



## Michael Lee Jones

April 17, 1953 - August 14, 2024

Michael Lee Jones, 71, of Stevensville, Maryland passed away quietly in his sleep on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 after battling pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Laura Cook Jones, as well as by his loving children, their spouses, and two grandchildren: Megan Jones, Kevin Jones, his wife Dana, and their children Liam (14) and Parker (11); and Samantha Jones Chafe and her husband Nathaniel Chafe.

Michael was born in Salisbury, Maryland on April 17, 1953 to Morris Chester Jones and Jean Dallam Jones (both deceased). He was also predeceased by his stepmother Jeanne Pitzer Jones. He was the middle child of six and is survived by his siblings Morris (JoAnne), Nancy Pyle (Gary), Jean Leach (Coston), Matthew (Lisa), and M. Patrick (Amy), as well as many nieces and nephews.

Michael grew up with his family in Marling Farms on Kent Island and graduated from Queen Anne's County High School in 1971. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt until his honorable discharge in 1975. Michael worked at the Towson State University Police Department as a Detective until 1978 when he joined the Maryland State Police. Michael met his wife Laura taking night classes at the university.

Michael and Laura Cook were married on New Year's Eve in 1978. After their honeymoon in Walt Disney World, Michael entered the 79th class of the Maryland State Police Academy and graduated on June 22, 1979. Michael served first at MSP Barrack J, Annapolis and then MSP Barrack S, Centreville. He worked as a Trooper First Class, Resident Trooper, Field Training Trooper, and Crime Scene Investigator. After 20 years of service, Michael retired as a state trooper on July 1, 1999 and returned the same year to work with the Maryland State Police Crime Scene Unit as a civilian. Working 15 more years with the Crime Scene Unit, Michael retired a second time, now as the Crime Scene Unit Supervisor of the Eastern region.

Michael and Laura purchased their home on Kent Island in 1982, where they raised their three children and Michael lived until his passing. Michael enjoyed photography, fishing, convertibles, biking, kayaking, walks with their dog Rudy, and travel - particularly to Walt Disney World and on the 11 Disney cruises he and Laura took around the world.

God graciously carried Michael from this life into eternity as dawn broke on August 14th with his wife Laura at his side.

A funeral service for Michael will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at Wye Bible Church, 115 Narnia Drive, Grasonville, MD. Friends and family may visit from 10am-11am with service at 11am. Burial will follow the service at the Stevensville Cemetery, 808 Main Street, Stevensville, MD.

Michael's funeral service will be live streamed by the church on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@wyebiblechurch5836/streams>

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in honor of Michael to the "Friends of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge" organization, one of Michael's favorite photography locations. <https://www.friendsofblackwater.org/>



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wye Bible Church  
115 Narnia Road, P.O. Box 430  
Grasonville, MD

## Church Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wye Bible Church  
115 Narnia Road, P.O. Box 430  
Grasonville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Lee Jones*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 19, 2024 at 11:44 AM

CS

“ *Mike was a great trooper. We worked together at the Annapolis barracks. I graduated the class before him. We had lots of fun both working and off duty. He will be missed.*

**CHIP SMITH** - September 02, 2024 at 10:34 PM

CW

*I just got word of Mike passing. We started together at Towson state. I always thought of Mike as a good friend . Some how we drifted apart when he and Laura crossed the bay . Laura I never forgot how you met Mike at the police academy when he got leave. I am ever so grateful that you were able to locate me. I am so sorry for your loss. C.T*

**Charles T Wright** - October 27, 2024 at 07:25 PM

LC

“ *Laura C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Lee Jones.*

**Laura C.** - August 24, 2024 at 12:09 AM

CT

“ *My condolences to Mike’s family. Mike was a great guy! I worked at Centreville Barrack as a Corporal and Mike was a Crime Scene Tech. Mike will be missed rest in peace Brother. Charlie Townsley*

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**Charlie Townsley** - August 23, 2024 at 04:30 PM

BB

“ *A true friend who was liked by everyone. Rest easy Mike, you are in good hands.*

