



## James W. Jones

December 23, 1950 - December 27, 2023

James (Jim) W. Jones, 73, of Marengo, passed away December 27, 2023.

Jim was born December 23, 1950, in Jacksonville, IL to Willard and Edith (Rawlings) Jones. He married Mary Aring on July 13, 1975, in Jacksonville.

Jim was a carpenter by trade and a builder by choice. He was happy to lend a hand and a hammer to help a neighbor and build community. Jim was always in the stands cheering on his kids and their teammates at many of their sporting events. That encouragement carried on well beyond their athletic years and was treasured by his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Mary; his children, Jason (Jodi) Jones, Jill (Amine) Airaki, Trisha (Bill) Olm; grandchildren, Morgan, Jaiden, and Micah Jones, Kella & Aksel Airaki; Hayden Olm; twin brother, John (Rose) Jones; and sister, Eleanor Jones. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill, and sister, Laura.

Visitation will be on Friday, Jan. 12th from 4-7 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 412 Jackson St. in Marengo and will continue on Sat. Jan. 13 at the church from 10 am until the 11 am Service.

Cremains burial will be in Liberty Cemetery in Jacksonville, IL at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be directed to the church or St. Jude Children's Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
412 Jackson Street  
Marengo, IL 60152

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim was a great friend who was always up for the task. On some of our many renovation projects, I would ask Jim, "do you think we can do that?" To which he would always reply, "well if we did this and did that, I think it'll work." And it always did. He was a true professional in his craft. His one story that will always stick with me was, someone would ask him, "Jim, how do you do it, day after day, week after week, year after year?" And Jim would reply, "I don't know, I guess it just comes natural."

*Rest in peace my friend.*

*Ed and Ginger Sytsma*

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**Edward Sytsma** - January 12, 2024 at 04:03 PM

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*Thank you for sharing your memories of our dad! The stories make us smile and bring us joy. Dad was helpful and enjoyed doing great work...unless it was in Chicago. :)*

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**Jill** - March 26, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. Jones.



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January 11, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Jones.



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January 08, 2024 at 05:06 PM

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“ Jim was a trustworthy friend and one heck of a master carpenter. We will miss his contagious laugh and many conversations ( sometimes mixed with sarcasm) . One time in his early carpenter years with me , I insisted on raising walls in 20 below temperature then the crew could leave. Jim used a lot of adjectives that day but he was faithful and completed the task at hand . Trustworthy, funny, generous, & forgiving are just a few memories Jim left on my families heart

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**Dale Hertel** - January 05, 2024 at 05:38 PM

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*This is great, Dale. Thank you for sharing. :) We have such a love and appreciation for you and your family.*

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**Jill** - March 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM