

Obituary: Jack Lee Jones



Jack Lee Jones, 74, of South Charleston passed away on November 10, 2009, at Oak Ridge Center, Charleston.

He was born on May 12, 1935, in Charleston and was a son of the late Gerald and Gatha Jones.

Jack played professional baseball for five years with the Giants and Tigers organizations, and pitching for Charleston Senators (AAA). He continued his interest and love of sports by coaching baseball and officiating football, basketball and baseball at the secondary and college levels. He was an active member and officer of the Kanawha Valley Football and Basketball Officials and Umpire Associations. He volunteered at CAMC Memorial Hospital and the Red Cross. An avid bridge player, he competed in state, regional and national tournaments, achieving the rank of Bronze Life Master, before his illness prevented his participation.

As fire chief of South Charleston, he initiated a program that resulted in every fire fighter becoming an EMT. His career then culminated in his selection to the presidency of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, a division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He enjoyed serving as a Kentucky Colonel until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Evelyn Clement.

He is survived by sons, Jack Jones of Murrell's Inlet, S.C., and Jeffrey Jones of Huntington; daughters, Catherine Graceson of South Charleston and Jill Jones Corbett of High Point, N.C.; sister, Donna Kay Ginger of Baltimore, Md.; grandsons, Michael and David von Dohlen; granddaughters, Erin and Annie Gallagher and Sara Jones; his former wife, Barbara Jones; and his dogs, Taffy and Pepper.

A memorial service to honor the life of Jack Lee Jones will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 28, at Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston. Burial will be in Kiser family cemetery.

Family and friends may visit two hours prior to the services at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent through the Honoring Life Condolence Center at snodgrassfuneral.com.

Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston, is handling the arrangements.