



Mr. ML "Pretty Papa" Jones

March 24, 1926 - May 10, 2022

Mr. ML Jones, 96, of Peoria, IL passed away at 6:29 pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at his residence.

ML also known as "Pretty Papa Jones" was born on March 24, 1926 in Ripley, TN. He married Rosie Foster and to that union seven children were born.

ML worked at Pabst Blue Ribbon Brewery in Peoria Heights, IL as a laborer for many years, retiring in 1982 when the business closed. He was also a Master Barber. ML was a Dodgers Baseball team fan. He loved bowling, playing pool and dancing. ML was one of the nicest guys you could know.

ML leaves to cherish his most precious memories four sons, Bobby (Elaine) Jones, Sr. of Romeoville, IL, Jimmie Jones of Peoria, IL, Berwyn (Yvette) Jones of Downers Grove, IL and Brian (Antoinette) Jones of Romeoville, IL; two daughters, Laurie Jones and Lisa (Gayland) Ford both of Peoria, IL; nineteen grandchildren; a host of great and great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Billy Jones and Jonnie Jones; seven brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at New Morning Star M.B. Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor

Cleveland Thomas, Sr. will officiate. M.L. will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time).

Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services. *In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). *It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Cemetery Details

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Celebration of Life

MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
413 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. ML "Pretty Papa" Jones*



Simons Mortuary - May 24, 2022 at 03:50 PM



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Simons Mortuary - May 20, 2022 at 03:02 PM

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Sending deepest condolences from the Randle family from 4th street, a block away! May God give you peace & strength to endure. We will miss him, he was always a gentleman!!!

Catherine Randle Watson - May 23, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Mr. ML "Pretty Papa" Jones*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. ML "Pretty Papa" Jones*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Love to the Jones family. I will miss having the opportunity to laugh and talk with one of my favorite Uncles. I could always get updated on information about the Dodgers.*



I am sorry that I can't be with you all.. I will keep you in my prayers during this time of sorrow.

Love,

Sue Marks

Anna Marks - May 21, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Jones family: I am very sorry for loss. I know that this is a sad and difficult time so I just wanted you to know that you all are in my thoughts.*



Mildred S. Baldon - May 20, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. ML "Pretty Papa" Jones.*



May 19, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ *Chantay Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. ML "Pretty Papa" Jones*



Chantay Gray - May 18, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Joanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. ML "Pretty Papa" Jones*



Joanie Brown - May 16, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Annette Lucy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. ML "Pretty Papa" Jones*



Annette Lucy - May 14, 2022 at 04:56 PM