



## Alfred Journey Jones

August 21, 1941 - February 12, 2025

Alfred Journey Jones, affectionately known as "Al," passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at the age of 83.

Born on August 21, 1941, in Harmony, NC, he was the son of Paul Campbell Jones and Swannie Lee Journey Jones, who preceded him in death. Al dedicated his life to education and athletics, shaping the lives of countless students and athletes. In 1966, he moved to Mooresville, where he continued his 38-year career as a teacher and coach at Mooresville Junior High School. His passion for sports and mentorship led him to coach High School Baseball, Junior High Baseball, Junior High Track, Junior High Football and Junior High Basketball for 12 years. He also spent a decade coaching high school basketball, where he was named Coach of the Year at two different conferences and led his teams to conference championships in 1980 and 1987.

Beyond coaching, Al served as the Director of Transportation for Mooresville Schools for eight years before concluding his career as the principal of Park View Elementary. His dedication to education and leadership was recognized when he was named the 1999 Principal of the Year. His impact on students, athletes, teachers, and the community was profound, and his legacy continues to inspire.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Al loved Mooresville High School Basketball and was a devoted fan of Duke Basketball.

In addition to his dedication to education, Al had a deep love for the Mooresville community. He served as the Ward 3 Commissioner on the Town Board for six years, followed by six years as the Mayor of Mooresville. His commitment to public service and his passion for the town were evident in all he did for the community.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward P. Jones and David F. Jones, and his sisters, Paulette J. Driver and Violet J. Weisner.

Al is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Karol Jones; his daughters, Allison Long (Derwin) and Jenny Love (Chans); and his beloved grandchildren, Hannah Jiménez (Aldo), Jesse Ann Long, Journey Weatherman, and Collin Weatherman. He is also survived by his step-grandson, Scout Love, and two godchildren, Wess Thompson and Jenna Taylor. Al was blessed with two great-grandchildren, Carson Weatherman and Lilia Jiménez, who brought him immense joy.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 21st from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Heritage House. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, February 22nd at 11:00 AM at Broad Street Methodist Church in Mooresville. Following the service, there will be another visitation at Union Grove United Methodist Church in Union Grove on Saturday, February 22nd from 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mooresville Area Bible Teachers Association (MABTA), P.O. Box 1091, Mooresville, NC 28115; Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County; or Broad Street Methodist

Church in Mooresville.

Al will be deeply missed but forever cherished in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mr. Jones. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

FEB 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Celebration of Life

FEB 22. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Broad Street Church  
355 South Broad Street  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Alfred Jones was my uncle, and I love him dearly. I played sports at Mooresville Junior High School while he was coaching boys’ teams, and I was so proud to be related to such a wonderful, kind, influential person. I sprained my ankle badly during an away basketball game once, and I remember him quickly getting an ice pack and carrying me to his car to take me home. I was a babysitter for his two beautiful daughters, Allison and Jenny, and I remember walking to visit Aunt Karol and Uncle Al many times. They introduced me to Sonny and Cher records, and I was impressed to see a Janis Joplin record in their collection. We attended countless Jones’ family reunions over the decades. We have a large, loving extended family, and I will be forever grateful to be a member. All of Uncle Al’s brothers and sisters passed away before him, including my mother. I found a photo of them I’d like to share. We will miss your infectious laugh and big heart, Uncle Al. I love you.



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**Katrina Weisner Hunt** - February 22, 2025 at 01:44 AM

RB

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the entire Jones family. I had the pleasure of working with Al when he was an assistant principal at MMS. His love of teaching and working with children was infectious. He was always kind, fair, and his sense of humor helped to brighten every day. He will be missed. May happy memories of him continue to comfort you.

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**Rosemary Ballard** - February 21, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Alfred Journey Jones.*



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February 21, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alfred Journey Jones.

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February 18, 2025 at 03:38 PM



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February 18, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfred Journey Jones.*



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February 17, 2025 at 03:44 PM

WT

“ Wanda Marshburn & R/N Merchandising Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alfred Journey Jones.

Wanda Marshburn & R/N Merchandising Team - February 17, 2025 at 12:53 PM

WT

“ Wanda Marshburn & R/N Merchandising Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Alfred Journey Jones.



Wanda Marshburn & R/N Merchandising Team - February 17, 2025 at 12:53 PM

TH

“ Meet Coach Jones when we moved to Mooresville in the late 60's. He was my football coach for 2 years and has been a friend since. I will miss seeing him at the MABTA tournament where i joked with him as he was gathering up the trash. I joked that he had went from mayor to trash collector. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you at this time and may God bless you. 🙏🙏🙏 Tommy and Julie Hager

Tommy Hager - February 14, 2025 at 01:53 PM

BG

“ My deepest condolences to Carol , Allison, Jenny and family. I have a lot of fond memories of working with Al as the AP at Park View for four years when he was principal. This photo of Al puts a smile on my face. I'm thankful for those years and the time we spent together.

Barbara Gandy - February 14, 2025 at 05:58 AM

CS

“ Coach Al Jones was a constant in the Mooresville Schools. So many of us in the 1980s remember him in PE, health ed, and sports teams. He was always approachable and had a sense of humor about him.

Chris Stonestreet - February 13, 2025 at 10:20 PM

BC

“ I met Mr Jones in 1967 at the old Jr High School. As a young student I thought he was a very intimidating man but as I got older I found that he had a warm heart and truly cared for his students. Mr Jones also cared for this town and did a great job as Town Commissioner and Mayor of Mooresville. Mr Jones will live forever in our hearts and for the lives he touched.

Bobby Compton - February 13, 2025 at 08:26 PM

SM

“ Karol and family, I was so sorry to hear about Al. I enjoyed teaching with Al. He was a great coach and friend! My prayers are with you and family!



Suzanne Markofski - February 13, 2025 at 03:43 PM

SK

“ Coach Jones welcomed me to town and the Blue Devils Basketball team when I moved to Mooresville in 1987. He had a way of making everyone laugh and smile. He will be missed. Sending prayers to Jenny and the family.  
Steve Kinion

Steve Kinion - February 13, 2025 at 01:52 PM

RW

*Uncle Al always had a smile; I never saw him angry. Growing up he put up with our antics when we visited Papaw Jones' house. I will always remember how his glass was always half full. Be at peace. Renee Weisner*

**Renee Weisner** - February 13, 2025 at 04:09 PM

TN

*“ Fine man, praying for family and friends. God Bless each of you but there's no more pain or suffering for Mr. Jones.*

**Tom Nixon** - February 13, 2025 at 01:51 PM

RW

*“ Allison and Jenny, Janielle and I just learned today on Facebook that your daddy had died. What a shock! He was the same age as Janielle and I are now! (She turned my age yesterday!) Know that our prayers are with you two and your families. Please relate this to your mother also since we knew her over the years. She was so friendly; Al was too. He did a great deal for a lot of people around Mooresville and beyond. As the French say, "Que Dieu vous bénisse!" (May God bless you!) Take care! Be safe! You, Allison and Jenny, know how much fun it was teaching you two! We had a good time while learning! Love, Roy (Monsieur) and Janielle Watkins*

**Roy Watkins** - February 13, 2025 at 11:35 AM

DW

*“ Prayers for Carol and family. Al was a respected friend and also a great coach and teacher for both of our boys.*

**Don & Gail West** - February 13, 2025 at 09:51 AM

BH

“ Beverly Sproul Holt lit a candle in memory of Alfred Journey Jones



Beverly Sproul Holt - February 13, 2025 at 09:47 AM

BH

May God wrap his almighty arms around you Carol, Allison & Jenny and give you peace and comfort as you move forward in this life. Cherish all your wonderful memories and know that Al still lives within your heart every day. This life is temporary. Eternity is where we will be reunited never to be apart again. God Bless each of you. Beverly Sproul Holt

Beverly Sproul Holt - February 13, 2025 at 09:54 AM

RS

“ Loved Coach Al Jones! Such a kind, fun, personable, caring, teacher/coach. I was one of his statisticians and kept the book for the Blue Devils varsity men’s basketball team during those exciting years of 1979-1981. Deep Sympathy and comfort to his family & friends.

