



## Michael Townsend Jones

September 11, 1965 - April 18, 2026

Michael Townsend Jones, of Wilmington, North Carolina, passed away on April 18, 2026. He was born on September 17, 1965, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Michael graduated from Southeast Guilford High School and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina Wilmington in 1988. He built a life centered around friendship, loyalty, and a deep appreciation for the people closest to him. After college, Wilmington became home—a place where he cultivated lifelong friendships, embraced coastal living, and created a life filled with connection, laughter, and style.

Michael had a passion for beauty and an eye that would spot what others missed. Passionate and fun-loving, he could charm and converse with anyone. He loved gin martinis, travel, and had a natural appreciation for style and the finer details. He also had a gift for making a house a home and was a gracious host and entertainer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Jones, and his lifelong partner, Russell J. Labelle.

Michael is survived by his mother, Freda Townsend Jones Thompson; his sister, Kay Jones and her wife, Laura Wrenn; many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly; and a tight circle of close friends who will miss him deeply.

A private celebration of life will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lower Cape Fear LifeCare. The family extends their deep appreciation to his healthcare providers for the care and compassion shown to Michael.

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *This is a photo that my mother, Michael's aunt Edith, kept with her. She cherished Michael, as did his aunt Margaret. I am fortunate to have had Michael as a cousin. I will miss finding cards from him in my mailbox.*



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**Susan Siirila** - April 29 at 06:11 PM

RB

“ *What a legend! If I have any sense of style or Grace, I learned that from Michael Jones way back in my formative years in Wilmington. Rest in Peace my friend!*



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**Robert Broadwell** - April 26 at 04:52 AM

KJ

“ *My little brother,  
I loved you to the moon and back!  
I will miss everything about you...even our squabbles.  
I love you.... Your big sister Kay*



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**Kay Jones** - April 22 at 01:38 PM

JG

“ *From the moment we met I loved Michael. His kind nature big smile and sly humor was legendary. There will only be one Michael and he will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. I know he is climbing that stairway to heaven with a little redecorating along his way. We send deep sympathies to his family and his special brother, Rod. May your beautiful memories of Michael bring you some Peace.  
Jayne & Jackie*

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**Jayne Gee** - April 22 at 11:42 AM

ED

“ *So many fond memories of shared gatherings, dinners, boating, jazz concerts, watching the flotilla at Wrightsville Beach, etc. etc. span thirty- some years. Always the attentive host with your bemused smile--you will be missed, Michael. May you rest now in peace and be greeted with love on the other side.*

*Elizabeth Darrow*

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**Elizabeth Darrow** - April 22 at 11:12 AM

BM

“ Rest in peace, dear friend.

Bob Messina - April 22 at 10:38 AM

VG

“ I have lost my “treasure hunting” buddy! Michael was so talented with an eye for design, and was always willing to help me “design on a dime”. His kindness, generosity of time, and sweet smile will be sorely missed. Heaven has gained a bright light...definitely a light full of beautiful colors. May he rest in peace.

Vicki and Eddie Gibson

Vicki Gibson - April 22 at 09:08 AM

SF

This sweet light will be missed by all that knew him. That radiant smile is what I will remember most. Fly high with the Angels until we meet again

Sarah and Chris Farmer - April 22 at 10:24 AM

JG

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Jayne & Jackie

Jayne Gee - April 22 at 10:50 AM

AL

Never a dull moment in school or on the bus. Michael always left you smiling and laughing. You will be missed Michael.

Amanda Phipps Levens - April 22 at 02:20 PM