



Rev. Gary Jones

April 9, 1949 - April 25, 2016

The family of Rev. Gary Jones want to announce that he went to his heavenly reward on April 25, 2016, after a long battle with cancer. He was born at home on April 9, 1949 in Marion, Illinois to Lawrence Bob Jones and Dorothy Hill Jones with his paternal grandmother Thella Cecile Malone Jones Boatright assisting the doctor. He lived his entire childhood there, graduating from Marion High School in 1967.

He gave his heart and life to the Lord at age 11 and was called to the Ministry at age 12 and immediately began to find opportunities to preach. At age 14, he was the Youth Camp main speaker for the Illinois District of the Assemblies of God.

As a teenager while working at a gas station he watched migrant workers pass through and wanted so much to share the Gospel of Salvation Message with them. That led him to begin learning Spanish on his own with Berlitz tapes and Spanish courses in high school. He then went to Bible College at Southwestern Assemblies of God where he graduated in 1971. He also did missions work in Mexico and Nicaragua during the summers throughout his college years.

He married Cheryl Lynn Roberson August 28, 1971. His first Pastorate was at Templo Bethesda that same year. They went to Central America in 1975. They

served in Nicaragua until the revolution and then in Costa Rica where they served 12 years.

He returned to the States, served / ministered in Houston, TX at Christian Life Center, then in San Antonio at Templo Sion. He was elected to the Gulf Latin America District of the Assemblies of God and served as Vice Superintendent 2 years and then Superintendent for 8 years. He has been a part of the Ministerial staff at El Sendero Assembly of God Church.

He is preceded in death by both his parents, his mother-in-law Pauline Roberson and his grandparents.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl Lynn Jones, his children Rebecca Anne Cano & David Cano, and Brian Matthew Jones & Kathaleen Jones. 3 little granddaughters Niah and Gianna Cano, and Beverly Giardino-Jones; and his father-in-law Cliff Roberson; his sisters Joyce Duffer and Bill Duffer, Roberta Coleman and their children and spouses and grandchildren.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at El Sendero Assembly of God Church, 5408 Daughtry Drive with a Prayer Service to be held at 7:00 PM. Procession will depart the church on Friday, April 29, 2016 after a Church Service at 1:00 PM at Bethesda Assemblies of God Church, 8311 S Zarzamora. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South. You may sign the on-line guest book at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.