



Maxwell Jones

January 10, 1908 - June 27, 2009

William Maxwell Jones

Max Jones, 101, was born 1-10-08 in Scottsburg, Indiana, son of Mary Alice Perrin and Jesse Elston Jones and died 6-27-09 in Leon Valley. He was preceded in death by an infant brother; his wife of 53 years, Drusilla Lyle Cravens of Ft. Worth; and second wife of 10 years, Isabel Abdou Hatchett of El Paso. He is survived by his only child, Patricia Lynn, her husband Daniel Brown Smith, and sons, Timothy Jace Smith of Marietta, GA, Daniel Houston Smith and Lyle Harrison Smith, of San Antonio. He is also survived by Jerry and Susan Hatchett and Joele and Cynthia Hatchett of Santa Barbara, Calif, and Sherridan Mims Smith and wife Christina Johns of Acton, Calif. Special thanks goes to his loving caretakers, Carol Espinoza, Norma Atilano, Aida Hernandez, and Silvia Cordero.

His paternal grandfather, Levi Rawlings Jones, was mustered out of the Civil War in Atlanta and walked home to Indiana with 3 pecans left in his pocket. Levi was the great grandson of William E. Collings, survivor of the 1812 Pigeon Roost Massacre. His maternal grandfather, Thomas Elija Perrin stayed on the farm so that brothers, Deck and Hez, could go to medical school. Tom's wife, Sarah Elizabeth Callaway was a fine seamstress who made dresses for the ladies in Scottsburg. Her adopted brother was Indiana Congressman Eugene Burgess E. B. Crowe.

Born and raised a Methodist, Max began his life as a salesman at the age of 8, traveling with his father selling Elgin sewing machines and later selling musical instruments at the family store. Being self-taught, he played with Bert Wilburn and the Blue Moon Entertainers for dances all over No TX and So OK, until the Depression hit. After driving a pipeline mule team, selling tombstones, and helping to farm, he designed, built and taught 9-hole golf. In 1935, after 2 hard winters of snow and cold, he noticed an ad with a couple sitting on a beach under an umbrella wearing shorts, and soon moved to Texas. Hired by Nivision-Weiskopf, his largest order was for 7 million labels. He later worked for Brown & Bigelow, known as the biggest calendar printer in the world featuring famous artwork of painter Norman Rockwell or poses of Marilyn Monroe. Max proudly served in the Navy during WWII. Never one to sit still, Max enjoyed fixing things, building or refinishing furniture, hunting, fishing and camping from which he began the Campers Kitchen Company as a hobby out of his 1-car garage with orders nation-wide. After 34 years with B&B, he entered the 1st lien mortgage business and worked until his mid 90's. He served on the planning committee for the senior citizens community center in Leon Valley and its city council in 1992-94. In 1996, he was president of the Businessmen's Dinner Club and in 2008 received his 60 year Masonic pin. He never met a stranger, enjoyed his daily bourbon and believed in helping others. Just as he embraced life with all it offered, so was he anticipating in wonderment what great things were coming next.

Memorials may be sent to the Old Ox Church est. 1823, Richard L. Applegate, Treasurer, c/o 421 S. Whippoorwill Lane, Scottsburg, IN 47170.

SERVICES

The funeral service will be held at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the Old Mausoleum Chapel at Mission Burial Park North, 20900 IH 10 West, followed by entombment. Committal Services conducted by the Helotes

Masonic Lodge #1429.

Tribute Wall

GB

“ *Max lived the American dream by working hard at many endeavors throughout his life and making the best of every opportunity. He was upbeat and always had a smile. He was active until the end and will be missed!*

Gary Barr - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Pat, I know your Father will be very missed. What a wonderful and interesting life he shared. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

connie priest - July 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ *Pat & family, I only knew your dad from seeing him come and go at your house but when I was out he always said something that made me laugh or tapped his horn and waved as he drove off. You were fortunate to have had him so many years and I know the memor*

Shirley Yoakum - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear Jones Family:*

It is with deepest sadness that I extend my condolences to you on the loss of your beloved.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, I am sincerely thankful for his valiant service and dedi

Senator Leticia Van de Putte - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Pat,

I was so sorry to hear this morning about the loss of your dad. You are a very special daughter and all the time spent with him will become special memories for you and your family. I can definitely relate to the lost of a dear father, and I

Janet Keeling - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *I feel so blessed to have known and loved Max. He will be greatly missed and always remembered.*

Tricia Turrentine - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *I never knew you directly, but I see your character in your family. I know you will be missed by all those who knew you. Rowland Reyna*

Rowland Reyna, MD - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

Julian Cruz & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Maxwell Jones*

h Ron Stephens - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *the winds of time will erase our footprints,
but our memories will remain”*

*Max was my history lesson, for he shared his world of knowledge
along with his laughter that still rings in my ears he was my friend.*

h Ron Stephens - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Max will be surely missed but never forgotten. Patti and family,
please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
We love you!*

Patty & Bill Thompson - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM