



Harry Lewis Jones

June 16, 2009

Harry Lewis Jones, age 78, slipped quietly into the presence of his Lord on June 16, 2009. Prior to the time of death he was a resident of Good Shepherd Center for two years where he was able to be a witness of his faith to staff and other residents. He served as the “resident” Chaplain during his time there. He was often asked to pray with a resident or family member during times of crisis. In his honor, following his death, numerous residents and staff gathered to pay their respects and this time was followed by a very special prayer offered by the Hospice Chaplain.

Harry was the son of Lewis and Harriette Stockton Jones who both preceded him in death.

A graduate of Versailles High School, Harry enlisted in the Air Force and served in the Korean War, March 1951 to September 1952. Following his military service he completed his education at the University of Missouri receiving a degree in Agriculture Engineering.

On June 13, 1953 Harry married Dolores Ferguson in Versailles, MO. They were married for 56 years. They spent 17 years in southeast Missouri where Harry worked as a County Extension Agent and later managed a large plantation in Arkansas. Their first two children, Cindy and Bradley were born there. The family came back to Versailles in 1970 from southeast Missouri and two more children were born, John and Scott.

Harry taught Building and Trade classes at Morgan County R-II School where he and his students built homes. Those homes are located behind the IGA

grocery store and around the AmerenUE power plant. At one of the houses during a lunch break, a few of his students nailed him to the roof while he snoozed.

Later, Harry bought the Montgomery Ward Catalog store followed by the J.C. Penney Catalog Franchise Store. In 1988 he bought Versailles Furniture and Appliances and operated that until his hemorrhagic stroke in 2007.

Harry was an ordained deacon since 1961 and a member of Versailles First Assembly of God Church. He was active in the Gideon's, and served on the School Board for 12 years. He drove a school bus many of those years. Most recently, he was involved in the Celebrate Recovery program, a Christian based recovery plan similar to the 12-step program. Harry was very proud of son, Bradley, who became active in the program after being delivered of drugs by Jesus Christ.

This great man of faith will be missed by his family; wife Dolores, daughter Cindy and son-in-law Don Davidson, grandchildren Keith and Pamela Davidson, son Bradley and grandson Nathaniel Jones, son John and daughter-in-law Ginger, twin granddaughters GiGi and J'Lee Jones, son Scott and daughter-in-law Sara Jones, grandsons Alec and Isaac Jones, one sister Rachel and brother-in-law Larry Boatright, one sister-in-law Linda Zeigler and family. Linda worked with Harry for many years. He is also survived by many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 20, at the Versailles First Assembly of God Church with the Reverend Gary Petty officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, June 19, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Inurnment will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Gideons International or to the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.