



Leonard Dale Jones (Lebanon)

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Leonard Dale Jones, son of Wiley and Joy Lane Jones, was born January 24, 1934, in Springfield, Missouri. He departed this life Tuesday, August 7, 2012, in Mercy Hospital, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of seventy-eight years, six months, and thirteen days.

On June 22, 1957, he was united in marriage to Melba Jean Webb, and to this union one daughter and one son were born.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Donald and Ray Jones. Leonard is survived by his loving wife of fifty-five years, Melba, of the home; a son, Brent Jones, and his wife, Lora, of Lebanon, Missouri; a daughter, Marsha Middleton, and her husband, Scott, of Lee's Summit, Missouri; six grandchildren, Ryan, Wesley, Ethan, Adrienne, Jared, and Darin; seven great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Grayson, Hailey, Addison, Max, Reed, and Davin; two sisters, Wilma Fisher, and her husband, Marion, of Webb City, Missouri, and Carol Potter, of Clintwood, Virginia; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was born and raised in Springfield, Missouri, until he was six years old and the family moved to Polk, Missouri. In 1950, the family moved to Lebanon, and Leonard graduated from Lebanon High School in the Class of 1953. He then served his country faithfully in the United States Army and was stationed in Panama, just after the Korean War. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he returned to Lebanon, where he and Melba made their home and lovingly raised their family. Leonard worked for the Foremost Dairy for a few years, and then was employed by the Taystee Bread Company. He and Melba co-owned and operated Modern Cleaners for fifteen years, and made many friends through business contacts. Later, Leonard and Melba operated buses for the Lebanon Head Start Transportation for thirteen years.

Leonard had professed his faith in Christ early in his life and was an active member



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of Antioch Baptist Church, in Oakland, Missouri. He was steadfast in his convictions and was always willing to help others, particularly mowing yards.

In his spare time he enjoyed working on his farm, and tinkering with cars and lawn mowers. He loved singing and playing the guitar and passed on his musical skills to his children and grandchildren. He was always friendly and enjoyed visiting with his friends. His family was very important to him and he especially enjoyed time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Leonard was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments, and know that his family and friends will treasure the memories he made for them throughout his lifetime.



Events

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Visitation

Thursday, August 9, 2012

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CT

Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon
320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon MO 65536



Service

Friday, August 10, 2012

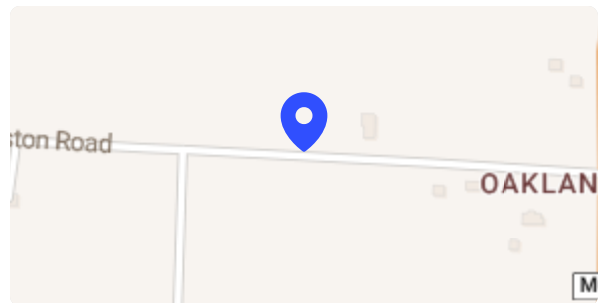
2:00 PM CT

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Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery
2611 Evanston Rd, Lebanon MO 65536





Tribute Wall

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Jill Meckem posted:

Dear Melba & Family, When I thought of Leonard I always thought about what a good Christian man he was. Always had a smile and was just a genuinely good person. He will truly be missed by a lot of people. Thinking of you, Jill Meckem

August 13 at 8:05 AM



Juanita Sloan Lowrance lit a candle in honor of Leonard.



August 12 at 2:23 PM



Janice Whipple posted:

Brent & Lora.....My deepest sympathy to you and each of the family. Love and prayers are with you, always.....Janice Whipple

August 10 at 11:03 AM



Dean & Cathy Felin lit a candle in honor of Leonard.

WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS



August 10 at 7:27 AM



Margaret Painter posted:

Melba, Brent, and Family, We loved Leonard and will always remember what a wonderful Christian brother he was! His smile and good strong handshake would always make the day a little brighter and life a little better. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers! Love in Christ, Lonnie & Margaret Painter

August 10 at 6:05 AM



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KL

Kristen Lewis posted:

The angels in Heaven rejoiced!! when Leonard walked through the gates!!although I am saddened by his passing on to be with the Lord...I know in my heart he is in a much better place. Leonard was a great Christian man and a great friend to my father. I will always remember his smile and his never-ceasing teasing of me growing up in Hillcrest Baptist Church. I pray for his family, that God will give them strength and comfort today during this difficult time.Kristen Lewis & Family

August 10 at 5:08 AM

LB

Lowell Brown posted:

Melba, Our condolences to you and your family at this sorrowful time. May God be with you. Lowell and Gretchen Brown

August 10 at 5:04 AM

GW

Glenda L. Weaver posted:

Melba, Brent, Marsha and family. Leonard was a dear friend and our brother in Christ. We loved him and all your family. Our thoughts will be with you today and the days to come. We shared many years of fun and laughter with Leonard , be it work or leisure. He was a strong Christian , willing to share with whoever. So many good memories. Never forget that smile. Waiting and looking forward to that day when we can all be together again.

