



Reginald Jones Sr.

October 16, 2018

Reginald Jones, Sr died October 16, 2018. He was born on March 6, 1936, in Providence, RI to Earnest and Margaret Jones. He received an undergraduate degree from Roger Williams University and earned his advanced degree in counseling from Beacon College of Massachusetts.

Reggie worked feverishly as a dedicated community organizer during the 1960's civil rights movement and was one of the co-founders of Opportunities Industrial Organization (OIC) in Providence, RI. He opened his private counseling practice, Jones and Clarke Associates, in 1983 and prided himself on being "A man of the people, for the people." His work in both the civil rights movement and the counseling profession afforded him with countless opportunities to help individuals and families overcome issues concerning addictions, marriage and family, and personal growth for more than 40 years. His readiness to push others to grow spiritually and emotionally beyond themselves and face life's challenges head-on, led to mentoring countless individuals, launching them into the field of helping others. Reggie's warm hugs, hearty laugh, contagious smile, sense of humor, signature deep voice with an eagerness to sing at the drop of a hat, are some of his special gifts that drew us all to him and will stay with us forever.

He believed that life was about "Making a Quantum Leap" and "living life one day at a time". He was a longtime friend of Bill W. where he maintained 46 years of continuous sobriety. He was known throughout the recovery community for his wisdom and humility and helped numerous individuals to

also achieve sobriety.

Reggie loved 60's music and had smooth moves when dancing the jitterbug or zydeco with his favorite dance partner. He loved traveling bringing his infectious smile, philosophy of life and laughter throughout his travels both here and abroad. He mostly enjoyed just having in-depth discussions with friends and family. Reggie will not be forgotten and will be truly missed by everyone for generations.

Reggie was preceded in death by his father Ernest and mother Margaret Jones. He is survived by his wife Judith Clarke-Jones of Wakefield, RI. a sister Revetta Jones, four children Deborah Crystal of Georgia, Reginald II and his wife Jewell Jones of Connecticut, Steven Jones of Georgia, Sean Richardson of New York, 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

His family wishes to thank South County Home Health, Hope Hospice, and the physicians and staff of South County Hospital.

A celebration of Reggie's life will be held Saturday November 10th at Quidnessett Country Club 950 N. Quidnessett Rd. North Kingstown, RI from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. If you wish, in honor of Reggie, donations can be made to Welcome House of Peaceable, RI or the Galilee Mission in Narraganset, RI.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Quidnessett Country Club
950 N Quidnessett Rd
North Kingstown, RI 02852-1048
(401) 884-1100

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Judith and family,
I just discovered the news of your loss. You and Reggie were such special friends to my husband Richard Sullivan. Reggie had such a warm heart. I hope that he and Richard connect in Heaven. Peace,
JoAnn Sullivan

JoAnn Sullivan - November 12, 2018 at 02:18 PM

TP

“ Reggie you helped me tremendously through a difficult time. You were a role model. I will forever be grateful to you. -Todd Pennoyer

Todd Pennoyer - November 11, 2018 at 01:54 PM

MP

“ MPDC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Reginald Jones Sr..



MPDC - November 09, 2018 at 11:24 AM

AF

“ My condolences Marah, as your colleague and friend I wish you and your family's hearts comfort and ease during this challenging time. May the creator grant your uncle Peace & Paradise as his soul is laid to rest!

Abrigal Forrester

Abrigal Forrester - November 08, 2018 at 12:08 PM

SM

“ Thank you so much Reggie for your love and friendship . I am especially grateful when a few years ago I asked you to come out of retirement to counsel me as my marriage was falling apart. You were a lifesaver to me and countless others. There is surely a special place in Heaven just for you. 🙏😊 Santi

Santi Meunier - November 05, 2018 at 05:51 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to his family 🙏 Reggie was one of the kindest men around! Honest, humble and kind! He helped many of troubled souls 🙏 God bless my friend❤️ I'll always remember your shares from my first few days...a gift to many!