Rondy McBrayer Smith - February 13, 2025 at 07:37 AM

RU

“ Rusty lit a candle in memory of Alfred Journey Jones



Rusty - February 13, 2025 at 06:40 AM

CD

“ *Mr. Jones had many different lives, my best memory is him running into the student-faculty basketball game in his vintage basketball attire including red striped tube socks, chucks, and a red cape. Heaven will be a little more fun now. Love to the family!* ”

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**Cindy Dunagan** - February 13, 2025 at 06:20 AM

JS

“ *Jody Sproul-Malcolm lit a candle in memory of Alfred Journey Jones* ”



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**Jody Sproul-Malcolm** - February 13, 2025 at 05:35 AM

ES

“ *Elaine Smith lit a candle in memory of Alfred Journey Jones* ”



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**Elaine Smith** - February 13, 2025 at 03:03 AM

ES

*Prayers for the family and friends. Al was a good man and I'm glad to have known him*

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**Elaine Smith** - February 13, 2025 at 03:07 AM

CJ

“ *Cindy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Alfred Journey Jones*



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**Cindy Jacobs** - February 13, 2025 at 12:41 AM

MK

“ *Marsha Keener lit a candle in memory of Alfred Journey Jones*



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**Marsha Keener** - February 12, 2025 at 11:05 PM

MK

“ *Mr. Jones was amazing COACH, teacher and friend. He taught those of us who knew him to respect, and do your best. Thank you for teaching me to drive - I was so afraid to drive on the interstate and parallel park . Most of all, thank you for being part of my Jr. High Red Imps family! Rest in peace Mr. Al Jones 🙏*

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**Marsha Keener** - February 12, 2025 at 11:02 PM

BT

“ *Karol and family, Al was a devoted family man and man of faith. I know his passing is a loss to all of you. May God be with you in your time of mourning.*

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**Bill Thunberg** - February 12, 2025 at 10:36 PM

TM

“ Mr. Jones was my coach, teacher, mentor, and friend. He touched my life in so many ways. He helped make Mooresville a great place to live. I know his family will truly miss him and I will too. Tom McCraw

Tom McCraw - February 12, 2025 at 10:31 PM

MC

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Jones and time spent with his family growing up in Mooresville as a friend of Jenny's. He was so funny and a beloved coach. Jenny, Allison, and Karol, my heart goes out to you all and your families. Love and hugs, Meredith Moore Comer

Meredith Comer - February 12, 2025 at 09:42 PM



Al Jones was a great man loved him and Carol my Synpathy to Carol and children.

Charlotte Smith - February 13, 2025 at 02:21 PM

DA

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Jones. He definitely left his mark on the lives of so many students. Rest in peace "coach".

Dale - February 12, 2025 at 08:21 PM

JD

“ He was a good man. God bless you Mr Al Jones 🙏



Josh Donaldson - February 12, 2025 at 08:11 PM

DM

“ *Donna McDaniels lit a candle in memory of Alfred Journey Jones*



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**Donna McDaniels** - February 12, 2025 at 07:20 PM

SW

“ *Condolences to the family on your loss. Hold memories close. Al was a fine person to work with and to know. Sending thoughts and prayers your way.*



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**Sabrina Wells** - February 12, 2025 at 06:41 PM

JM

“ *Al, or as many of us knew him, “coach” was a leader. He taught me and countless others how to be winners, even when we lost. Coach was a positive force in my teens and his impact on the youth that went through the Mooresville school system was immeasurable. My condolences to the family.*

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**Jeff Mack** - February 12, 2025 at 06:20 PM

RO

“ *Many fond memories of having Al as a coach, teacher and friend over the years. My prayers are the family. May you be comforted by the Lord and the many great memories this great man.*

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**Ritchie Oliphant** - February 12, 2025 at 05:57 PM

RL

*Mr. Jones was a good man. Even later in life I referred to him as Mr Jones. Out of respect and out of fear. Back in junior high one of our catch phrases was "ow" stretched out. If you said that and he heard it you got two licks. One for each letter of his name. But he was a favorite and he was respected.*

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**randy lee** - February 12, 2025 at 06:16 PM

DH

*Karol and family: I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed being in gym class with you and Al. I teased Al about being a Duke fan and he just had a big grin. He will be missed.*

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**Diane Hurlbut** - February 14, 2025 at 02:25 PM

CM

*“ Karol, my heart goes out to you. Al was one of a kind.  
Love to you and your family*



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**Cynthia McLaurin** - February 12, 2025 at 05:22 PM

CW

*My condolences to Jones Family. You are the best Mr. Jones.*

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**Charles Walker** - February 18, 2025 at 07:04 PM