



## Robert Kenneth Jones

November 17, 1950 - July 14, 2020

Robert Kenneth Jones was born November 17, 1950 in Danville, Illinois. He was the son of Kenneth Roy Jones (1909-1975) and Kathryn Baum Jones (1911-1988). His grandparents were Roy H. and Nellie Jones of Monticello, IL and Chester and Nora Baum of Danville IL. Mr. Jones attended Pine Crest High School in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and graduated in 1969. He attended college at Florida Southern College and Northern Illinois University. He was the former owner of Bob Jones Associates Insurance in Danville, IL. He was an adolescent counselor/therapist/ substance abuse counselor and/or facility administrator for most of his life. For the past two years of his life, Bob was a well-respected journalist for Chaplain USA. His journals have reached audiences around the world and to read Bob's writing is to apprehend what is evidenced all around us. His podcast, "Mystical Elephant," will continue to bring inspiration to all. Mr. Jones is survived by his dear wife, Bonita (Hallead) of Germantown, TN, daughters, Courtney (Jon) Hill and Kristen (Matt) Perry of Naperville, IL, and son Steven Matthies (Mary Jane) of Memphis, TN. He also leaves his dear grandchildren, Olivia, Ava, Jack, Sofia, Preston and Landon. He is predeceased by his brother, Jack Jones and sister, Mary Kathryn Jones.

To know Bob Jones was to love him. He always made you feel seen and appreciated immediately. Bob's sense of humor, gift of mimicry, and talent for doling out bon mots at just the right moment could reduce you to hysterical laughter within seconds. He was the best storyteller you could ever meet, and

he was a man who never forgot anyone with whom he crossed paths. Bob had a deep devotion to supporting and working with people who were dealing with psychological or substance use issues. His concern was genuine, and his wells of empathy were deep. Bob was a fine man indeed, and was a true example of faith in action.

A memorial service will be planned for Bob in the future in his home state of Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory can be made to St Jude's Children's Hospital, Save the Children, UNICEF or Covenant House.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bonita, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's death but am also so glad that you had all those years together. I have missed you these 50 plus years and always hoped you were doing well. I am in the Black Hills of SD. I do not know where you are. I would love to connect with you, however so if you want to talk to me my email is t otemks@goldenwest.net. Jeanne Beroza (Tody)*

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**Jeanne Beroza** - July 26, 2020 at 01:32 PM