



## Gregory Jones

April 19, 2020

Gregory Lynn Jones, 66, of Worthington, Ohio, passed away late April 19, 2020 in Columbus, Ohio.

Greg was born on October 8, 1953 in Barnesville, Ohio. Greg, always focused on service to his community, was the class President for the Barnesville High School class of 1972 and a three-sport athlete playing football, basketball and baseball. Greg continued his education at West Liberty State College where he graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, and later earned his Master's Degree from The Ohio State University in Psychology. Greg positively impacted countless young people in his role as a School Psychologist for Southwestern City Schools, Delaware City Schools, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools and also consulted for schools in the Marion, Ohio area. Greg's passion for both psychology and service also led him to a career as a private counselor. As a lifelong learner, Greg continued to take classes and keep up to date on the latest research in School Psychology even after his retirement.

Greg was a man of strong faith and he was active in ministry and service through First Community Church. Greg is known for and will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather, a great listener and wonderful friend, a caring, thoughtful, and generous man, and of course, a fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes.

Greg is preceded in death by his wife Barb Jones (Mallernee), his father Gerald Jones, mother-in-law Polly Mallernee (Pittis), father-in-law Robert Mallernee, sister -in- law, Nancy Wells (Mallernee) and brother-in-law Rick Samuels.

Greg is survived his mother Rosemary Jones (Conger); by his three daughters Heidi Beck (Ryan), Rachel Jones, and Hayley Mardis (Michael); by his brother Gerald Jones (Ann); brother-in-law Richard Wells, sister-in-law Joan Samuels; as well as by his Grandchildren Ella and Lucy Prediger and Thomas Beck, along with nieces and nephews Kelly Jones, Bert Jones, Richard Wells, Gabe Wells, Shannon Baytos and Megan Rice, as well as many great-nieces and great-nephews.

To express your condolences please visit [www.ruthorfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ruthorfordfuneralhomes.com). Burial was at Flint Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to The American Heart Association, The American Lung Association or First Community Church

# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory Jones

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Greg will be missed by those fortunate enough to take classes with him at FCC. I always looked forward to his sharing his opinions and thoughts because I knew they would be enlightening and kind. He had a smile for everyone and such kindness. For many years I have looked forward to walking into a class and seeing his smiling face and feel such sadness that he won't be there. I send my sympathy to his family. You had an exceptionally kind and gentle father and grandfather. We will miss him.  
Judy Koob

judy koob - April 30, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man and Dad. I know that you will miss him terribly. I will be keeping you all in my prayers. May you feel God's peace and comfort that surpasses all understanding. Love you guys.. Hugs and Praye

Darla Flinn - April 28, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ We light a candle in memory of Greg. We appreciated his kind greeting when we were in class or at church. We will fondly remember him. Cathie and Bruce Hickin

Bruce Hickin - April 27, 2020 at 07:45 AM

JR

“ I began to know Greg only in the past year and regret that I didn't have an opportunity to know him longer. In my experience, Greg did not say much, but when he spoke it was worth hearing. I'll miss you, Greg, as will all who knew you.

Joe Ray

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**Joe Ray** - April 24, 2020 at 05:22 PM

KS

“ I send my deepest sympathy and prayers for comfort. I worked with Greg for many years and he was such a source of support as I began my career. I will always remember and value all that I learned from him. He was a kind and compassionate person who will be deeply missed.

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**Kristin Strawser** - April 23, 2020 at 11:17 AM

CF

“ Although I did not know Greg really well, he was the kindest and sweetest person to encounter. He always had a gentle manner and a smile for everyone, and he was so reliable as a fellow Spiritual Searcher committee member. He will be missed terribly and I am so very saddened by his passing. Please know that he left a valuable impression on our humanity. A real inspiration on how to treat our fellow man.

Love, Connie Frecker

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**Connie Frecker** - April 22, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JK

“ Greg was a very special person and friend. He was one of the kindest people I have know and always interested in others. He loved his children beyond measure. I loved greeting his bright eyes and his warm hugs. I know Greg is now resting in the arms of The Beloved and forever blessed. Jayne Kaylor

Jayne Kaylor - April 21, 2020 at 06:29 PM

BS

“ The Burkhart and Progressing Spirit community has lost a kind and gentle soul. I had the privilege to get to know the inner Greg more through the Diamond Approach sessions. I will miss him. My heart goes out to his beautiful family for the loss they must feel. Peace to all.

Brian Smith - April 21, 2020 at 06:26 PM

JT

“ I think Greg and I were kindred spirits in a way - it seems whatever my husband Brian and I attended at The Burkhart Center -- be it Diamond Approach, Progressing Spirit, or Sunday morning classes -- he was always there. I will miss his insights - he didn't say much, but when it did, it was something that mattered, went to the heart of an issue, and made me think. I will miss him.  
Peace to Greg and his family  
Jaron Terry

Jaron Terry - April 21, 2020 at 06:18 PM

JN

“ Seeing Greg's warm smile was always a highlight of our Sunday morning services at FCC. He will be missed by all. Jennie Nickel

JENNIE NICKEL - April 21, 2020 at 05:02 PM

KS

“ Greg was a gentle presence in our FCC Progressing Christianity group that met once a month. His warm smile and kind speaking is what I remember most. I wish I had had more than an introductory conversation with him, but I always looked to see if he had come on those Saturdays, and missed him when he was absent once in a while. Coming from such a distance on the east side of the city tells me that the group meant a lot to him, too. He will be missed! Kit Schmauch

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**Kit Schmauch** - April 21, 2020 at 04:43 PM

DN

“ During our Sunday morning adult education classes at First Community Church, Greg was often in attendance and he and I always exchanged greetings. He had a beautiful gentleness and a wonderful calmness about him. I really liked him as a person. We will miss Greg immensely! Dave Nickel

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**Dave Nickel** - April 21, 2020 at 04:04 PM

JS

“ A quiet smile and a gentle spirit with a heart filled with empathy, compassion and warmth.

*Greg helped support the recent Burkhardt Center's Mirabai Starr weekend event at FCC. I was fortunate to be his partner that Saturday, and I'm grateful for that opportunity to get to know him a little better.*

*The Progressing Spirit class at FCC is a small group with great sharing and closeness. Losing Greg is like losing a member of the family.*

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**Jill Short** - April 21, 2020 at 03:36 PM

LB

“ *Sending my deepest sympathies to Greg’s family. I will certainly miss his thoughtful presence around The Burkhart Center of First Community.*

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**Lisa Bueche** - April 21, 2020 at 03:20 PM

LN

“ *Greg was a gentle and generous presence in many of our adult learning classes at First Community. His warm smile and kind words will be missed by all of us. Lisa*

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**Lisa Norris** - April 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM

PK

“ *Thank you, Greg, for the gift of you, a precious gift that you shared in your quiet way with so many of us in our monthly Saturday morning class. Even though we are not gathering together at this time, you are already being missed. Paul*

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**Paul Kramer** - April 21, 2020 at 02:59 PM