



PAUL L. JONES

July 31, 1941 - June 3, 2021

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Paul Luchen Jones

July 31, 1941—June 3, 2021

His smile, the twinkle in his eyes, his trademark western attire featuring a black Stetson hat and Lucchese boots are among the memories many will miss about Paul. However, most will miss his love, friendship and commitment to bringing about positive change on several fronts.

Family has always been Paul's core reason for being and at the heart of that core is his wife, Alberta. Their 47-year relationship has been an epic love story. The Jones family of two daughters and a son continues to grow with many grands and great grands whose unconditional love always brought joy to their "pa-pa."

A native of Detroit, Texas, Paul grew up in a large family that included 11 siblings. He learned early to give his all regardless of the tasks before him. As a youth, giving his best sometimes meant many days of chopping cotton "from can't see to can't see" (before sunrise to after sunset) and picking more than a 600 pounds of cotton a day during harvest season. After graduating from

Detroit High School where he was an outstanding basketball player and while attending the historic Texas College, Paul was drafted by the United States Army. He served in Korea and Vietnam. After four years of service in the military, Paul earned his bachelor's degree from Lamar University in Beaumont.

After 43 years at Gulf States Utilities/Entergy in Beaumont, Paul retired as training and development manager. In addition to his regular work at Entergy, he represented the company at events and in programs throughout the South. Shortly after retirement, Paul stepped into the oftentimes weighty role of civic and community leader and church servant.

As a member of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Beaumont, Paul was very active in various ministries, including leading the Voter Education Ministry and teaching the free Financial Literacy God's Way classes. He worked with pastors across the region in establishing and facilitating the Sunday Souls to the Polls program. After moving to Austin, the Jones became committed members of the Mount Olive Baptist Church where he also taught the free Financial Literacy God's Way classes.

Well rounded in his interests, he supported the arts, economic development, environmental improvements and the overall well-being of humanity. As president of 100 Black Men of Beaumont, Inc., Paul was instrumental in the success of several grassroots projects ranging from youth mentoring and college scholarships to health awareness, strengthening the family and social activism. He served the Beaumont Chapter of the NAACP as its president and chief executive officer. A consummate businessman, Paul worked to solidify the organization's outreach to youth, senior citizens and the general community in support of the NAACP's ongoing work for racial justice and equality.

On the educational front, Paul served on the Beaumont Independent School District's Bond Committee that oversaw nearly \$400 million of new schools and other facility improvements. He was a consummate volunteer for organizations as "I Have A Dream" and "Inspire, Encourage, Achieve" (IEA)

missioned to mentor and provide scholastic support for disadvantaged and troubled youth. He worked with the leadership team at Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont to develop one of its most popular two-year programs. Cancer awareness and voter rights were also high on Paul's list of community and civic work. His work also helped to diversify new classes of police recruits for the City of Beaumont and laid groundwork in an effort to protect voter rights throughout Jefferson County.

The techy, engineering Paul was an outdoors man who built two country retreats for his family. He was working on patenting gadgets and products he designed such as his unique table/chair hat hanger and a freestanding boot/hat/shoe rack. With Alberta at his side, Paul enjoyed music. From gospel to blues and country, they rocked from the church pews and waved their hands toward heaven. The beat of diverse music inspired their synchronized struts across barn floors, waltz in ballrooms and freestyle soulful moves at home parties. They loved dancing, entertaining and helping others grow in their Christian walk as well as achieve professional and educational excellence.

Cemetery Details

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 State Highway 195
Killeen, TX 76542-4945

Previous Events

Celebration Service

JUN 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olive Baptist Church
1800 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall



“ PAUL L. JONES

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *I knew Paul from our days at GSU and Entergy. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word for you. He was a true Christian man and will be greatly missed!*
Albert Duffel

ALBERT DUFFEL - June 12, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy as you have lost your beloved Mr. Paul Jones . He will be sadly missed but happily remembered and never forgotten . To Kelly and Rodney , we love you and we're here for you . To the family and friends of Mr. Jones , hold on to God's unchanging hand . Lean on him and not your own understanding.*
Patricia Chissell, Joe Holmes, Khian and the Martin family.

