



## Herbert W. Jones

November 14, 1937 - September 13, 2015

### JONES

Herbert W. Jones age 77 of Dublin, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2015 at Riverside Hospital with his family by his side. Born November 14, 1937 to the late W. Ralph and Edith Jones in Chicago, Ill. Moved to Dublin, OH in 1946. Retired teacher from Columbus Public Schools after 35 years of service. Also, retired Firefighter after 31 years of service, Washington Township Fire Department. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by infant son Jeffery Warren Jones and survived by his loving family; wife Leona M. Jones; son Scott A. Jones, both of Dublin; daughter Kimberly S. (Dr. Steven) Sparks of Clyde, OH; grandchildren Dustin (Michelle) Hill, Samantha (Eric) Heinsen, Maddison Griffin, Ian Sparks, Hannah Sparks; great-grandchildren Brody Heinsen and Jaxon Hill; brothers William Ralph (Linda) Jones Jr. and Thomas E. (Pat) Jones; many nieces and nephews; brother-in-law John R. Brown and sister-in-law Rosella Jordan. Graduate of Washington Local Schools (Dublin) 1955 and received his B.S. in Education from Otterbein College, 1959 where he was a member of the Otterbein College "O" Club. Received the Distinguished Teaching Award , IOTA Lambda Sigma, Alpha Gamma Chapter, 1989-1990. Served in the U.S. Navy Reserve for 8 years. Herbert was a volunteer and part-time firefighter (Captain) and was a State of Ohio Firefighter Instructor as part of his teaching career. Member of the Original Dublin Charter Commission, 1978; Historic Dublin Assoc. where he spent 11 years on the Board of Directors and member of the Dublin

Historical Society. 63 year member of Dublin Community Church, 81 W. Bridge St. Dublin, OH 43017 where a Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 pm, Friday, September 18, 2015. Rev. Robert Tussing officiating. Family will receive friends one hour after the service at church. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to, The Dublin Historical Society, Dublin Community Church, or Washington Township (Dublin) Fire department.

With Herb's in depth knowledge of Dublin and its history, you might assume he was born and raised here like many of our older members but it turns out that is not the case. Herbert Warren Jones, named after both of his grandfathers, was born on November 14, 1937, in Chicago.

In 1946, Herb was in third grade when the family, including Herb and his two brothers, moved to Ohio because his dad was transferred to Columbus to open up the regional office of the Pure Oil Company. They came to Dublin to live because a friend of Herb's dad had a house they could rent. The stone house stood just west of the 1919 Building near the Indian Run Falls.

In high school, Herb was part of two very successful teams. The football team, which he captained, was named All-County in his senior year in 1955 and the baseball team was runner-up for the state championship. Herb's senior advisor, Bob Browning, was in the Naval Reserves and convinced Herb to follow suit while in college. He served for eight years and was stationed at the Port Columbus Naval Air Station. He also influenced Herb to pursue a teaching career. Herb attended Otterbein College and graduated in 1959. He played football at Otterbein for three years, under the coaching of Bob Agler. He also was a volunteer firefighter for Washington-Perry Township Fire Department (attaining the rank of Captain) a service he performed for the next 31 years!

Although his distinguished teaching career spanned 35 years, it was quite

diverse. He got his first teaching job at Jonathan Alder High School in 1960, where he taught the sciences and was assistant football coach. He then moved to Dublin for the next three years and coached football and junior high basketball, after which he moved to Columbus Public Schools and stayed for 29 years. Herb was asked to start a vocational program to encourage students to enter police or firefighting careers, which he did. Herb was also a State of Ohio Firefighter Instructor, as part of his teaching career. Herb has firefighters “all over” the country that went through his training program, including several members of the Dublin Fire Department. In 1989-1990 Herb received the Distinguished Teaching Award from IOTA Lambda Sigma, Alpha Gamma Chapter, in recognition of his outstanding work.

Herb’s community service goes well beyond his firefighting work however. He was appointed to the Dublin Charter Commission in 1978, a group responsible for moving from governing by mayor to city manager. He served on the Cemetery Commission for 10 years. He was on the Name the Schools Committee for the Dublin City Schools to name Pinney, Jerome, Karrer, and Bailey schools. He was an ambassador for the Dublin Convention and Visitors Bureau and a Volunteer for the City of Dublin. In 1995 he and Leona were Grand Marshall’s of the Fourth of July parade and he was the Grand Leprechaun of the St. Patrick’s Day parade in 2002. In 200? He and Leona were honorees at the Dublin Fund’s Emerald Celebration Ball.

Perhaps Herb’s greatest ‘claim to fame’, however, is the work he has done to preserve the history of Dublin. He has had a huge impact through several channels, including his 11 years on the Board of Directors of the Historic Dublin Association, and a member of the “Historic Dublin Revitalization” program that was responsible for sidewalks and new street lights. He has been part of the Dublin Historical society since it was formed in 1974. Herb has been president for many years, now. Besides the Coffman House, which

now stands as a tribute to the work of the Dublin Historical Society and is open for tours for school children and adults, there are two other projects that have been created to capture Dublin and its history and Herb has been a part of both of those. One is a Mills James video production, "Reflections of Dublin," 1998-1999, and Herb was the assistant director of that project. The second is the City of Dublin's history book, "Dublin's Journey," and Herb served on the editing committee for the early sections from the 1800s to 1950. The idea for the book germinated a few years back when Herb, then City Manager Tim Hansley and then Mayor Chuck Kranstuber had a vision to publish a book of Dublin's history.

