



Gary J. Jones

August 8, 1947 - June 7, 2021

Gary James Jones, 73 of Easton, MD, died suddenly on June 7, 2021. Born in Easton, MD, August 8, 1947, he was the son of the late James Orval and Ella Jane (Marshall) Jones.

He married Ruth Ann Williams (Jones) of Hebron, MD, on June 19, 1976, and they would have celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this year. He is survived by his loving wife who was his most trusted friend, soulmate, and partner through life; two children, Erin Elizabeth Jones of Wittman, MD, and Brian Christopher Jones (Lisa) of Cambridge, MD; four grandchildren, Tenley Smith, Austin Jones, Holly Jones, and Jeremy Jones, three step-grandchildren, Bradley Haddaway, Amberly Totara (Chuck), and Haley Edwards; and three step-great grandchildren.

Gary was a proud Eastern Shore native with strong roots in the communities of Talbot County. He was a proud husband, father, and grandfather and loved spending time with family and friends. One of his proudest moments in life was becoming a father and then watching both of his children become adults involved in healthcare careers as well. He coached Little League, was involved in Boy Scouts, and was very involved in the kids' school activities. He loved the outdoors and spent many hours boating, hunting waterfowl, "chilling" out at the pool, sitting on the beach, taking in the sun, and playing Rock and Roll music.

Gary played drums in a number of local bands since the 1960s: in Mates, Krystal, Second Wind, Off the Hook (the Shore Regional Health Band), and most recently Southbound. He always played barefoot regardless of the venue, casual or formal, and was often referred to as the “Barefoot Drummer.” He was still playing at “gigs” up until the time of his death.

Gary graduated from St Michaels High School. He then went on to earn his Bachelor’s in Health Care Administration and later took classes at the University of Maryland to work toward his doctoral candidacy status in Human Development and Neurophysiology. He was a Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner in the State of MD, a Registered Respiratory Care Practitioner through the National Board of Respiratory Care, a Fellow of the American College of Cardiovascular Administrators (FACCA), and he held numerous professional memberships.

Gary was employed at the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health for 50 years prior to his retirement in December 2019. However, due to his true commitment and love of his work in Cardiovascular Services, following retirement he remained as a “consultant” until a new Director for the services was hired and was still working in that capacity at the time of his death. During those years he had a huge impact on the healthcare system and the community. As Ken Kozel, President and CEO of UM Shore Regional Health put it “service to his community was at the core of Gary’s being.” According to his wife, he demanded excellence and worked to assure state-of-the art cardiovascular healthcare for our communities. He was instrumental in the establishment of numerous cardiovascular specialties at UM Shore Regional Health including Non- Invasive Vascular Services, Sleep Disorders Centers in all 3 Shore hospitals, Diagnostic Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Cardiac Rhythm Device Implantation Services, Cardiac Rehab Services in all three hospitals, Cardiac Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology including primary and

elective angioplasty. The designation of Cardiac Interventional Center in 2018 through the State and the establishment of the Heart and Vascular Center in 2019, with his appointment as the first director of the newly established center, was his most proud work moments and as Gary himself put it “ to assure our patients have convenient access to very comprehensive cardiovascular care, close to home.”

Gary was one of a group of five firefighters, Basic Life Support Providers and Cardiac Rescue Technicians in Talbot County who recognized the need for prehospital cardiac care in the early 80s. He worked tirelessly as a volunteer Advance Life Support Provider with the other four members to provide volunteer coverage throughout Talbot County 24/7, 365 days a year in the early 80s. As the need grew, he was instrumental in establishing the paid services we have in the communities today. Over the years he was a Paramedic Instructor, a Clinical Instructor for Respiratory Care Practitioners, and a mentor to many. He also served as a Forensic Investigator for Talbot County from 1989 to 1999.

Gary served as a Board member of the Talbot Paramedic Foundation and recently became a Board member of the Tilghman Watermen’s Museum.