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**Bob Bakeoven** - August 20, 2024 at 08:59 PM

CE

“ *Connie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Michael Lee Jones*



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**Connie Edwards** - August 20, 2024 at 01:41 PM

SH

“ *So sorry to hear this very sad news. Mike was just a great guy. He had such a pleasant demeanor and easy way about him. We worked many scenes together at MSP and I learned a lot from him over the years. When he was coming to a scene, I knew I was getting the best. A good man taken too soon. He will be truly missed. Prayers to the Jones family in your time of grief.*



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**Steve Hall** - August 20, 2024 at 08:29 AM

HB

“ Mike was one of my supervisors when I was a new Crime Scene Technician. I lived in Jarrettsville at the time and he was from the shore. My very first day on the job, he drove all the way up to Jarrettsville to pick me up then drove me to the crime laboratory in Baltimore so I could get my first assigned vehicle. He said he didn't mind the long drive. It was full of stories and lots of tips and tricks for the job ahead of me. Mike also enjoyed showing folks his photographs which were so beautiful. Some of his photographs are still scattered throughout the lab which will serve as a nice reminder of his personality and legacy. He will be missed very much by all.

Heather B - August 20, 2024 at 07:28 AM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Michael Lee Jones



JoAnn & Royden Powell - August 19, 2024 at 05:45 PM

MR

“ I'm very saddened by Mike's passing... I worked with him on several occasions during various assignments with MSP, but I also enjoyed shooting with him at Conowingo Dam and Assateague Island. Godspeed Mike, I will certainly miss you my friend.

Michael Rickard - August 19, 2024 at 12:19 PM

BD

“ I would like to offer my condolences to Mike's family and friends and add my voice as one of Mike's academy class members. This class was a family of its own and Mike was an integral member who will be dearly missed. May the Good Lord bless and keep you. F/Sgt. Bryan Davy (Ret.)

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**Bryan Davy** - August 18, 2024 at 08:58 PM

DB

“ We went to the academy together and worked together at the Crime Lab. Good Trooper, great friend and without a doubt a fine man. RIP my friend.  
1st/Sgt Danny Benham (ret).

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**Daniel Benham** - August 18, 2024 at 07:21 PM

“ I was about 15 when 'Uncle' Mike became a part of our family, marrying my Aunt Laura. She being the youngest of the Cook Sisters and my Mother being the eldest, she is only 8 years my senior. Mike being 10 years older than me, he was perfectly content for me to leave the 'Uncle' part out and simply call him 'Mike'. I saw him mostly at family gatherings over the years and always admired him as a State Trooper and Policeman. He was a steady, stoic presence in our sometimes emotional family, measured and reasoned in his countenance as you might expect someone in his profession to be.

Later, when I joined the Navy at 19, I became aware that he, too, had served in the USN and it became a common point of interest over the following years, along with our shared love of John Wayne movies. Mike always made a point to 'catch up' with me whenever we saw each other, usually once or twice a year, and I appreciated his engagement and interest in my life.

In the last few years, I've had a job that has taken me all over the country and through the better aspects of social media we 'kept tabs' on each other, enjoying discovering other common interests in photography and bird watching. Though Facebook has not always had the best reputation in recent years and can be fraught with the negative trappings of the medium, it was a comfort to me to know that someone in the family was always aware of where I was and what was going on in my life, and the simple gesture of a 'like' or comment helped me feel connected and build a deeper bond. He kept Aunt Laura informed of my travels and adventures and when business brought me through town a couple years ago they met me for lunch and some 'family time'.

I respected Mike deeply for his love of my Aunt Laura and his Family, his service to Nation and State, and a lifelong willingness to do the 'tough jobs' that would have shaken a lesser man. Having lost my Father at 9 years old and in a predominately female family, he was a man I could look up to and strive to pattern myself after

*and it was always a secure feeling to have such a man in our family. I count myself fortunate to have very recently had the opportunity to speak with him in person and share my feelings and gratitude for his involvement in my life.*

*In the tradition of Naval Service salutations and with the deepest feelings of respect and honor,*

*'Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmate, We have the watch'.*

*My solemn condolences to Aunt Laura, Megan, Kevin, Samantha and Families.*

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**Robert Gordon** - August 18, 2024 at 03:28 PM

MK

“ I am saddened and heartbroken to hear of Mike's passing. We were roommates during our time at the MSP Academy in Pikesville and became good friends. Mike was a little older than me and had been with the Townsend State University Police Department before becoming a Trooper. He became a mentor to me and gave me much insight to policing from his experiences and also great advice over the years as we continued with our careers.

Mike was a Loving husband and father to his family and I know the Lord will bring them comfort during this difficult time. Mike and his wonderful wife, Laura, graciously accepted me into their family after our graduation from the academy. Being single, it was always a comfort to be able to visit and enjoy their company, it is a friendship I will always cherish.

Mike was the model of what great fathers and husbands should strive to become! He was also the epitome of what a Maryland State Trooper should always be, a man of integrity, courage and compassion. These were his traits and he displayed these always during his career!

God bless Mike and bring comfort to his family, for he will forever be in all of our hearts.

Mike Krionderis ( aka Kermit)

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Mike Krionderis - August 18, 2024 at 02:25 PM

PF

“ Pat's Ruland Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael Lee Jones.



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Pat's Ruland Family - August 18, 2024 at 12:19 PM

MJ

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of my QACHS classmate. Although time and distance separated us, I always looked forward to seeing his wildlife and nature photography on Facebook. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Madison Brown Jr** - August 18, 2024 at 08:35 AM

JB

“ So saddened by Mikes passing. We worked together for many years at Centreville Barrack, had many long conversations and many enjoyable times looking at his photographs. I have several of them hanging in my house. He will be truly missed, my deepest condolences to Laura and his children. RIP Mike

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**Jean Busick** - August 17, 2024 at 08:53 PM

PB

“ Paul+Sharlene Bullen sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Lee Jones



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**Paul+Sharlene Bullen** - August 17, 2024 at 08:52 PM

PB

I am so sorry to read of Mike passing. I remember him riding the same bus as me. But I have not seen him in many years. RIP my friend. Condolences to his family.

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**Paul Sharlene Bullen** - August 17, 2024 at 08:53 PM

MD

“ I met Michael December 2000 as a new graduate of the MSP Academy. Michael guided me early on as we had many conversations on how to do the Job the right way. Over the years, Michael became a trusted confidant and never turned me away regardless of the question. We shared a lot of stories, laughs and I was always amazed at the photos he captured with his camera. I'm sad to hear of his passing, and I pray God takes him into his arms.

*Rest easy Michael, thank you for your help, guidance and friendship. You'll be missed.*

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**Mark Donisi** - August 17, 2024 at 10:37 AM

JC

“ Condolences to Mike's family and friends. Worked many years with Mike as a fellow Trooper. Mike was a true professional and completed any assignment or task ethically and with integrity. He was a humble guy and very easy going in all my encounters with him. I always enjoyed his photos of wildlife, flowers and scenery. RIP Mike!!!

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**Jim Culp** - August 16, 2024 at 04:41 PM

CS

“ My memories of Michael include his beautiful photography, how helpful he always was and how much he loved my sister. He was diligent in everything he did and admired by many. Love to all the family. Candy

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**Candace Short** - August 16, 2024 at 03:45 PM

AH

“Gone too soon. I am deeply saddened by Mike's passing. I enjoyed many conversations about photography with Mike both during his career, and after. I wish I could be there for his services, but unfortunately I have photo assignments that day. May the many wonderful memories of Mike keep him alive in our hearts!

Amy Hager - August 16, 2024 at 02:09 PM

ML

“I worked with Mike many years ago. RIP Mike  
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The family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Melissa Althoff Lenzi - August 16, 2024 at 01:25 PM

ND

“Neil Dadds lit a candle in memory of Michael Lee Jones



Neil dadds - August 16, 2024 at 09:30 AM