



Donald L. Jones

January 28, 2015

Donald L. Jones age, 91, died at Kobacker House 1/28/15. He was born in Towanda PA, graduated H.S. in Ithaca NY, attended Marietta College, SMU Perkins school of theology, and St. Paul's Seminary. As a pacifist and conscientious objector he served 4 years with Civilian Public Service during WWII, in labor camps, army Guinea pig medical tests, and with psychiatric patients at Marlboro State Hosp. in NJ. Ordained as a Methodist Minister he pastored a church in Rossville KS 16 years, while working full-time at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka. He retired from Harding Hospital Worthington, Ohio after 20 years as Director of Adjunctive Therapy. There he set up dynamically oriented milieu therapy treatment, and an art therapy clinical internship. He was a pioneer in the field of Art Therapy, a founder and past president of the American Art Therapy Assoc. and Ohio organization (BATA) and taught classes at CCAD and at Capital University. In retirement (retreaded he called it) he ministered two Unitarian congregations, did expressive art with people in neurological rehabilitation, hospice, prisons, with addiction counselors, teen group homes, wrote articles, contributed writing to journals and books and delivered presentations around the country. He helped establish WAAL and exhibited his paintings locally and nationally. In his art studio he painted, taught art, saw clients and students, many of whom he mentored over his lifetime. He was calm and compassionate, had a wonderful sense of humor, liked making puns and imaginative stories. His manner was healing and inspirational and he made a positive difference in countless lives.

Preceded in death by parents, Earl William and Ethel Peet Jones, brothers Lyman M. Jones and Earl W. Jones, Jr. He is survived by wife of 35 years, Karen Rush Jones, son Morgan Rush Jones , first wife Eleanor Illston Jones, children, David (Joyce), Amy, Evan, Anne Bennett (Adrian), Matthew (Kelly) and Peter. 7 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, nephews, and nieces There will be a memorial service at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus on Feb.14th at 11:00AM where Minister Dr. Mark Belletini will celebrate Don's rich and meaningful life as artist, sculptor, minister, therapist, teacher and father. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First UU church, Kobacker House or charity of your choice. Arrangements by RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085. To send condolences to the family, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald L. Jones*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am sure I benefited from his art therapy, as I was in art therapy in KC MO. I am sorry I didn't get to meet this wonderful man. However, I am a friend of Annie and she is also a truly amazing person and has many of the same qualities listed in the obituary. Love and prayers being sent to your family.*

Tammy McCauley - February 08, 2015 at 10:51 AM



“ *As a student of Bob Ault I was blessed to learn and know Don Jones. I learned so much from the first leaders of Art Therapy. Thank you Mr Jones. and God Bless.
Zoe Williams ATR-BC*

Zoe Williams - February 07, 2015 at 09:06 PM