A Celebration of Life honoring Gary will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2021, from 1pm to 5pm at The Milestone, 9630 Technology Drive, Easton, MD, where there will be an opportunity to laugh, share stories, view family, work photos, and listen to the “Barefoot Drummer” play some of his music. Dress is casual.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Talbot Paramedic Foundation in Care of the Sylvia Gannon Education Scholarship Fund, PO Box 2237, Easton, MD 21601 or online at www.talbotparamedic.org or the

Cardiovascular Fund University of MD Memorial Hospital Foundation, P.O.
Box 1846, Easton, MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Reception

JUN 13. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Milestone
9630 Technology Dr.
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 12, 2021 at 03:55 PM

SM

Beautiful remembrance of Gary.

Sharon Miller - June 12, 2021 at 07:54 PM

VE

Beautiful. He will be missed.

Vickie Ellis - June 13, 2021 at 10:03 AM

KG

Ruth Ann and Family....we know you must be devastated at the loss of Gary. He touched so many many people in his lifetime always there to listen and help whenever he could. His service to healthcare should be treasured. I will always have fond memories of working with him as he was a special person. We just never know when our work and time here are complete. Thoughts, prayers and condolences to you all. Thinking of you....

Kathy n Larry Gootee

Kathy Gootee - June 13, 2021 at 12:11 PM

JL

Amazing tribute to Gary. He will missed. Jack and Teresa Lewis

Jack and Teresa Lewis - June 13, 2021 at 03:25 PM

MW

Beautiful tribute to a wonderful person and a beautiful life. A blessing to all who had the privilege to have crossed paths with him.

Mary Wyatt - June 13, 2021 at 04:20 PM

SE

Prayers to you and your family, GOD BLESS....

Sandy Evans - June 13, 2021 at 04:55 PM



Beautiful Life and Memories.

Jacqueline Smith - June 14, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ Gary J. Jones

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Gary J. Jones

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Gary J. Jones

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gary J. Jones.



July 05, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Thinking of you, all. Love, Kitty Cooper & Amanda Cooper Adams



Amanda Cooper Adams - June 19, 2021 at 12:50 PM



I remember eating lunch with Gary Jones and Ruth Ann Jones and others during my first few months working out of Memorial Hospital Easton in 2014. I was a new kid on the block as the person from Chestertown. I had worked with a number of them in limited capacity in previous years but now I was amongst them. They welcome me in and worked with me as an equal. I'm so sorry to hear that Gary has passed so early and that he never really had a chance to enjoy his full retirement.

scottburleson - August 05, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ Gary Ball lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Gary Ball - June 13, 2021 at 03:34 PM

CL

“ My deepest sympathy to Ruth and the entire family. Have known Gary for many years and he always had the time to be kind to everyone.

Connie Lewis - June 13, 2021 at 11:41 AM

CM

“ Heather and I send our deepest condolences. Gary was such a sweet and kind person to everyone he came in contact with. He will be missed.

chris mitchell - June 13, 2021 at 07:55 AM

MB

“ Ruth Ann, you have my deepest and most sincere condolences. I've always held both of you high regards. Gary was a genuinely kind hearted and peaceable man. When I heard of his passing, I was deeply saddened and stricken with disbelief. What a tremendous loss to all that knew him. May God bless and comfort you now and always...Monte'

Monte Blake - June 12, 2021 at 09:57 PM

FS

“ I remember Gary as always a happy, highly motivated guy who seemed to really understand the premise of seizing the day. And he seemed to always put his best effort into everything he did. To think of all the lives he touched through his musical, personal, paramedic and administrative lives is amazing, but then, I think he was an amazing individual.



Frances Seymour - June 12, 2021 at 04:51 PM

BF

“ To Gary's family, co-workers, staff, and friends. I graduated from St. Michaels High School with Gary class of '65. He was always impressive, intelligent, and friendly. I have looked at all the posted pictures - tells so much about his life! The community is going to miss him! With much sympathy & prayer, Beverly Edinger Flater



Beverly Edinger Flater - June 12, 2021 at 11:49 AM

MW

“ Mary Wood lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Mary Wood - June 12, 2021 at 10:21 AM

MW

“ Mary Wood purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary J. Jones.



Mary Wood - June 12, 2021 at 10:19 AM

MR

“ Dear Ruth Ann, We are so sorry. Please accept our deepest condolences. We hope there's comfort knowing many care and are sending their hugs and prayers, your neighbors, Mike and Lori

Mike and Lori Riley - June 12, 2021 at 09:01 AM

JJ

“ Rita and I send our deepest sympathy to Ruth Ann, Brian, and family.

