



Joe Wayne Jones

January 11, 1949 - November 5, 2022

Joe “Wayne” Jones, known to his grandchildren and great grandchildren as Papa, passed away unexpectedly on November 5th, 2022 at the age of 73. He was surrounded by his loved ones as he departed this earth. Anyone who was lucky enough to cross paths with Wayne was better for knowing him. He was a light in the world that will never be replaced. Wayne was born January 11th, 1949 in Panama City. He grew up in Lake Butler during his early years and moved to Sumter County in the 60’s, and graduated from the Class of 1967 at South Sumter High School.

Wayne served in US Air Force during the Vietnam war. He then joined the Division Forestry as a Forest Ranger and retired 33 years later as a Forest Area Supervisor. Many, many different hobbies have occupied Wayne’s time over the years including painting, golf, racquetball, photography, RVing, hunting, and fishing, but throughout all of these, music has always been his biggest joy. He played with his band Central Avenue for over twenty years in a multitude of weddings, parties, restaurants, dive bars, and VFWs. Most recently he was part of a group of old high school buddies who held regular jam sessions at his home. As much as he loved music, Wayne lived for his family. He is survived by Susan, his wife and soulmate of 44 years, daughters Kellie Ross (Kris), Jennifer Moseley (Ronnie), Jessica Kelly (Timmy), brothers Ken (Diane) and Mike (Marilyn), and grandchildren Kait Nesbitt (Jake), Kymbra Windham (Jack), Dylan Gregory, Carson Gregory, Brooke Moseley, Kaylah Kelly, and Beau Moseley, and great grandchildren Eva Nesbitt, Maddie

Nesbitt, and Aly Windham. He was preceded in death by his father Joe Jones, mother Annette Jones Brown, and granddaughter Kristal Ross. There will be a Celebration of a Grand Life on January 7th at 4 pm, at the home that Wayne shared with Susan. We look forward to hearing all of the stories from his friends and family. Facts, tall tales, and legends will all be accepted and enjoyed.

Previous Events

Celebration

JAN 7. 4:00 PM.

Home That Wayne Shared

Tribute Wall

AD

“ *My heart hurts for you all I've known Susan and Wayne many years he was a great friend*

Ann Dixon - November 25, 2022 at 11:08 AM

CS

“ *Susan, I am so sorry for your loss. Wayne taught me so much about wildland fire fighting. I admired his abilities to manage and train firefighters on a daily basis. He had a knack of promoting our employee's to join our Incident Command Teams, including me!*

Wayne was an exceptional People Person. Folks would gravitate around Wayne at any event, meeting, or wildfire.....and he could sure play some music!!

Prayers for you and the family.

Chuck Schneider

chuck schneider - November 10, 2022 at 05:22 PM

AF

“ *So very sorry for your loss! We so enjoyed getting to know you both on the Outlaw Country Cruise! I have enjoyed following all of your adventures on Facebook. Wayne really enjoyed his life! God Bless!*

Alana and Jim Favero - November 08, 2022 at 08:31 AM

JB

“ I have known Wayne & Susan since High School. I was so grateful I got to spend the evening at their home two weeks ago. The outside fire was roaring, the food & drinks flowed as the family & friends were welcomed with love. Wayne & the guys played music for hours as we all sat around enjoying their warm, welcoming home. Wayne touched the live of many people & I am so grateful to be his friend. RIP Wayne.



Janice McGuire Bonham - November 07, 2022 at 10:11 PM

DL

Wayne was a wonderful brother-in-law and husband to Susan. He was always receptive to everyone coming to his home. The Letzring get together at Christmas was always a treat, even though we were unable to attend in recent years. Prayers for all of the family as you go through this difficult time.

Don & Joan Letzring - November 08, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joe Wayne Jones.



November 07, 2022 at 08:05 PM