



Robert B. Jones
Major-USAF (Retired)

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Oil City, LA - Robert (Bob) Jones passed into rest at home on May 8, 2001 after a lengthy illness. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2001 at 1 p.m. at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Oil City, LA. Officiating will be Bro. Lyndell Stewart.

Bob was born on July 22, 1924 and lived a full, happy life. He was preceded in death by his wife, Loyce Ellis Jones of Oil City, LA and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. David J. Jones of Canandagua, NY. He is survived by his daughter, Kathleen J. Scaife and husband Jimmy of Shreveport, LA; three grandchildren, Christine V. Curtis Rice and husband Brad of Oil City, LA, Deborah S. Cato and husband Ben of Blanchard, LA, and James (Robbie) Scaife and wife Kellee of Oil City, LA, and eight great grandchildren, Joshua Curtis, Brandy and Blake Rice, Brittany, Chelsey, and Eric Cato, Kirstann and Zachary Scaife, and a host of relatives and friends.

Bob served in the US Navy in WWII. While in the Navy, he had an active part in the Normandy Invasion as a skipper in an amphibious assault landing craft. He later joined the US Air Force in which he was a pilot. He flew B17, B22, B25, and B29, to name a few bombers. He was the pilot of a B25 Lite Bomber during the Korean Conflict. He retired a highly decorated Major from the US Air Force after 22 1/2 years.

He was a hero during wartime and civilian life, brave soldier, loving father and grandfather. He was a Patriot from beginning to end. He believed in his country and the freedom that we all struggle to achieve. Many of his friends and family perished in war to insure the freedom that we so often take for granted. Major Robert B. Jones is gone but never forgotten.

His many years of struggling through college granted him a degree in Geology. He was a Geophysicist for Pan American Petroleum during which he worked in Anchorage, Alaska. After the 1964 earthquake, he moved his family to Houston, Texas for a few years. In 1967, they moved to Oil City, LA, being the home of his wife, to follow a life long dream of being a business owner and body man. He opened Bob's Body Shop on Hwy 1 and retired 28 years later. In this time, he repaired many vehicles and made life long friends. He employed and taught many young men the craft of body mechanics. He believed in giving less fortunate people a chance to turn their lives around through employment and learning a trade. He believed that everyone was good and trustworthy until they proved him wrong. The person that he was turned around many young people.

Grandpa touched the lives of so many people. He was always telling stories and sharing life experiences with ones that would listen. He knew that his life would live through his family and friends. Stories and lessons taught will always be remembered. Togetherness of family was so important to him. He spent the last few years of his life putting together our family tree so that we would know our roots. He realized that he would take so many memories and knowledge with him if he did not share it with us.

Our memories of him will always be cherished. He brought happiness and love to all of us. No one could ever take his place.

Flowers may be sent to McGuire Funeral Home, Vivian, LA.

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