



## Mr. Jimmy Ray Jones

November 20, 1950 - September 23, 2020

James “Jimmy” Ray Jones, a resident of Willow Springs, passed away early Wednesday morning, September 23, 2020 while at Cox South in Springfield, MO. He was born November 20, 1950 in Riverside, CA to Allen Roy and Violet Ruth (Blackwell) Jones and was 69 years old.

Jimmy grew up in Riverside, CA and attended the Arlington School. After graduating from High School in 1969, Jimmy enlisted in the US Army and was honorably discharged in 1970. He also attended Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute where he excelled to the point of being offered a scholarship. Jimmy loved to cook for his family, and they loved his cooking. He was proficient at fixing fried chicken, pot roast, ham and beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, biscuits and gravy, and many other delicious foods. He was happy to be on his farm, taking care of his cattle; however, he was happiest when he was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by his family, his friends, and all who knew him.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Angie Belt; his sister, Sharon Runnels; and his brother, Junior Jones.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer R. Storey of Springfield, MO; his grandchildren: Brad Belt, Brandon Belt, Josh Storey, and Jessica Storey; 8

great-grandchildren; 2 sisters: Carolyn Norton and Charlotte Owens; nieces: Elizabeth Martz, Gina Runnels, Stefani Jones, and nephews: Jesse Norton, James Norton, Jesse Jones, and Billy Martz.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC  
106 E 3rd St  
Willow Springs, MO 65793  
(417) 469-3141

# Tribute Wall



“ Jimmy ... aka JJ was my craziest boyfriend ever. And even though we lost touch years ago I still have memories to last a life time ... one being the day while he was still trying to win me over for a date he spotted me driving my lit'le VW ... (that would have fit inside his big'ol Hudson) with my mother on Magnolia Ave. heading downtown, Jimmy was on the opposite side on the street ... headed in the opposite direction when he flipped a u-turn ... up and over the island lined with trees to ask me again for that date. My mother's first impression was a lasting one for sure. That was Jimmy ... Great times with that Crazy Great Guy ... that voice ... that smile ... oh to see and talk with you one more time. Rest in Piece Jimmy.

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**Debra Turk Hoon** - October 15, 2020 at 10:09 PM

PD

“ I have known jimmy since high school he was the kind of person that you meet and is a friend forever. That was jimmy we called him JJ. We lost touch for a while and I got his number from mutual friend and called him it was just like we had talked yesterday. I had the privilege of driving to the farm twice and see him he was really at home on the farm. He was watching his grandkid and loving life. He will be missed by me and all his Riverside friends. Rest in peace my brother you will always be in are hearts phil duke

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**Phillip duke** - October 11, 2020 at 12:51 AM



*Jimmy ... aka JJ was the crazies boyfriend I ever had. Although we lost touch years ago I have memories to last a life time. At the time we dated he drove a big'ol Hudson. The thing was huge ... I remember one time I was driving with my mother on Magnolia Ave. in Riverside headed downtown when he spotted me on the other side of the street headed in the other direction and he flipped a u turn up and over the island lined with trees to talk to stop me ... needless to say with that being my mother's first impression ... she was concerned. But of course Jimmy being the guy that he was he won her over. Great times with a great guy ... I have great memories ❤️ Rest In Peace Jimmy💔😭*

**Debra Turk Hoon** - October 15, 2020 at 08:04 PM

JW

“ *James And Jean Worley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy Ray Jones*



**James and jean Worley** - October 01, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JW

*Going to miss him lots and his potato salad was awesome*

**James and jean Worley** - October 01, 2020 at 04:34 PM

DG

“ *Rest in Peace, my brother.*

**DebiAnn Gavin** - October 01, 2020 at 10:43 AM

DS

“ *Jimmy we will all miss you. You meant alot to us. He was a good man.*

**Debbie sanders** - September 30, 2020 at 08:31 PM

SH

“ Josh  
Sorry to hear about your grandpa

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**sherry** - September 26, 2020 at 09:12 PM

MC

“ Going to miss you like crazy Jimmy Jones. Sure loved having BBQ's and camping. Love you.

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**Melissa Carroll** - September 24, 2020 at 02:39 AM

AW

“ Going to miss you like crazy jimmy... You was always like a second dad you could say to me.. Could sit and talk to you for hours about what ever.. Never judge me or anyone.. RIP... My friend going to miss you so much... Love Amanda

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**Amanda worley** - September 23, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JW

“ Going to miss u Jimmy Jones u were a very great friend prayers for all the family

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**James and jean Worley** - September 23, 2020 at 03:10 PM