



CDR William E. Jones USCG, Ret.

March 2, 1941 - January 26, 2024

William E. Jones, "Bill," of Kent Island (Stevensville) Maryland, died on January 26, 2024, after a long illness, at age 82. He was born on March 2, 1941, and raised in Baltimore, Maryland.

Bill graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and in 1959 at age 18 he joined the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1966 he entered the Coast Guard Officer Candidate School. He was a highly skilled technician on the electronic Loran-C navigational system then in use by the U.S. military world-wide. He was also chosen to travel to different countries carrying the "atomic clock," the official time-setting instrument which was used around the world to set the correct time. Today, large technology companies use atomic clocks to sync the internet.

He was deployed to Vietnam from 1967-1968 on the 255-foot USCG Cutter Androscoggin of Squadron 3 in the coastal and river waters of South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand.

He received numerous ribbons, medals, and commendations during his Coast Guard career, and he retired at the rank of Commander.

While stationed on the North Sea in Germany he married his first wife, and they had two children who live in Germany with their families.

While in the Coast Guard he received a B.S. degree in the field of Electronics Engineering Technology from the Capitol Institute of Technology. Before retiring after 24 years, at the rank of Commander, he returned to the U.S. and pursued a Master of Arts at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. He started teaching math at the Forbush School on the grounds of the Sheppard Pratt Hospital in Towson.

In 1996 he married Rebecca Foxen Jones, "Becky", of Baltimore. They met through their jobs at Sheppard Pratt. Bill was working at Forbush School and Becky worked as a therapist at one of the hospital's outpatient clinics in Cockeysville, Maryland.

After 16 years teaching at Forbush School, he retired to ride his Honda motorcycle he named "Animal", to enjoy his two sailboats, Splash and The Hooligan in the Chesapeake Bay, and to walk his dogs every day at exactly the same time and on exactly the same route. He had a passion for vegetable gardening, particularly tomatoes and squash. He also loved being a volunteer firefighter for the United Communities Fire Department Romancoke on Kent Island. He was a tall and proud man with a big heart and an enthusiastic sense of humor, who served his country and his community with honor and humility.

A Memorial Gathering to honor and remember Bill will take place on February 9, 2024, from 4pm-6pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland. Burial will occur at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the United Communities Volunteer Fire Department in Romancoke and/or Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, www.cgmahq.org/give .

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Tribute Wall

EE

“ *Very sorry to hear about Bill's passing. I'm retired from the Coast Guard and served on the Androscoggin with him during the Vietnam deployment. In fact I probably owe my successful career to him as he encouraged me to take the necessary courses to later gain entry to the Officer Candidate School. I wish we had stayed in touch since it turns out I live only about a half hour from where he eventually retired. Fair Winds Bill*
Eric E Erickson, LCDR USCG(Ret)

Eric E Erickson - July 26, 2024 at 04:52 PM

DB

“ *'Color me sad.' I shared an office with Bill at Coast Guard Activities Europe in London. He was such a nice guy. He met my kids on multiple occasions. He bought them a cookie jar that had a face on it (complete with mustache) that resembled his, so my kids would remember him. I'll never forget that kindness that was so reflective of the kind of person he was. May God's miraculous peace and comfort be with his family.*

Dick Burke, CAPT USCG (ret.)

Dick Burke - July 26, 2024 at 02:38 AM

JO

“ *His first wife was KAREN JONES and the two children are: Jan Eric Jones and Stefanie Jones. He had 3 Grandchildren: QUENTIN WILLIAM JONES LERCH, BEN JONES and ALLY JONES. We loved him.*

jones - February 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM

SH

Jonesy and I were best friends on Rusk Av in mt washington, Baltimore and we rode to school every day in his dad's truck. We played football in the street, vacationed together. We're pals in HS in the advance college prep "A" Course. He was a smart technical CG officer. We reunited in 1985 and helped plan a 35th P.S. 221 reunion. We wrote each other almost every Christmas.

*Rest well, Jonesy.
CAPT Shriver Hering
USN, Ret.*

shriver hering - March 06, 2025 at 11:07 PM

JO

“ *Tschüss Poospie. I loved you, Stef*

jones - February 26, 2024 at 02:29 PM

CM

“ *Bill was always one to share memories and "war" stories with about military service. He will be missed. "Fair winds and following seas..."
Chuck and Janet Melson*

Chuck and Janet Melson - February 08, 2024 at 06:21 PM

VS

“ *Veronika and Sean purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of CDR William E. Jones USCG, Ret..*



Veronika and Sean - February 08, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of CDR William E. Jones USCG, Ret..*



February 08, 2024 at 03:06 PM



“ *The A&E board members planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of CDR William E. Jones USCG, Ret..*

The A&E board members - February 08, 2024 at 03:06 PM