August 10 at 4:12 AM

JC

Jacqueline Booth-Collette lit a candle in honor of Leonard.



August 10 at 3:17 AM

LP

Le Ann Price posted:

Leonard was one of the few people in my life who knew my grandfather, Cleacy Cozort. He and Melba came to the hospital to see us after the birth of Luke. He asked "His name is Luke Cleacy?" I said "yes." Leonard said "Well, Cleacy sure would be proud of this one!" Hearing those words from Leonard, was almost as good as hearing them from my grandpa himself. He will be greatly missed. We love you all!Le Ann Price and family

August 10 at 2:20 AM



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TS

Theresa Steward posted:

My prayers are with your family. I will never forget that huge and contagious smile! What a blessing it has been to know Leonard! Theresa Steward

August 9 at 4:43 PM

CR

Carolyn Rubles lit a candle in honor of Leonard.



August 9 at 3:45 PM

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Carolyn Rubles August 9 at 3:48 PM

Leonard was my 3 girls Head Start bus driver. They are all now in their late 20's. We are sad to hear of his passing but comforted by know he is in a better place.

TM

Tommy Millsap posted:

Brent and Lora, I was saddened to hear about the passing of your Dad. Our prayers go out to your family. Tommy and Dana Millsap

August 9 at 3:11 PM

LM

Lisa Miller posted:

Melba, Marsha, Brent and families, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I hope you find comfort in all of the kind words shared with you and all of your memories of Leonard. Lisa

August 9 at 2:58 PM

CJ

Cathy Jones posted:

So sorry for your loss, Leonard will be missed by all who knew him. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Cathy Jones

August 9 at 2:15 PM



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MJ

Marvin Jackson lit a candle in honor of Leonard.



August 9 at 1:38 PM

CE

Carrie Tuck-Ebling posted:

While I attended Hillcrest Church, there was never a Sunday that passed that Leonard would not tease me. He could make anyone smile. He was also a dear friend to my grandfather-in-law, Robert Gage. My thought and prayers are with you.

August 9 at 11:38 AM

RP

Robert M. Payne posted:

My wife, children and I attended Hillcrest Baptist Church with Leonard and Melba the were both very friendly and willing to help anyone who needed it we are proud to have been able to call Leonard a friend and fellow christian we are saddened by his death but know he is in a far better place. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his family.Bob and Glenda Payne

August 9 at 5:54 AM

JB

Jan And Drew Bishop lit a candle in honor of Leonard.

Ethan,Your grandfather always took time helping you with your summer mowing job giving his time andlove to his family. Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow.



August 9 at 5:05 AM

CE

Cecelia (Marler) Eidson posted:

My parents are Leo and Virgie Marler and they have spoken often of Leonard and Melba. They have told us stories of the times that they have shared with you. I sure am sorry to hear of his passing and will keep you and your family in our prayers.

August 9 at 4:09 AM



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Cecelia (Marler) Eidson lit a candle in honor of Leonard.

August 9 at 4:04 AM



Penny Lane lit a candle in honor of Leonard.

August 8 at 1:51 PM



Sharon Lane Brunson lit a candle in honor of Leonard.

August 8 at 1:16 PM



Dianne Hendricks posted:

We remember Leonard as being a child of God who enjoyed sharing his faith with others. He also enjoyed his end of the meal desserts. In loving memory-The Hendricks Family

August 8 at 7:26 AM



Ben Hilton August 13 at 3:40 PM

Leonard is absolutely one of those few gentlemen that you get to meet in a lifetime; he was the true persona of a person who walked with God and a true inspiration to others. God Bless his family during great their great time of loss, we will never forget his teasing and his great big smile. Ben and Debbie Hilton and family



Sharon Lane Brunson August 8 at 1:00 PM

leonard was very special to my mom and dad and every one in the lane family leonard well be very missed rip sharon lane brunson james manning and the whole lane family



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leonard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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