Cat Glennan - October 27, 2018 at 10:36 PM

CC

“ Thank you Reggie for your wisdom and examples of humility and joy. Amazing Grace emanated from you. A man of spirit, a helper to anyone in AA who needed guidance. I so enjoyed a swaying old timers dance with you and Judith at a group anniversary. I cherish the hugs you gave me many years ago and not so long ago. I pray God's Grace will carry all your family through their grief and that you will live through their sharing of your gifts to them. I am thankful that your suffering is over and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Carol Chase - October 23, 2018 at 12:58 PM

PL

“ An absolute wonderful human being.... my mentor in many ways. Sending my love and support to friends and family.

peter Letendre - October 22, 2018 at 12:36 PM

RA

“ I knew Reggie as a colleague, a mentor, and a friend. His bright spirit shined on my life and the lives of so many others. Rest in peace, Reggie. My sincere condolences to Judith and Reggie's family.

Ron Arsenault

Ron Arsenault - October 22, 2018 at 07:19 AM

PS

“ My deepest sympathies Judith for you and your family and condolences from all of us at Ocean View. We will miss Reggie.

Paul S - October 21, 2018 at 08:00 PM

MH

“ M. Heise lit a candle in memory of Reginald Jones Sr.



M. Heise - October 21, 2018 at 03:29 PM



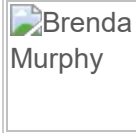
“*“GET HONEST, YOU BUM,” were the first words I'd ever heard spoken from Reggie all of those years ago, and those were powerful words! Those were the first words Reggie had "suggested" to him upon his arrival in the hallowed halls and they stood him in good stead. It seemed anytime that Reggie shared his experiences about his miraculous decades-long recovery, he ALWAYS included that initial directive as though in order to remind himself (and us), the deadly importance of getting and staying honest and right-sized. My deepest sympathy to Judith and his beloved family, but to "us" as well, for not only will his family miss him desperately, but his community will be the poorer without him. Reggie helped legions of people and his generosity of spirit will not soon be forgotten. So, upward and onward to paradise, stalwart friend, you have earned your keep!*

Mayli-Anne Waterbury - October 21, 2018 at 11:33 AM

SK

Reggie, Reggie, Reggie, what can I say? I will defiantly never forget you and your wonderful example of living One day at a time. You were always there when I thought I could not do it!! This all started 30+ years ago and I still hear you telling me I can do it. I remember thinking while at Edgehill that people speaking at meetings were lying when they said they were x amount of time and they were being paid to say things! Well, thanks so much for having faith in me!!! I love you and will never forget you. Say hello to all those at the big meeting in heaven. My sincere condolences to Judith and family.

Susan Katz-Whittingham - October 24, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ *Brenda Murphy lit a candle in memory of Reginald Jones Sr.*

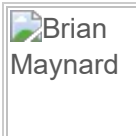


Brenda Murphy - October 21, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your lost Judith and Jones Family. I met Reggie when we both lived Newport. He was a good friend who was instrumental in helping me get involved in URI's Family Life Group Counseling Program on the EastSide of Providence during mid 70s. Always loved listening to Reggie and the wisdom he passed on readily to others. You always wanted Reggie and Judith at your parties guaranteed to have dancing all night! RIP my friend Brenda Murphy(Haage)*

brenda murphy - October 21, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ *Judith - We are so sorry for your loss. What a great spirit Reggie possessed and shared with so many others. He will be missed. Brian Maynard/Nancy Dean*

Brian Maynard - October 21, 2018 at 09:25 AM



*My condolences to the Jones Family and friends in the loss of Reggie R.I.P. Brother
Cliff Montiero*

Cliff - October 25, 2018 at 07:47 AM

BM

“ *My heart goes out to the Jones family, and to the many friends in his AA family.*

I met Reggie at Edgehill in 1983 where he was the family facilitator.

I'm blessed to say that I have continued to follow the path that Reggie and many others so selflessly laid out for me and others to follow.

Reggie climb to the mountain top and he saw the promised land and he never looked back.

May God bless Reggie as he looks toward us with his hand held out.

Bob Murphy 🙏❤️

Bob Murphy - October 20, 2018 at 03:08 PM

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GD

Reggie, my neighborhood buddy who taught me how to dance & we had your house rocking after school. You've done so much for all of us who really knew you. Thanks for inspiring us to keep on keeping on. You will be missed by many, especially your gentle voice and contagious laugh. I'm so happy you were a part of my life. My heart & love to Judith who was always there for you. LOL, Gayle

Gayle Price Davis - October 21, 2018 at 04:05 PM

PS

My deepest sympathies Judith for you and your family and condolences from all of us at Ocean View. We will miss him.

Paul S - October 21, 2018 at 07:33 PM