

Obituary for Walter Larry Jones

Born in Virginia in 1948, the 3rd child of Oscar and Lucile, Walter Larry Jones had a life filled with love.

Larry loved his girls. He knew he wanted to marry Linda the first time he saw her. They married younger than their parents wanted them to, but after 53 years their marriage sustained them both. Larry said that his goal as a father was that his girls, Amy and Sandy, would always know that they were loved. He set a standard for them that boys in their life could never meet. When his girls needed him, he dropped everything, did not ask why, he was there.

Larry loved the church. When discussing what he believed with his girls he said that that all he knew was that his life was better with God in it. It was a joke with Linda that when hard times came, he said "We need to go to church". He served in many capacities with his local congregations from leading the youth group when Amy and Sandy were in school to construction teams and committee leadership.

Larry loved his family. He talked to his brother, Jack, nearly every day and considered the strength, intelligence, and confidence of his sister Peggy to be the example of how he wanted his daughters to be.

Larry loved anything with a motor. Self-taught, he marked milestones in his life by the car he had at the time or the car he was restoring. When he was no longer able to restore cars, he started restoring John Deere tractors. A hobby he shared with his brother.

Larry loved to learn, loved to plan, and loved to have a project in the works. He enjoyed having discussions about faith, politics, and what was going on in the world. Failure as a concept did not exist for him. If anything he tried did not work, he would simply try something else until the project was complete. He loved working shoulder to shoulder with his friends knowing together anything was possible.

On June 24, 2022, we lost a friend, a husband, a father, a protector, and a comforter.

A Celebration of the Life of Walter Larry Jones

September 8, 1948 - June 24, 2022



July 2, 2022
11:00 AM

First United Methodist Church - DeRidder
Sanctuary & Online



Prelude
Mary Allen - Organist

Greeting

The Word of Grace

Hymn
Have Thine Own Way
#382, v. 1 & 4
WORDS BY ADELAIDE A. POLLARD
MUSIC BY GEORGE C. STEBBINS
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1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

Shared Memories
Virgil Carr

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Hymn
In the Garden
#341, v. 1 & 3
WORDS & MUSIC BY C. AUSTIN MILES
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1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.
Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.
3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

Scripture Reading
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 3:16

Celebration of Life
Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn
Amazing Grace
#378 v. 1 & 6
WORDS BY: JOHN NEWTON
MUSIC BY: EDWIN O. EXCELL
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1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*Committal

*Dismissal With Blessing

Postlude

Reception with family in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Celebration of Life Service for Larry Jones.