



Marvin "Doc" Jones

December 20, 1933 - December 7, 2024

Marvin Orlo "Doc" Jones peacefully passed away on December 7, 2024. Marvin was just shy of his 91st birthday. Born the third of six children, on December 20, 1933, in Grelton, Ohio, to Orlo and Leannah (Schuler) Jones. After graduating from Malinta-Grelton High School, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Marvin was based in Germany as a radar repair specialist and traveled extensively in his Volkswagen Beetle to rural areas of Europe. He found new hobbies in photography and travel. Doc never knew a "stranger" no matter how far he ventured. He was an engaging storyteller and traveled as a state veterinarian, district rotary representative, reunion organizer and faithful friend to many. These experiences provided stories he would continue to share throughout his long life.

Marvin returned to the U.S. at the end of his military service and the GI Bill allowed him to pursue a veterinary degree. Marvin obtained his undergraduate degree (1961) and Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from The Ohio State University (1965). It was at Ohio State where he met the love of his life, Marlene Wilkins of Bluffton, Ohio. They were married on July 3, 1965. Marvin and Marlene had two children, John and Dianne.

Doc started a mixed animal veterinary practice in Liberty Center, Ohio, before starting a 30-year career with the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a Veterinary Medical Officer. He worked fighting animal diseases throughout Northwest Ohio to eliminate Hog Cholera and Pseudorabies. He retired in 1998.

Marvin was an incredible father who never missed a game or performance, was supportive of John and Dianne in their pursuits. Both of them have followed his example of giving back to the community and church.

Marvin was a member of the Grelton United Methodist Church and later the Colton United Methodist Church where he served as a trustee and adult Sunday School Teacher for many years. He also served many years on the Washington Township zoning board.

He was a member of the Toledo, Ohio and American Veterinary Medical Associations. A 40-year member of the Liberty Center Rotary Club in District 6600 where he served several years as the Assistant Governor of Area 2.

He loved his family. He enjoyed his time with the grandchildren, working at the farm, traveling, beekeeping and the OSU Buckeyes. He could befriend anyone, loved to talk and make connections with people. Until his last years, he frequently visited friends and made new friends at area nursing homes. He lived out his faith in a quiet, consistent way, touching the lives of so many in the community.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Marlene; son, John (Sheri) of Liberty Center and daughter, Dianne Landrum (Mark) of Ellicott City, MD; and six grandchildren, Morgan Jones, Ben Landrum, Sydney Jones, Ellen Landrum, Jenna Jones and Adam Landrum.

Sister, Norma Jones (Deceased), Brother of Arthur W. "Casey" (Deceased) and J. Elwood "Woody" (Deceased) of Grelton, Lynn E. of Reynoldsburg, and Rodney N. of Oakwood.

A visitation will be held for "Doc" on Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 3-7pm at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon. A visitation and service will be held at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Friday, December 13, 2024, from 10am until the time of services at 11am. Interment will take place at Grelton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Colton United Methodist Church or a charity of your choice. Online condolences can be made for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Grelton Cemetery

Grelton, OH 43523

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ So very sorry to hear about Marv's passing. He was a good friend and neighbor to me for twenty plus years. We shared many hours mowing and keeping the Maumee River bank looking nice in front of our homes. Marv taught me how to be a Bee Keeper which eventually led my receiving a Henry County license for bee keeping. Even though I moved away, I could always count on receiving a Christmas card from Marv and Marlene. My sympathy goes out to Marlene and her family.

Terry McDowell

Terry McDowell - December 18, 2024 at 12:35 PM



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

December 12, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ The Spangler Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marvin "Doc" Jones.



The Spangler Family - December 11, 2024 at 06:14 PM

TC

“ The Pediatric Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marvin "Doc" Jones.



The Pediatric Center - December 10, 2024 at 04:36 PM

DR

“ Doc would go to Genacross and visit w/his friends there. I was lucky enough to work at the front desk so he could share a bit of wisdom with me each time. He really was a very nice gentleman and I am so sorry for your loss.

Deb Redlawski - December 10, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin "Doc" Jones.



December 09, 2024 at 08:38 PM



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“ Sympathy Marlene and families!.,
Doc was a Great Man

LaRena Callahan - December 09, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ Marlene, John and Diane, My sincere sympathy to all of you. I first met Marv when I lived in Mack Hall at OSU. He and his sidekick Ralph worked in the dining room there. Later our families had other connections. I know you will miss him. His obituary tells what a great person he was.

Sue Badenhop Tucker

Suzanne Tucker - December 09, 2024 at 05:06 PM



Doc was my Grandma George's next door neighbor. She always talked highly of him. I had the pleasure of running into him at the Lutheran Home in Napoleon when I was visiting my dad, Burdette, and he was visiting the fellow sharing a room with dad. We had an enjoyable conversation reminiscing. My sympathies.

Pam Kruse - December 10, 2024 at 08:32 PM

MW

“ *Max and Mallory Weaver purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marvin "Doc" Jones.*



Max and Mallory Weaver - December 09, 2024 at 04:38 PM

MU

“ *Mandy, Eric and Glen Mar UMC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marvin "Doc" Jones.*



Mandy, Eric and Glen Mar UMC - December 09, 2024 at 03:36 PM

FA

“ *From Bob and Karen Adams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marvin "Doc" Jones.*



From Bob and Karen Adams - December 09, 2024 at 11:03 AM