I played music with Gary and worked with him as well. Gary was a great drummer and a great guy to hang out with. He was funny, kind, smart, and an all around fine person.

The world is a sadder place without Gary.

Jon Jacobs - June 12, 2021 at 08:41 AM



KC

“ Kathleen Combs lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Kathleen Combs - June 12, 2021 at 07:07 AM

JS

“ Judy Strong lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Judy Strong - June 12, 2021 at 12:12 AM

MR

“ *Michael Roe lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Michael Roe - June 11, 2021 at 11:23 PM

CS

“ *Cheryl Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Cheryl Schmitt - June 11, 2021 at 10:16 PM

HS

“ *Hugh Smith lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Hugh Smith - June 11, 2021 at 08:11 PM

HS

I knew Gary as an EMT with the Federalsburg Vol Fire Co. He was instrumental with helping the Caroline County Advanced Life Support get started. He was an instructor for our CRT class and a great mentor and friend. He will be missed

Hugh Smith - June 11, 2021 at 08:16 PM

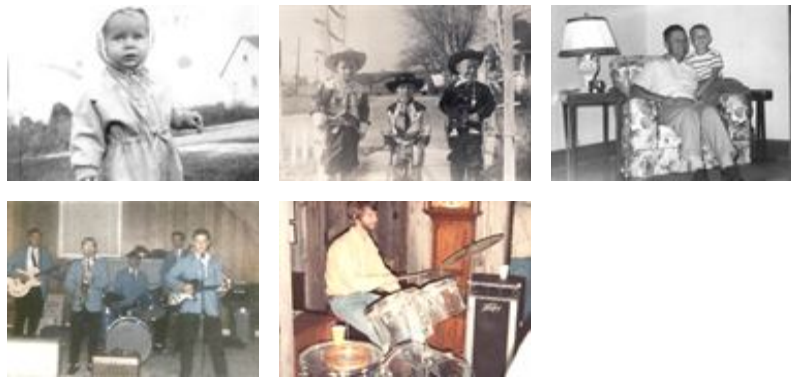
JR

“ Sending deepest sympathy to his family, friends and community. What would always impress me about Gary and his wife (Ruth Ann), no matter how busy they were or job title either one of them had, they still took time for everyone, to say a kind word and to lift others up and help them reach their goals. True inspiration to many.

Janet Radzykewycz - June 11, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ 248 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 11, 2021 at 06:35 PM

LT

“ Gary was such a nice person to everyone. My wife & I will always remember him fondly! So sorry & our thoughts & prayers go out to his wife, children & all of his family. Gary will be truly missed!

Lawrence & Sheila Tyler - June 11, 2021 at 06:22 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Hendricks lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Barbara Hendricks - June 11, 2021 at 03:53 PM

UT

“ *UMMS Enterprise Integration Team lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



UMMS Enterprise Integration Team - June 11, 2021 at 12:26 PM

LC

“ *Lanny, Thim, & our children purchased the Laven der Love Bouquet for the family of Gary J. Jones.*



Lanny, Thim, & our children - June 11, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Tim & Laura Bishop - June 11, 2021 at 12:16 PM

WK

“ *W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr - June 11, 2021 at 11:54 AM

 Scott Jones

“ *Scott Jones lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Scott Jones - June 11, 2021 at 11:28 AM

L1

“ *Local 1926 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary J. Jones.*



Local 1926 - June 11, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Frank N Joan Gannon lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Frank N Joan Gannon - June 11, 2021 at 08:18 AM

WA

“ Wynne And Majid Aroom lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Wynne and Majid Aroom - June 11, 2021 at 07:38 AM

BL

“ Beth (Fuchs) Lacey lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Beth (Fuchs) Lacey - June 11, 2021 at 07:29 AM



“ Sandy Simmons lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Sandy Simmons - June 10, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary J. Jones.



June 10, 2021 at 10:50 PM

JA

“ With deepest sympathy. Thought and prayers are with you.