Patricia Chissell - June 10, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of PAUL L. JONES.*



June 10, 2021 at 01:41 PM

SC

“ Sending Prayers for Alberta and Kelly and the whole family. God broke the mold when he created Paul.

I'll always remember our dancing moments together and the fish fries as a family. Until we meet again Paul.

Doug and I Love you so much.



Sandy choate - June 10, 2021 at 01:18 PM

GC

Flowers were sent from the mobile family from Mobile Alabama

GERALDINE Malone Coleman - June 10, 2021 at 07:47 PM

GE

“ *This is so sad. Paul was a very upstanding man. That tall Texan, was fun to be around. Southeast Texas really misses him.*

Much love to you Alberta, your were a great and beautiful team.

GeorgineGuillory-Beaumont - June 10, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



A Life Celebration by Franklin - June 10, 2021 at 03:04 AM

AA

“ With everything GOD gives us, he blessed me with an extraordinary uncle. From day 1 you were kind , considerate and very funny. It is easy to love you because this is who you are all the time and made yourself available to assist with projects , play ball or just talk. I have so many memories but the one I choose to share are the days helping you clear out your land in Beaumont. Learned a lot from you those weeks from maintaining and operating a variety equipment to fighting off creatures and critters on your land. LOL. We endured long hot days , ate way too much for lunch, enjoyed each other company and added to a already strong relationship. Thank you Uncle Paul for being who you are and loving us the way only you could do....

Alonzo Arceneaux - June 09, 2021 at 05:29 PM

TF

“ The Clophus Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of PAUL L. JONES.



The Clophus Family - June 09, 2021 at 03:32 PM

YF

“ Your DSHS Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of PAUL L. JONES.



Your DSHS Family - June 09, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *Capital City Chapter, Top Ladies of Distinction purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of PAUL L. JONES.*



Capital City Chapter, Top Ladies of Distinction - June 09, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of PAUL L. JONES.*



June 08, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of PAUL L. JONES.*



June 08, 2021 at 06:13 PM

DN

“ IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED FRIEND, PAUL JONES

We shall forever cherish the many pleasant memories of the Special Relationship that our families shared for many years in Beaumont, Texas. In Memory of a Life Well Lived by Our Beloved Friend, Paul Jones. We dedicate:

BE YE ALSO READY (From: "Thanatopsis")

By William Cullen Bryant

So live that when thy summons come to join the innumerable caravan,

Which moves to that mysterious realm,

Where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death,

Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,

Scourged to his dungeon, sustained and soothed,

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,

Like one who wraps his the drapery of his couch - about him,

And lies down to pleasant dreams.

WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY, LOVE AND PRAYERS!

THE FAMILY OF DORA AND THE LATE CLEVELAND NISBY

Dora Nisby - June 08, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ Uncle Paul there are no Beaumont memories for me without you and Aunt Alberta! The quiet , calm, strong and “respectful” way you and my dad displayed your sibling love 💕 for each other was deafening and spoke volumes to us! There was always an overflow of “unconditional love” when it came to you and I thank you for all that you poured into my life. We will miss you dearly but Praise be to God for his loving arms and your eternal rest for job well done 💕 #hetoldmeiwaagoingtowanttoframethatpic 😊



Monique King - June 08, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of PAUL L. JONES.



June 08, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Papa*

Thank you for Loving Lola the way you did, you are a true inspiration to her and are such a important in her life. Thank you for showing her how a lady should be treated and loved. We will miss you. We love you papa

Lola and Beatrice



Beatrice Mendoza - June 08, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of PAUL L. JONES.*



June 08, 2021 at 10:48 AM

KG

“ You raised me to be strong and independent, to put God first, love and support our family and always do the right thing, regardless of others. You were my vacation partner, my dare devil zip lining partner, my theater buddy, my concert partner, my friend, my confident and my daddy. I love you to the moon and back. #alwayasdaddysgirl. Kelly



Kelly Geter - June 08, 2021 at 01:43 AM

BR

“ The life you lived spoke for you. I will not let your legacy die. You were the epitome of a good Godly man. You will be greatly missed by your family. Love you always big bro! Your baby sister Brenda



Brenda - June 07, 2021 at 10:47 PM