

James Marlyn Jones

October 9, 1936 - November 26, 2015

James Marlyn Jones, (aka: Jim and Marlyn), age 79, passed peacefully at Golden Living, on November 26, 2015 (Thanksgiving Day) from complications of cancer. Born October 9, 1936, in Draper, UT to James Alton and Wanda Gifford Jones.

He grew up in Salt Lake City and graduated from Granite High School. A proud and honorable Veteran, James served for two years in the U.S. Army, Ft. Carson, CO. He married his sweetheart, Carol Ann Wilkey, May 8, 1959, and later solemnized in the Salt Lake City Temple, May 8, 1960.

James was a hard-working, brilliant inventor, and worked full and part-time jobs, as a major appliance repairman—for more than 30 years—in order for his wife to be a stay-at-home mother to their four children. Jim and Carol designed and built their family home in East Midvale, where they lived for nearly 40 years. His greatest joy was his sweetheart, Carol, and his children. They loved their New Year's Eve parties with friends; camping, fishing, floating the Green River; and Jim loved hunting duck, pheasant, rabbit, deer, and elk—which provided food for his family. Jim was a quiet, gentle giant who loved and revered nature and wildlife with deep respect, appreciation, and admiration. An admired teacher in the Boy Scouts program for his brilliant mind, skills, and passion for the outdoors. He loved Jazz music, and his favorite song was "Take Five" by Dave Brubeck. He would listen to his Jazz while tinkering around his garage shop—working on their vehicles and coming up with his latest inventions to make life at home more comfortable. Preceded in death by his parents, wife, and grandson, James Walter Miller.

Survived by his children, Pamela A. (Gordon) Miller, Karen A. (Blake) Bowthorpe, Mark E. (Patricia) Jones, Darin B. Jones, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild; siblings: Carol Jean Adams, Jacqué (Gary) Ballard, Etta May (Ellsworth) Johnson, Brent (Nelda) Eggett, Brenda Eggett (Janet); many nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family thanks the teams at Golden Living and Brighton Hospice for their quick, compassionate care; Karen Law, PA-C at the Blue Clinic, VA Medical Center; the staff at Friendship Manor; the staff at Guardian and Conservator; and Serenity Funeral Home.

The family wishes to thank Nicholas III & Patti Gilbert for their generous contribution.

Comments



“ This is a poem I wrote in tribute to my father at his memorial service, Sat., Dec. 5, 2015:

“JAMES MARLYN JONES”

James Marlyn Jones—
Into this world, was born;
He slept upon a cot and lived—
Practically forlorn.

From his humble beginnings,
He noticed deep within—
A need so strong to rise above
The woes of life and win!

His family called him Marlyn,
Jim, Jimmy, Jimbo, too;
JJ, Pops, and Papa Smurf—
You'd think he'd come from the zoo!

Before he reached his twenties,
He served the Army proud.
He kept things neatly filed—
Disorder was not allowed.

A few years after discharge—
While searching for a wife,
He met his sweetheart, Carol—
And together, they made a life!

They started having children;
Pamela was their first one—
Then Karen, Mark and Darin;
After him, they both were done.

Dad had a love for nature—
It's where the closest he
Could feel himself next to God—
Near lakes, streams, and trees.

The protector of his family,
Jim labored all his days;
To provide a life of comfort;
Through his ingenious ways.

His mind was always working—
His heart would never stop
His smile kept on beaming—

And landed he on top.

Although he had nice tools—
The greatest were his hands;
He loved to work in his garage—
And listen to jazz bands.

Riding his Rokon Ranger
And Tote-Gotes were so much fun;
Jim could ride dirt trails all day—
Till the setting of the sun.

Fishing was a pastime
Jim passionately loved;
And hunting geese, duck, deer, and elk—
Rabbits and mourning doves.

When Carol became ill,
Jim was right there by her side;
Lovingly he cared for her—
His healing power applied.

If ever there was worry,
Doubt, stress, or dismay;
He'd clasp his hands in silent prayer,
And something like this, he'd say:

'My Dear Heavenly Father,
I call upon you now,
Help me be strong for my dear family—
Wipe the sweat from on my brow.'

Throughout his days, Jim lived a life
Of gratitude and grace;
A man of merit and meekness
That time cannot erase.

Now we are left with memories of
Life lessons tried and true;
The greatest tribute we can give
Is to live them through and through.

We honor you, James Marlyn Jones,
On this Memorial Day;
You're free to fly—with wings widespread—
Go dance with Mom, and play.

~Darin Bradley Jones

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“ I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Jim. While I didn't know him for very long he touched my life. He had a gentleness about him that just made you feel comfortable being around him. The first time I met him was at one of Darin's Art Gallery showings, about 5 years ago. He was so kind and thoughtful in talking with me and was so proud of his son. It is clear that he was an amazing father and proud of all of his children, because Darin, Karen, Pam and Mark are equally amazing as are his grandchildren. I never had the pleasure of knowing Carol, but I have heard how amazing she was. Together Jim and Carol created some of the most wonderful, loving, caring and compassionate people I have ever known. When James Walter Miller died the whole family was there for each other. It was an incredibly beautiful thing to see them come together as family in an out pouring of love. I thought to myself there is so much love in this family they are truly blessed to have each other and what an incredible family. I hope that same love brings all of you together as you say Goodbye to your wonderful dear father. My heart smiles with the thought of Jim and Carol being reunited together and I can only imagine how joyous that reunion must have been. He has waited a long time to see his dear Carol again. I trust that Carol and James as well as other loved ones in heaven embraced him into their loving arms and welcomed him home. While it is sad to see this remarkable man leave it is bitter sweet knowing he won't have to endure cancer. It is fitting he returned to heaven on Thanksgiving.

Light and love to all of you in his family, may you find strength in each other as you honor your father's memory.

Jim goodbye my dear friend, thank you for making my life better! May you rest in peace and may you find yourself smiling from time to time as you look down on us from heaven. Thank you for enriching all of our lives may we all strive to be like you. Thank you for sharing your dear family with us.

With sincere sympathy and love,

Garth Adamson

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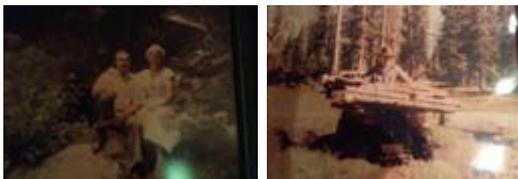
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“ I will always love the special memories and special experiences we had as a family. I loved my brother and sister in law so very much and my special nieces and nephews. We went boating together, shared holidays, birthdays, and special occasions--weddings, missionary farewells and home comings, blessings, etc. Carol Ann and I loved to go to the temple and lunch together a lot. I just loved visiting them at their home and sharing their love and memories. They both are loved and cherished and I miss them a lot. Love to all the family. Love, Etta Johnson, sister.

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“ He helped me get a lot of merit badges when I was in scouts!! A great man. I'm sorry for your loss your a great family!! Love ken Whipple

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