Jamie McNeal and Jill Andrew



jill andrew - June 10, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary J. Jones.



June 10, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary J. Jones.



June 10, 2021 at 07:52 PM

TT

“ Such a wonderful person and boss. Horrible loss to our community. Lots of love MS Ruthann and family. RIP Mr Gary 🙋🥹



Trina Thomas - June 10, 2021 at 06:14 PM

TN

“ *Ruth Ann, you and your family have my deepest condolences. Gary was a great guy and it was an absolute pleasure working with him over the years! May you find peace and comfort through your memories and through the legacy that Gary leaves behind. May he now Rest in Sweet Peace! We are propping you up. XO*

Tara Newman-Bell - June 10, 2021 at 05:59 PM

MM

Ruth Ann, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Hugs, Mava

Mava Mayo - June 11, 2021 at 08:27 AM

MM

Ruth Ann and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Hugs, Mava

Mava Mayo - June 11, 2021 at 08:28 AM

TF

“ *Tina Flamer lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



tina flamer - June 10, 2021 at 05:43 PM

CS

“ 🙏🙏🙏 *So sorry Ruth Ann for your loss and your entire family. He was a exceptional person.*



Cheryl Smith - June 10, 2021 at 05:01 PM

SB

“ An amazing man- gone too soon. The fact that he was a great drummer could only be overshadowed by the fact that he was a great person. Love to Ruth Ann and family during this sad time. " I'd give anything to be back with the boys in the band" Love you man.

Stephen J Bryan - June 10, 2021 at 03:06 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Tracy Schulz - June 10, 2021 at 02:43 PM

Paula Young

“ Paula Young lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Paula Young - June 10, 2021 at 02:15 PM

SH

“ Sonja Hanssen-Carter lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Sonja Hanssen-Carter - June 10, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary J. Jones.*



June 10, 2021 at 01:36 PM

 Scott Jones

“ *11 files added to the tribute wall*



Scott Jones - June 10, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary J. Jones.*



June 10, 2021 at 12:49 PM

PH

“ Ruth Ann & family, our thoughts are with you. There aren't words to express our sympathy to you. What a great guy, whose focus was on what would make the community better, and he made it happen. Penney & Jerry Hill



Penney & Jerry Hill - June 10, 2021 at 12:37 PM

Scott Jones

“ Gary and I loved taking our boat rides on the weekends and sharing a cold beer or a cocktail, as well as a few stories from the past ! I Love Gary As A Brother more then a cousin, although we called each other “ CUZ “ With a very heavy heart I say “ RIP my brother.”



Scott Jones - June 10, 2021 at 12:27 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences to Ruth Ann and family. Gary was such a genuine person. I am grateful to have worked with him, and have known him as a friend.



Jane Wang - June 10, 2021 at 12:26 PM

MM

“ Marilyn And John Morris, lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Marilyn and John Morris, - June 10, 2021 at 10:37 AM

MM

Gary is now rejoicing with the Lord! Heaven has gained a true angel, as we grieve his loss here on earth!! Blessings and love to Ruth Ann and the family.

Marilyn and John Morris, - June 10, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary J. Jones.



June 10, 2021 at 09:48 AM

BR

“ Gary was an amazing coworker and even better friend. My deepest condolences



Benjamin Remo - June 10, 2021 at 09:46 AM

JW

“ So so sorry to see this. John and I want to send our condolences to all the family. May God comfort each of you. Hugs.

John and Lillian Wood - June 10, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ *Georgianna LeCompte lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Georgianna LeCompte - June 10, 2021 at 09:41 AM

LC

“ *Lori Collier lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Lori Collier - June 10, 2021 at 07:06 AM

SJ

“ *Sol James lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Sol James - June 10, 2021 at 05:35 AM

PM

“ *Phil & Lois MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Phil & Lois MacDonald - June 10, 2021 at 05:14 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Phil Foster - June 10, 2021 at 04:20 AM

DT

“ *Keeping the entire family in my thoughts and prayers.*



Denise Travers - June 09, 2021 at 08:20 PM

JB

“ *Janine & Keith Benefiel lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Janine & Keith Benefiel - June 09, 2021 at 07:20 PM

JB

Keith and I are so very very sorry to hear about Gary loss of life, he was amazing, always helped us at the Easton Hospital with our very Asthmatic girls. Prayers to Ruth Ann and family. Prayers for healing, may he live in the hearts of his family and friends

janine m benefiel - June 09, 2021 at 07:22 PM

PF

“ Our deepest condolences to Ruth Ann, Erin, Brian, and families. We are so sorry for your loss. We have many fond memories of our time with your family. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Much love, Ed and Penny

Penny Finkner - June 09, 2021 at 06:40 PM

DE

Ruth Ann and family, I am so sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hold on to the memories and may Gary RIP.

