

Franklin Thomas Jones

Franklin Thomas Jones was born August 6, 1951, at Jersey City, New Jersey, to Egbert and Gladys (Davis) Jones. At the age of 17, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served his country in Vietnam. Following his honorable discharge, he became a police officer for the city of Orange, CA. He worked for Garrett Air Research in El Segundo, CA, as an instrument tester.

He married Charin Bertsch Barone on November 7, 1979, at Cambria, CA.

Frank worked his way from runner to executive assistant to writer on the television sitcom "Gimme a Break". In 1989, he worked as a contract administrator for international film distribution. He then worked as a church administrator in Northern California before retiring to Isabel where he enjoyed the country living and working in the trucking business. His favorite time was cowboying.

Frank, 60, Isabel, died Saturday, November 19, 2011, at the Fort Meade VA Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Charin Barone, Isabel; two sons, Franklin Thomas Sperazzo and Jermell Machado Jones; three daughters, twin daughters, Thelicia Monique and Racquel Lynette Sperazzo and Lakeisha R. Jones; three brothers, Egbert Jones, William Jones, and Alfred Jones; one aunt, Francis McCreary; and two grandchildren.

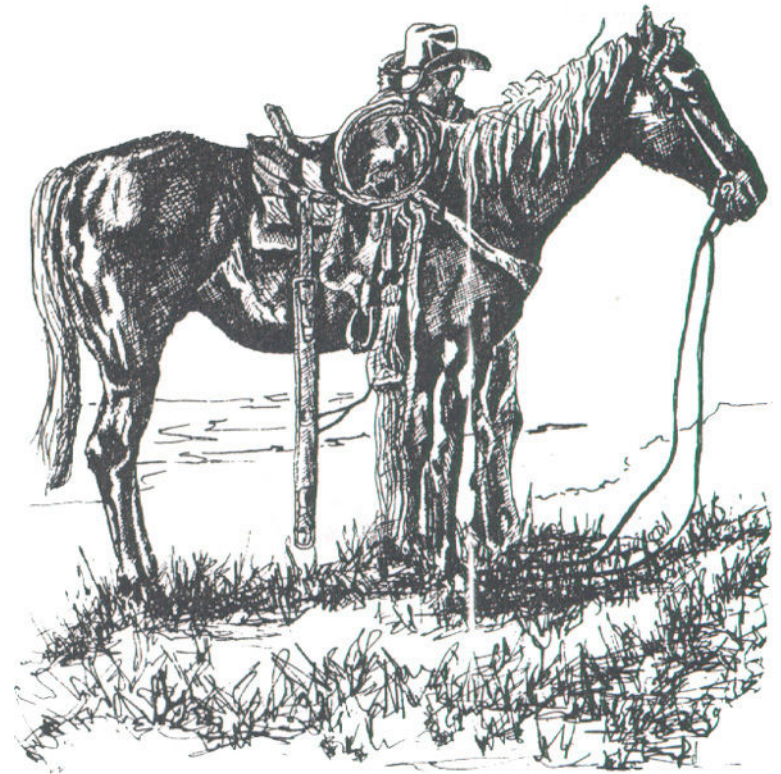
He was preceded in death by both parents and one brother, Leslie A. Jones.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

*I'm glad we all knew Frank
As I stand here I see sad faces crying
They are all looking at the coffin where he is laying
The flowers make the church look beautiful
As Frank looks peaceful
All his fears are erased
Like they never happened in the first place
But God has his arms open
To lay him in his rightful place*

by Kurt Salzer



Farewell Prayer

*"Thank you Lord for seeing how
Weary I am, and letting me rest.
The pain is gone; the peace is beautiful,
Your love surrounds me.
I have fought the good fight (I think)
and some how now at this stage,
no matter what the outcome,
I feel I have won."
My homily - - 'For everything there is a season.'
"I want my family to move on with
their lives, and realize everything is
for a reason. Have no regrets.
Everybody did everything they could.
I love you all and will still be with you."*

***A Cowboy's Prayer
By Badger Clark***

*Oh Lord, I've never lived where churches grow.
I've loved creation better as it stood
That day You finished it, so long ago
And looked upon Your work and called it good.
I know that others find You in the light
That's sifted down through tinted window panes,
And yet I seem to feel You near tonight
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.*

*I thank You, Lord, that I'm placed so well,
That You have made my freedom so complete;
That I'm no slave to whistle, clock or bell,
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of wall and street.
Just let me live my life as I've begun
And give me work that's open to the sky:
Make me a pardner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.*

*Let me be easy on the man that's down;
Let me be square and generous with all.
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,
But never let 'em say I'm mean or small!
Make me as big and open as the plains,
As honest as the hawse between my knees,
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!*

*Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget,
You know about the reasons that are hid,
You understand the things that gall and fret,
You know me better than my mother did.
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said
And right me sometimes when I turn aside,
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.*



In Loving Memory Of

Franklin Thomas Jones

Born

August 6, 1951
Jersey City, New Jersey

Died

November 19, 2011
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Graveside Service

Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery

Officiating

Pastor Darla Dunn

Pallbearers

Carl Salzer ~ Kurt Salzer ~ Tait Salzer
Ted Smith ~ Daryl DeBow ~ Len Martin

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*