



## Patrick Royal Jones Sr.

October 30, 1934 - July 18, 2018

Patrick R. Jones, Sr., age 83, of Dixon, died Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at Heritage Square in Dixon. He was born October 30, 1934, in Dixon, the son of J. Willard and Elizabeth (Hennessy) Jones.

Pat was a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer for over 50 years in Illinois and was the 3rd generation owner and operator of Jones Funeral Home in Dixon and Amboy. He attended the University of Notre Dame, and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona in 1957. He was also a graduate of Worsham College of Mortuary Science.

Patrick was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dixon where he had been a lector, and most recently a greeter. He was a member of the Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690, Past President of Dixon Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow, Past President of the Dixon Gyro Club, Past President of Dixon Chamber of Commerce, a member of Chamber Ambassadors, and received the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998. He had been a member and Past President of Dixon Park District Board of Directors, a member of the Dixon Elks Club, the Dixon Jaycees, the Dixon Petunia Festival Board and was parade chairman. Pat was a member of the KSB Hospital Board of Directors, where he served a 2 year term as Chairman. He was also a member for 48 years of the Board of Directors at Heritage Square. He was also a life long member of the National Funeral Directors and Illinois Funeral Directors Associations and past member of the Northern Illinois Funeral Directors Association. He also was a volunteer for Meals on

Wheels.

Pat enjoyed vacationing at Little Silver Lake in Wild Rose, WI.

Pat married Linda Schaefer in Dixon on March 19, 1999.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother John Jones.

Survivors include his wife; 4 children Patrick R.(Lois) Jones Jr., of Amboy, John W. Jones of Chicago, Michael J. Jones of Washington D.C., and Sarah E. (James) Gorzny of Oregon; 2 step-daughters Jon Lynn (Rich Reedy) Schaefer of Evanston, and Michael Ann Schaefer of Hayward, WI; 6 grandchildren Jordan (Beth) Gorzny, Olivia Gorzny, Cade Gorzny, Brian (Rose) Miller, Christopher Jones, and Carly Jo Grant; 4 great-grandchildren Jaxson and Lilah Gorzny, Derek Miller and Wyatt Hankemeier; 4 sisters Cecelia (Robert) Jordan of Flossmoor, Nancy (Antone) Eppolito of Fayetteville, NY, Mary (Stanley) Harrison of Milwaukee, WI, and Eleanor (Thomas) Pendergast of Liverpool, NY; 1 brother Dr. David (Connie) Jones of Vista, CA; sister-in-law Dorothy Jones of Springfield, VA; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Monday July 23, 2018, beginning with a 10:00 AM prayer service at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon, with the Rev. Keith Romke, Pastor, and Rev. James Keenan, concelebrating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Sunday, from 2:00 until 7:00 PM in the funeral home with the Rosary recited at 7. Memorials have been established to St. Mary School and Heritage Square in Dixon.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Ph: 815-288-2241  
info@thejonesfh.com  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

JUL **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon  
612 S. Highland Ave.  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 284-7719  
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net  
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick Royal Jones Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Patrick Royal Jones Sr.*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Our belated condolences to Linda, Carol and Pat's children and grandchildren.*

*Pat has always been there for our community through his dedication, volunteerism, and professionalism and comfort throughout the years.*

*Joe, Diane Stewart and family*

**Diane stewart** - August 14, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Pat. He will be missed.*

*Sandy Frey and family*



**Sandy Frey** - July 24, 2018 at 04:41 PM

DD

“ Pat was a good and decent man and was always kind to me. Regrettably I was out of town and learned of his passing too late to attend services. I will always remember his humor. He will be missed. My sincere sympathy.

Debbie Deets - July 23, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..



July 23, 2018 at 09:23 AM

SD

“ Sending my sympathy to the family I enjoyed seeing Pat when ever I went to the funeral home.

Sara Donovan - July 23, 2018 at 08:35 AM

WT

“ With love from John's volleyball team. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..



With love from John's volleyball team. - July 23, 2018 at 12:23 AM

BC

“ *Bonnie Carson lit a candle in memory of Patrick Royal Jones Sr.*



Bonnie Carson - July 22, 2018 at 12:47 PM

T+

“ *The Linville + purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..*



The Linville + - July 21, 2018 at 11:12 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..*



July 21, 2018 at 07:56 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..*



July 20, 2018 at 11:17 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..*



July 20, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..*



July 20, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..*



July 20, 2018 at 04:16 PM



“ *Glenn Vander Poel and family, Susan Vander Poel and family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..*



**Glenn Vander Poel and family, Susan Vander Poel and family**  
- July 20, 2018 at 03:55 PM

TF

“ *The Parker Family, Little Silver Lake & Red Fox purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..*



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**The Parker Family, Little Silver Lake & Red Fox** - July 20, 2018 at 02:31 PM

RG

“ *Mr. Pat,  
Our Sympathy to the Family and Staff. Mr. Pat always seemed to say the right words in event of a Family or Friends Funeral. Pat, I will always remember your compassion when walking me through my Little Girl's funeral. Jones Funeral has Compassion and all around respect for all Families. God Bless you Mr.  
Pat, again my Prayers for his Family and staff.*



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**Ronda Jenner Gehant** - July 20, 2018 at 10:29 AM

CB

“ *Pat Jr. and family,  
Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. May all the great memories last in your hearts forever.  
With heartfelt sympathy,  
Rick, Chris, and Landon Bollman*

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**Christine Bollman** - July 20, 2018 at 09:00 AM

MB

“ I would like to thank Pat Jones and his mother Elizabeth for being there with me in deciding my career in funeral service. Working at the Jones Funeral Home in high school was a experience with very giving people who always listened and were family oriented. During a slow afternoon in the summer's in high school I remember listening to WGN Radio and enjoying the afternoon host's with Pat. It was a treat.

The Jones Funeral Home has buried most of my family, and will always be a part of me being in funeral service for 42 years. Funeral Home alley will not be the same as we remembered it in the 1970's between 3rd and 2nd Street and Ottawa and Crawford. It consisted of retired funeral director Frank Buckley, the Preston Funeral Home and the Jones Funeral Home. These were the "Old Day's"

*PR-Well Done Good and Faithful Servant.*

*Our Prayers are with the Jones Family*

*Mike and Karen Bales*

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**Mike Bales** - July 19, 2018 at 10:04 PM

DM

“ Pat was a lifelong friend to me and our entire family. I always appreciated stopping at Jones Funeral Home and visiting with him when I came to Dixon. Pat knew more history of Dixon, Maytown and the Irish settlers than anyone I knew. My sincere condolences to the entire Jones family. Dennis Murphy, Beloit, Wi.

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**Dennis Murphy** - July 19, 2018 at 09:11 PM

JB

“ My very deepest sympathy and prayers for the Jones family in your loss of Patrick, Senior. I remember his kindness, and that of his family, when we lost Dad, and then our mother. I can imagine "Pat, Sr." and Mom and Dad are catching up on old times, now. (Dad was Sexton of Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center, for years; he and Mom also took care of the mowing there, during that time.) Offering my thanks for Mr. Pat's years of service, and prayers that the good memories bring comfort and peace to his family and friends. May God bless you, always.



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**Janet E. Barlow** - July 19, 2018 at 08:22 PM

GS

“ Gary Sylvia Schultz lit a candle in memory of Patrick Royal Jones Sr.



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**Gary Sylvia Schultz** - July 19, 2018 at 06:15 PM

JB

“ To the Jones family  
The family of Jeff, Sharon and Andrew Beverage and the staff of Beverage Lyons Family Funeral Homes send our deepest condolences.



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**Jeff Beverage** - July 19, 2018 at 04:31 PM

RK

“ *Ramona Kessel lit a candle in memory of Patrick Royal Jones Sr.*



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**Ramona Kessel** - July 19, 2018 at 04:09 PM

MR

“ *So very sorry for your loss. My family has known Pat for as long as I can remember he was a great man. The Ridenhour/Catalina Family.*

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**Mary Jo /Dolly Catalina Ridenhour** - July 19, 2018 at 03:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patrick Royal Jones Sr..*



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July 19, 2018 at 01:22 PM

JS

“ *Truly sorry for your loss. I believe I have known Pat since I was about six years old. He was a great guy and good friend to our family. While not a big deal in the grand scheme he was also on the Board of Directors of my Dad's old business. May God bless Pat and provide grace to all his friends and family. He will be greatly missed.*

*Jack Schrauth & Family*

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**Jack Schrauth** - July 19, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Patrick Royal Jones Sr.*



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July 19, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Patrick Royal Jones Sr.*



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July 18, 2018 at 08:59 PM