longview, David Jones and wife

Amanda of Houston, Lori Ivey and husband Rusty of Gilmer, and Kayce Threadgill and husband Cory of Gladewater; brother, Charles Lynn Sparkman and wife Shelli of Enumclaw, WA; sisters, Billie Jo David of Midland, TX, Betty Jean Smith of Henderson, Gladys Marie Crouch of Kilgore, Eva Lois Siler of Carlisle, and Judy Nell Wilkins of Liberty City, TX; seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Jimmy Carl Jones, Monnie Sparkman, David Best, Stephen Sparkman, William Boyd Siler, and Paul Jones. Honorary pallbearers are Jon Best, Larry Jones, Joe Jones, John Sparkman, Jacky Sparkman, Lynn Smith, Neal Smith, Don Smith, Rodney Goodwin, Bobby Sparkman, and Cole Sparkman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Zion Hill Cemetery, PO Box 217, Henderson, TX, 75653.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Zion Hill Cemetery

CR 368
Minden, TX 75680

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

DEC **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of T.J. Jones



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 13, 2016 at 03:36 PM

GF

I am so happy I got to watch this video of T.J. I had been in his store in Kilgore many times and have never met someone so caring and friendly. He walked me thru his store and took me right to what I wanted. I walked out with 4 Antique chairs which I still have. He knew exactly where everything was. I knew of him because I had worked for his loving sister Betty. She is one in a million. I still worship her to this day, Not another woman like her. She would tell me stories back when they were growing up and I loved hearing those stories. So god bless and RIP Mr. T.J. It was nice knowing you

gloria fetzer - December 13, 2016 at 04:13 PM

NK

*Dear Carol and Jeff
Thank you for the family video. There are so many good childhood memories living up the street from you on Royal drive. Your daddy always seemed like a king with the neighborhood children. He taught me to water ski. And probably because of his teaching style of "you've almost got it" and "we're coming back around for you" he embedded encouragement and patience to me. I spent many hours with your family at meals and play after my daddy passed away. It was like a second family. I am very thankful for those memories. Your family video tribute sparked so many memories as well as a small insight into the love he felt toward his children and grandchildren. And dancing...a life well lived. Much love to you both.*

Norma Kline - December 14, 2016 at 09:50 AM

CW

Thank you Norma! We do have a lot of great memories

Carol Woerndle - December 14, 2016 at 03:07 PM

JB

*Thank you for sharing the memories..I started working for TJ when I was 14 years old..I was the Delivery Department, Janitor, gardener till I cut off all the Ivy off his two story home..Looked like a weed to me... May tag repairmen till I killed the first washing machine I worked on.. It was a learning curve that was hard for me to understand how much he taught me...Best education I could have received ..Best of all 54 years ago I learned to love him..I will work for him again in heaven..But I am worth 1.25 a hour now..
RIP my friend.*

James Patrick Burrow - December 24, 2016 at 12:58 PM

BH

“ *Carol, Jeff and Families,
I knew who you dad/ grand-dad was when we were lot's younger through my mom and dad. Lots of years went by and in 2008 I was having a moving sale outside of Kilgore and a man come up and we did a little dealing on some items I was getting rid of. And then he wanted to sell me some light bulbs. We talked around on it and then he gave me his card and then we realized whom each other was. (I think I gave him the items we discussed at the beginning because of the great conversation we had and the kind words he had to say about my family) That was the last time I saw him, but I won't forget him. I think will be a legend in Rusk County.
God be with you and your FAMILIES at time like these.
Brent Hale, Joinerville, TX.*

Brent Hale - December 17, 2016 at 09:00 AM

KE

“ Kelly Elia lit a candle in memory of T.J. Jones



Kelly Elia - December 16, 2016 at 04:45 PM

KE

“ Just found out today that my good ole buddy "TJ" went to be with the Lord. I saw him about 6 months ago and knew he had been ill. It's been my pleasure to have known TJ for 20 years. I have moved to Louisiana and just now got the news. My heart is saddened at our loss here on earth. I know that Heaven got a littler brighter because TJ knew the Lord as his savior. He was my best "Dancing Buddy" and we had many a great time spinning around the dance floor. So many smiles! We danced for hours at a time. Cookouts, Singing Karaoke, junk shopping just to name a few things. Talked about the Lord on numerous occasions. He loved his family. TJ had the kind of smile that would light up the room. Always a true gentleman. Never heard him talk bad about anyone in 20 years that we knew each other. Just know that TJ (the Light Doctor) is loved and will be missed by all that knew him. Thanks for the memories my friend!

