



## Jack Eugene Jones

May 25, 1918 - March 6, 2012

Jack Eugene Jones, 93, of Mentone passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Born in Live Oak, Florida to Harold G. Jones and Ida Green Jones, Jack moved to Miami as a child where he met Olive Searing in elementary school. The two married in September 1940. While attending the University of Florida, he served as student body secretary/treasurer, Sigma Chi, was in Blue Key Honor Society, served as head cheerleader, was elected to the UF Hall of Fame his senior year, and was the Southeastern Diving Champion in 1940. He graduated from UF when it was still an all-boys school. During WWII he served in the Army Air Corp as a 1st Lt. and developed Physical Rehabilitation programs across the nation. He was commissioned an honorary Colonel in 2002. As a child, Jack came to Mentone, AL for summer camp. He later purchased Camp Cloudmont for Boys and ran summer camp there for over 30 years. In 1975, Jack built the Log Cabin Village in Mentone which is still in use today. He set into motion the Lookout Mountain Parkway Association and was very active in MAPA, the DeKalb Tourist Association, SAR, Rotary, American Legion, Alabama Mountain Lakes and was a director of Chattanooga Choo-Choo. He and Olive own Cloudmont Ski and Golf Resort and Shady Grove Dude Ranch, along with Valley View Ranch (which he later sold to his daughters). The movie Southern Heart was filmed on his property. He enjoyed sailboat racing, owned a small aircraft, and wrote two autobiographies. In his later years, he became a painter and recorded camp fire songs. He certainly lived a full life! A funeral mass will be held 11 a.m. Friday, March 9th at Our

Lady of the Valley Catholic Church with the burial following in the family cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday from 4 until 7 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife of 71 years Olive S. Jones, sons Oliver R. Jones and Gary W. Jones, and wife Cindy, daughters Nancy C. Jones, Marsha J. Hair and husband Douglas Sr., Janis J. Carrier, and Angela J. Wood, grandchildren Rebecca Miller and husband Marshall, Chelsea Manning and husband Garrett, Margaret Carrier, Douglas Hair, Jr., Lura Horton and husband Matt, Dena Jones, Nathan Jones, and Austin Jones, great-grandchildren Tyler Rowland, Jackson Drennan, and Cael and Renn Horton, nephews Harold (Barbara) Jones III and Kinsey (Sharon) Jones, nieces Joyce Francois, Kinsey (Jennifer) Jones Jr., and Kelly Schrader. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, online guestbook, [www.wilsonfhinc.com](http://www.wilsonfhinc.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Eugene Jones*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *SO sad to hear. VVR was a great gift to many of us. My sympathy to y'all - y'all know who all I mean...*

**Rhonda Peeler** - April 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart reaches out to each and every family member and friend. I wish warm memories to all of you.*

**Cathy Landstreet** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family...I'm so sorry for your lost.*

**Trish Clink/vest** - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Jack's enthusiastic and postive attitude are memories that will live on in the minds of all who knew and loved him. He has molded and influenced many young lives at Camp Cloudmont. Jack Jones was one of my real life heros!*

**Wiley Selman** - March 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ He painted some fantastic pictures of our area. He painted one of the falls at the time it generated power that hung at Wildwood Farms. That is the only picture I have seen of the falls at that time. He had a great imagination and his inspiration will be missed.

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**Slate McDorman** - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I hope time, good memories, and the love of family will help you through this time.

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**Fadelle Powell** - March 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jack Jones' vision and dedication provided unique experiences and molded so many young girls and boys lives at Valley View Ranch and Camp Cloudmont that continue today. His legacy lives on!

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**Stella Stitsky** - March 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM