



Gary Eldwood Jones

July 5, 1955 - January 30, 2022

Gary Eldwood Jones, age 66, of Versailles, passed away Sunday, January 30, 2022, at his home. He was born July 5, 1955, in Kansas City, Missouri, a son of the late Newton E. "Pete" and Luella (Woods) Jones.

On September 28, 1998, in Versailles, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Lea Stockton Jones.

Gary drove a road grader for Morgan County before he chose a career in truck driving. He hauled livestock for Ferguson Trucking out of Sedalia. He also hauled grain for Baughman Feed Service in Mora, Missouri. There were many other companies and cattle buyers he hauled for over the lengthy truck driving career he loved. Gary worked hard and owned two of the trucks he drove. He took his "legendary" reputation as a truck driver very serious. "Jonesey" and his yellow Peterbilt were well known in the cattle and trucking industry across many of the states he traveled. He and Lea enjoyed traveling together for several years. He formed close friendships with many of the people he met over the road.

Gary also had a passion for fast cars and racing. Most of all, he loved his family and the time he spent with them. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his wife, Lea, he is survived by his sons, Matthew Jones of Independence, Missouri, Brent Jones and wife Errin of Stover, Missouri and Cody Ray Jones of the home; his step-daughter, Rochelle Cookson of Howard, Kansas; seven grandchildren, Olivia Jones, Mason Cookson, Emelia Jones, Cooper Cookson, Sophia Jones, William Jones and Jameson Jones; brother, Eddie Jones and husband Jim Clement of Ft. Myers, Florida; sisters, Teresa Capps of Ft. Myers, Florida and Brenda Bright of Versailles, Missouri; his aunt, Mary Mae Pietrick of Chicago, Illinois; several nephews, cousins and many friends.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 7th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Reverend Robert Ross officiating.

Graveside services and inurnment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Monday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

You may join a Zoom stream of the service with the information below:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89727705284?pwd=NEZwWnJTbEdtMG1ydINyRU95V0FEZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 2770 5284

Passcode: 633082

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road

Versailles, MO, 65084

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St., Versailles, MO, US, 65084

FEB **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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“ A webcast video has been added.



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“ Thank You all for the condolences. Gary would feel so blessed to know so many cared about him. I couldn't even begin to pick a favorite memory to share, I have so many. The thing that just keeps running through my mind is that smile of his, and that chuckle when he was being onry. Which was most of the time! I'll miss him more than I could've imagined. Rest peacefully my love. We'll be together again soon.

Lea Jones - February 05 at 05:46 PM



“ James & Tori Bond lit a candle in memory of Gary Eldwood Jones



James & Tori Bond - February 05 at 02:03 AM



“ Jackie Brown lit a candle in memory of Gary Eldwood Jones



Jackie brown - February 04 at 07:50 AM



“ Lea Jones lit a candle in memory of Gary Eldwood Jones



Lea Jones - February 03 at 10:34 AM



“ Shirley Sumner lit a candle in memory of Gary Eldwood Jones



Shirley Sumner - February 02 at 11:08 PM



“ Sara James lit a candle in memory of Gary Eldwood Jones



Sara James - February 02 at 08:29 AM



“ Gary had me drive his brand new car up the road and across the cattle guard when I was maybe 10. It was thrilling. I will always remember Gary going out of his way while on the road to stop near us in Illinois to meet up with my mom, newborn Kayte and me. It was her first outing other than the pediatrician. It was a beautiful gesture. He had Kayte "ride" a calf when she was just 3 or 4. She still shows those pictures proudly.
I pray Gary has found peace and is with his mom and dad and grandparents now. I pray for everyone who loved him to find acceptance and to ease their grief.

Sheryl Pietrick Donnell - February 01 at 05:14 PM



“ I'm glad you have wonderful memories of him we were all closer than cousins from the time we were very little.

teresa - February 03 at 07:36 PM



“ The neighborhood kids will never forget the day that Gary showed up on our block in his truck cab. He let everybody climb in and take pictures. He was like a celebrity visiting our little corner of the world!

Susan Smith - February 01 at 07:23 AM



“ He loved trucking! Little things like that made him happy. Thanks for sharing Susan!

teresa - February 01 at 03:48 PM