Donna Elbourn - June 10, 2021 at 09:11 PM

CS

“ *Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Connie Harris Sypniewski - June 09, 2021 at 05:42 PM

JL

“ *Jack and Teresa Lewis*



Jack and Terrda LesiL - June 09, 2021 at 05:35 PM

JL

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Jack and Terrda LesiL - June 09, 2021 at 05:17 PM

CE

“ Connie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Connie Edwards - June 09, 2021 at 02:48 PM

CE

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Ruth Ann & her family. Sending hugs & Prayers

Connie Edwards - June 09, 2021 at 02:50 PM

CT

Sorry for your loss, Gary will be missed. HUGS and PEACE to you and your family

Christine Tallman - June 09, 2021 at 04:08 PM

JL

My prayers are with you Ruth Ann and your family. It was a pleasure to have worked with Gary over the years, always the gentleman! He was truly dedicated to his profession and community. May you find comfort and peace in memories of your life together. Blessings, Jeannie Lusby

Jeannie Lusby - June 10, 2021 at 06:46 PM

VM

“ *Big HUGS to all of you. This year has had some major adjustments for your family through losses. I will keep you in my prayers.*



Vicki Morris - June 09, 2021 at 02:38 PM

MH

“ *Megan Higgins lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Megan Higgins - June 09, 2021 at 01:29 PM

AB

“ *Alex And Nancy Borga lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Alex and Nancy Borga - June 09, 2021 at 12:54 PM

RW

“ *Ruth Ann, Brian, Erin, and family, I am at a loss for words to express how saddened I am by Gary's passing. The memories of our many years as neighbors are fondly remembered and serve as a reminder of what a great friend and all around awesome man Gary was. Please know that I am here if you need anything at all.*



Robin Wilson - June 09, 2021 at 12:44 PM

LF

“ *I lost a drummer and a fantastic friend, but the world lost a great human being. Peace be with you my brother Les Frampton*

Les Frampton - June 09, 2021 at 12:33 PM

JC

“ *Joyce George Cox lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones*



Joyce George Cox - June 09, 2021 at 12:10 PM

LC

“ *My sympathies to Ruth Ann and her family. Gary devoted himself to the hospital and all the people he influenced. He will be missed.*



Lynn Crouch - June 09, 2021 at 11:18 AM

PG

“ *May Gary's legacy live on through family. May the community appreciate all he did in his years of service as a leader in healthcare. Praying for peace and comfort.*
Pam Kunz Gabriel



Pam Kunz Gabriel - June 09, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JW

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to you Ruth Ann. May you find comfort in knowing Gary touched so many lives throughout his career. Thoughts and prayers for you and the children now and in the weeks to come.



Jennifer Windsor-Ruark - June 09, 2021 at 10:29 AM

VE

“ There are way too many memories to share. Thank you Gary for being a part of my life. Sending love and condolences to Ruth Ann and family and friends. Vickie Perry Ellis



Vickie Ellis - June 09, 2021 at 10:17 AM

JM

“ Joy Murray lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Joy Murray - June 09, 2021 at 10:09 AM

CH

“ Cecilia Hoevenaars lit a candle in memory of Gary J. Jones



Cecilia Hoevenaars - June 09, 2021 at 09:53 AM

CH

My sympathy to Ruth Ann and her family. He will definitely be missed. May prayers and memories help you and your during this difficult time.

Cecilia Hoevenaars - June 09, 2021 at 09:54 AM

TT

Hugs and prayers to you all. So sorry for your loss.

Tammy Tarr - June 09, 2021 at 04:13 PM