



## David Meredith Jones

March 14, 1940 - January 18, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of David Meredith Jones, born on March 14, 1940, in Anderson, Indiana. He departed this life on January 18, 2025, in Wilmington, North Carolina, at the age of 84.

Dave was the beloved son of the late Harry P. Jones and Ruby A. Jones and the cherished brother of Jim Jones (deceased) and Jon Jones.

He is survived by his wife Joan Croft-Jones, affectionately calling her his “love muffin.” He was the father to Vincent Jones and Yann Jones (Wendi) and a caring stepfather to Belinda Croft, April Cullen, Rachel Felice, and Lance Croft (Paula). He was a grandfather to Lauryn Jones, Jayden Jones, and Sydnie Jones, each of whom held a special place in his heart.

David, lovingly known as “Dave” or “Pops” by those closest to him, lived a rich and fulfilling life. Filled with love, laughter, and an enduring passion for storytelling, he was a remarkable man who left an indelible mark on everyone he encountered.

A proud alumnus of Ball State University, Dave dedicated much of his professional career to academia, serving as a professor of journalism and communications at Point Park College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a gifted educator, mentor, and inspiration to countless students, nurturing in them a deep appreciation for the written word and the power of thoughtful communication.

Dave was a man of principle, guided by a strong moral compass that demanded fairness and integrity in all things. He firmly believed that right was

right and was never afraid to speak up when something seemed amiss. This commitment to honesty and justice earned him the admiration and respect of his family, friends, and community.

Before embarking on his academic career, Dave proudly served his country in the United States Army for four years. His service exemplified his discipline and dedication, qualities that became hallmarks of his life.

Dave's love for the water was undeniable. An avid boater, he found peace and joy navigating the open waters with Joan, surrounded by the beauty of nature and the companionship of friends. He was also a fixture at the American Legion and the Two Car Bar, where he shared burgers, drinks, and spirited conversations with his "peeps." Dave was a master storyteller, known for his interesting, serious, and entertaining tales, delivered with the confidence and eloquence of a man who commanded the English language.

A man of many talents, Dave the "Wood Wizard" was also a skilled woodworker. He poured his creativity into crafting beautiful furniture pieces, many of which are now cherished heirlooms within his family. These works of art stand as a testament to his love, craftsmanship, and creativity.

Dave's legacy is one of love, dedication, and impact. As a father, husband, grandfather, educator, craftsman, and friend, he touched countless lives, leaving them richer for having known him.

Rest in peace, Pops. Your life and your memory will forever be cherished.

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ David changed a country boy into a city man. Distinct memories of a boat ride up the Monongahela with you.guys.

Joseph Knupsky - January 09 at 12:49 AM

RK

“ Dearest friend to my parents Richard and Kay Kreegar. I know you guys are sailing blue waters right now sipping cocktails!

Randi Kreegar - March 15, 2025 at 02:23 PM

JT

“ Rest easy our dear friend. Oh so many memories, from losing the motor off the boat, to nearly going off the dam, you scared me so much that I began to hate the water...what did you do?, you asked us see the movie, *The Perfect Storm*. You brought a piece of a steel railing so I could squeeze. The numerous dinners we had from cheap spaghetti night to Chinese night, all of which were memorable because of you and Joanie.  
We'll never forget you Dave, fly high with the Angels❤️

Jim and Tred - February 06, 2025 at 03:55 PM

SB

“ Rest easy Bad Ass.

Stephen Beach - February 02, 2025 at 10:51 PM

AC

“ I feel a bit guilty that my 3 children and I got to spend so many summers on the beach in Surfside SC, with Dave and Mom. In his prime years, and since we just happened to be geographically closest, he poured out so much of his talent on « the beach house » and toward spending time as Grandpa « Dave » to my children. He was a fabulous wood worker. Dave sat quietly on the beach, probably wishing he was on a boat with hands on the wheel. His love for my Mom and my family was perfect timing, actually. HE KNEW THIS. Erin, my youngest, always snuggled up to him on the couch and said « Dave smells so good . « That was just plain love that she felt. Dave loved by: creating, DOING, delivering, serving (drinks :-)). He lived to serve my mother. I thank God for that. I know he's in heaven, yet he'd never be so proud to verbally proclaim much about his destiny...he was a man of few words in his last 10 years, but God knows the good ones. Dave is one of them.

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April Cullen - January 31, 2025 at 09:47 PM

JJ

“ Vince, Yann and family. Sad to hear of Dave's passing. Only met him a handfull ot times,but admired him as a good man,intelligent but not rooted in ego but in the ability to meet and converse with anyone. Dave instilled in his Sons, class , honesty and a great work ethic. May he rest in peace knowing he left a good impression on may people. Joe D.

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joseph a daquelente jr - January 30, 2025 at 05:37 PM

AJ

“ *Uncle David will be missed from our child hood memories. When we went to vit our grandparents we always enjoyed stopping by his house next to Uncle Johns. I hope and pray that the boys will overcome this loss quickly. God's grace and speed.*

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**Anthony Jones** - January 30, 2025 at 12:41 PM