Kelly Elia - December 16, 2016 at 04:44 PM

DK

“ To the family of TJ Jones,
We are sorry to hear about your loss and wanted you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dena King

Dena King - December 16, 2016 at 12:13 PM

JZ

“ Carol, Jeff and family, I was so saddened when I learned that your Dad had passed. Just know that he is at peace with no suffering anymore. I'm sure he & Daddy are sharing a good story together right now, having a good laugh, they both love to laugh. TJ never met a person that didn't love him. I'm so sorry I couldn't make it to visitation or the service to see everyone, I have been under the weather. The video was a beautiful tribute. We are never promised tomorrow, live for today and that is exactly what your Dad did. Keeping you all in my heart, thoughts and prayers. Sending love to all, Julie Haynes Zimmermann

Julie Haynes Zimmermann - December 15, 2016 at 09:11 PM

SH

“ SONIA HOSKINS sent a virtual gift in memory of T.J. Jones



SONIA HOSKINS - December 14, 2016 at 11:05 PM

SH

What a awesome man with a heart of gold

SONIA HOSKINS - December 14, 2016 at 11:06 PM

CC

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family.
Chuck & Risa
Castloo



Chuck & Risa Castloo - December 14, 2016 at 03:45 PM

CW

“ *His Navy photo...I'm thinking around 1948. What a handsome man!*



Carol Woerndle - December 14, 2016 at 03:02 PM


Jennifer
Tidwell

“ *If you ever wanted to find T.J. on a Wednesday night he would be at Graham Central Station in Longview dancing with one of the most beautiful girls in the room. I remember the first time T.J. asked me to dance. I looked at him kind of funny and kindly declined. I was sitting close to the dance floor so I watched him dance with several women as they gracefully whipped around the dance floor. After he was done I went up to him and introduced myself and asked him if he could teach me to dance like that. He smiled at me and said he would lead if I would follow. I continued to go to Grahams every chance I had to dance with T.J. It was so hard to dance with other men because T.J. was such a great leader. I remember not being to wipe the smile off my face as he would whisk me around the dance floor. I would tell him that we were great dancers and he would always respond with "we are the greatest dancers in the world." T.J. will always be a part of me as I listen to a country song and think about the way he made me feel when I was dancing with him.*

Jennifer Tidwell - December 14, 2016 at 02:15 PM

DL

“ *Love you Uncle TJ. Such a loving great uncle who engaged us as kids growing up - teaching us what family is all about. We will kiss you dearly. God bless Jeff, David, and all the Jones family.*

dan lowry - December 14, 2016 at 02:00 PM

BR

“ *Heaven gained one amazing two stepper!
Rest In Peace, it was an honor to dance with you over the last
decade! My deepest condolences to the family. ❤️*



Bianca Richard - December 14, 2016 at 10:30 AM

SS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. He was a awesome man
and will be missed greatly.TJ was always such a pleasure to be
around and see the love he had for his kids and grandkids. God
Bless Sharon& Travis Swindell*

Sharon Swindell - December 14, 2016 at 06:49 AM

SM

“ *Sandy And Steve McMurray lit a candle in
memory of T.J. Jones*



sandy and steve mcmurray - December 14, 2016 at 05:52 AM

MI

“ I met T.J. nearly 20 years ago. I remember watching him dance the night away with every beautiful girl in the room. He would occasionally ask me, but I would decline. I was honestly too afraid. He was just that good. He finally talked me into it one night, and he made me look like I had been dancing my whole life. I was hooked. I started bartending several years later, and T.J. was my favorite person to see. I adored him. I knew he wasn't well the last few times I saw him. I only hope he's dancing the night away in Heaven now. Thank you T.J. for memories and dance steps I'll never forget. ❤️

Michelle - December 13, 2016 at 11:11 PM



“ My night's at the club just won't be the same without you T.J. When my husband couldn't be there you would always fill in and spin me around the dance floor even when I would say don't spin me too much lol You always had that smile and that bounce in your step when you would come ask me to dance and how could I ever say no 🥺 I'll miss you like no other and I hope you wear a rut in that dance floor in Heaven buddy. 💕

Ps. Find my Mother-in-law Cindy Jo because she loves to dance 😊

Love and miss you always ,

Kelli Potts

Henderson Tx



Kelli West Potts - December 13, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ *Lisa Weatherly lit a candle in memory of T.J. Jones*



Lisa Weatherly - December 13, 2016 at 08:52 PM



“ *Doyle And Linda Benson lit a candle in memory of T.J. Jones*



Doyle and Linda Benson - December 13, 2016 at 08:26 PM



All of our prayers, love, & blessings to the Jones family.

Doyle and Linda Benson - December 13, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ *Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of T.J. Jones*



Amy Miley-Payne - December 13, 2016 at 07:46 PM

SB

“ I met him in 1997, when I was 21. We danced a few dances over the years. I never his name, just his smiling face. If you walked into dance hall in longview, you would see him twirling all the girls around the floor. If he asked you to dance you did. Simply because of his smile, his wit, and his ability to cut a rug! All the girls, (including me were mesmerized) by how well he could lead us around the dance floor. I had never seen someone two-step like that! I will miss not seeing him. RIP and God bless. I know your dancing in heaven!

sonia beck - December 13, 2016 at 05:49 PM

AF

“ The world lost a beautiful soul.... dancing with you for 10 years was truly a pleasure and thank you for all your love and patience. I can't wait to dance with you in Heaven again! RIP love you TJ



Andrea Fox - December 13, 2016 at 05:24 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I loved to dance with him. He was amazing!!

Candice Case - December 13, 2016 at 05:11 PM



“ I met TJ many years ago as well as going to church with him for a long time. He was a very sweet soul and noone that ever met him didn't love him! He touched a lot of lives in a very special way, especially with his amazing dancing ability! I'm sure you are dancing in Heaven TJ! Teach them how to do it! You were always such a good and patient teacher. You will be greatly missed by so many. Prayers going up for your family and all of those that will greatly miss you! Theresa Gross



Theresa Sullivan Gross - December 13, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ T.J. always had a smile on his face and said hello to everyone. He was a wonderful dancer. Everytime I'd see him out we would dance a song or 2. Such a sweetheart. He will be greatly misses and never forgotten. Thank you God for sharing a rare soul with this world. My deepest condolences for the family and friends.



Amber Venzor - December 13, 2016 at 04:17 PM



“ I met TJ a couple of years ago and he was the first person to teach me how to dance. Every time I was out and about, he was there always dancing and having a good time. I am so blessed to have known and met this beautiful soul.

Aryn Peralli - December 13, 2016 at 04:05 PM

TA

“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of T.J. Jones



Tammy - December 13, 2016 at 03:38 PM

EM

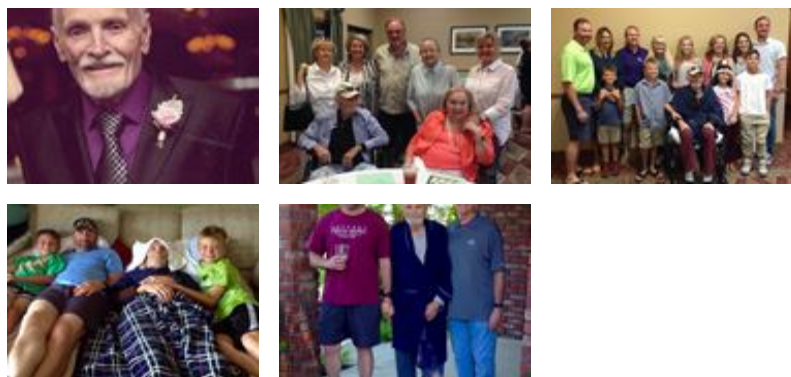
“ Elaine Martin lit a candle in memory of T.J. Jones



Elaine Martin - December 13, 2016 at 03:29 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 13, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ I offer my condolences to all of the family! T.J was one of a kind and never met a stranger. He will be missed by all that knew him

Ashley Smith - December 13, 2016 at 03:04 PM

FP

“ No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind. However, take comfort in knowing that he is now resting in the arms of our Lord. My deepest condolences to you and your family.



Former Dance Partner - December 13, 2016 at 02:54 PM

FC

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of our cousin and friend T. J. We have many wonderful memories of the good times we had with T. J. He will be missed. Our love and sympathy to all of his family.

Frances (Jones) & H. D. Coursey

Frances Coursey - December 13, 2016 at 01:51 PM

DG

“ He always had such a heart of gold and dance for me from the age of 19 to until 26. I am so honored to have known such a beautiful soul.... Thankyou so much sweet TJ, you will be greatly missed.

Delia Green - December 13, 2016 at 01:19 PM