On many fall and spring mornings, you will still find Herb guiding groups of third graders through the historic streets of Old Dublin, fondly and vividly sharing stories that bring history alive to all present. The tour continues at the Coffman House and barn.

Herb talks about how much Dublin has changed over the years since he has lived here but he is very passionate about the mission of the Dublin Historical Society. "Our charge is to protect and educate," he says. "We want to perpetuate it (Dublin's history) as long as we can." His winning smile, twinkling eyes, and impish personality reflect his passion for preservation of Dublin's history so that it is even contagious to young children. What a gift that is to our community for now and for the future!

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 18. 1:30 PM (ET)

Dublin Community Church  
81 West Bridge Street  
Dublin, OH 43017  
<http://www.dublincommunitychurch.org/>

## Calling Hours

SEP 18. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Dublin Community Church  
81 West Bridge Street  
Dublin, OH 43017  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Herbert W. Jones*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *John Sedlock lit a candle in memory of Herbert W. Jones*



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**John Sedlock** - January 24, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Leona, Scott and Kim,  
I'm sorry to hear about Herb's passing. I always enjoyed seeing and speaking to Herb. I don't think I can look back to any point in my life I didn't know him. He was a great man and he will be missed.*  
*Eric Denney*

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**Eric Denney** - September 20, 2015 at 06:15 PM

DC

“ Dear Leona,  
I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Herb achieved a position of respect and high esteem which he enjoyed for so many years in the Dublin community. His absence will be felt by many for many years. I recall an Irish Blessing that I would like to share with you-it seems apropos.  
"May God grant you always a Sunbeam to warm you, A moonbeam to charm you, A Sheltering Angel, so nothing can harm you,Laughter to cheer you, Faithful friends near you and whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you".  
With deepest sympathy,  
Dianne Delewese Christy

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**Dianne Delewese Christy** - September 18, 2015 at 07:19 PM

TS

“ Tom, Heather, Corinne, Chloe, and Cinnamon Sampsel purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Herbert W. Jones.



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**Tom, Heather, Corinne, Chloe, and Cinnamon Sampsel** -  
September 18, 2015 at 08:04 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Herbert W. Jones.



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September 17, 2015 at 02:56 PM

KD

“ We enjoyed so much visiting with Herb and Leona at our 50th DHS Class Reunion in May. Everyone was so very happy to share a coaching or teaching memory with Herb. The evening was such a richer experience because of his kindness and unique ability to share the goodness of his life in Dublin.

*With our deepest sympathy to Leona and their beautiful family.  
Craig and Kay Duffey*

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**Kay Duffey** - September 17, 2015 at 01:28 PM

LG

“ I met Herb when I began working as the receptionist at City Hall in 1990. He would stop in when he was going to the Coffman House. I do not think I have met a kinder, more knowledgeable, or pleasant person than Herb. He was always smiling and was happy to share the history of Dublin, which was invaluable to me being new and from another side of town. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathy to his lovely wife, family, friends, coworkers and everyone who knew him.

*Linda L. Gilliam*

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**Linda L. Gilliam** - September 17, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ Herb was a great man who will be missed. In addition to being a teacher and firefighter he also worked for the City of Dublin part-time as a maintenance worker for several years, which is where I met him. Due to his knowledge of the community and history of Dublin he was able to fill-in a lot of the gaps in the cemetery records which I was converting to electronic records and I'm still grateful for the assistance. Condolences to his family. Tammy Brown.

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**Tammy Brown** - September 17, 2015 at 08:27 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Herbert W. Jones.*



September 16, 2015 at 11:46 PM



“ *Judy Kerris Murphy sent a virtual gift in memory of Herbert W. Jones*



**Judy Kerris Murphy** - September 16, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“ *From all of the Washington Township Employees purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Herbert W. Jones.*



**From all of the Washington Township Employees** -  
September 16, 2015 at 12:57 PM



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



September 15, 2015 at 01:28 PM

MG

“ *Herb was a great man and a good friend. He had one of the most powerful handshakes of all time. Terrific grandfather to my two daughters, Maddison and Samantha, and was always smiling. Anyone who ever met Herb Jones will never forget him. He will be missed.  
God bless the Jones family and their extended family.*

- Mark Griffin

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Mark Griffin - September 15, 2015 at 11:23 AM

DK

“ *What a life of accomplishment and service Herb had! I will always treasure the stories he told me about the history of my house at 170 and about the big rock in the river that served as a meeting place for neighborhood kids. His leadership and work with the Washington Township Fire Department will always be a valued part of the foundation on which the esteemed department now stands. My condolences to all Herb's family. Denise Franz King*

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Denise Franz King - September 15, 2015 at 09:19 AM

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“ *God Bless/RIP, to ALL who served. Thank YOU for your service,Herb.... And Semper Fi.*



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Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - September 15, 2015 at 08:49 AM

RB

“ Captain Jones was one of my favorite teachers and mentors. I am grateful to have known him. He will truly be missed.

*Lt. Ross Baker - Washington Twp. Fire Dept.  
NWCC Class of 1990*

Ross Baker - September 15, 2015 at 07:35 AM

LE

“ RIP "Captain Jones" such a mentor to me. from Firefighter Evans "Class of 75" the best class; Columbus Public Schools.. Great memories of a great guy.

Lawrence G Evans - September 15, 2015 at 07:24 AM

 Linda Lowry-Howard

“ Linda Lowry-Howard lit a candle in memory of Herbert W. Jones



Linda Lowry-Howard - September 14, 2015 at 09:54 PM



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



September 14, 2015 at 07:55 PM