



## Robert L. Jones

November 5, 1930 - May 28, 2022

Robert L. Jones, 91, of Springfield, Illinois passed away Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Cedarhurst of Centralia.

He was born November 5, 1930 in Herrin, Illinois, the son of Robert Jones and Lorraine (Burgess) Howell.

Robert is survived by a nephew: Larry Tucker and wife Diana of Phoenix, Arizona; two nieces: Lynda Tepelidis of Encino, California and Barbara Lepore of North Hills, California; several great-nieces and great-nephews; a cousin: David Burgess and wife Susan of Centralia and several other cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister: Iva June Horning, a brother-in-law Thomas Horning, a brother: Leroy Jones and a nephew-in-law: Ted Tepelidis.

Robert served in the United States Army. He earned his Bachelor of Music Theory. Robert worked for the Human Resources for the State of Illinois for 20 plus years. He enjoyed traveling all over the world, including visiting China. He also enjoyed collecting coins and model trains.

A Graveside Service for Robert L. Jones will be held Monday, June 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois with his cousin: Pastor David Burgess officiating. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the World War II Illinois Veterans Memorial Board in Oak Ridge Cemetery and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, are

honored to be of service to the Jones Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oak Ridge Cemetery  
1441 Monument Ave  
Springfield, IL 62702

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ He was "Uncle Bobby" to the three of us, myself and my sisters Lynda and Barbara. There was never a time in our lives, until now, when he was not an important part of it. When our father was killed and missing for six months in a small plane crash in 1960, it was he that came and stayed to help. When they were finally found, he helped us through it. He sang two songs at his funeral, this was an important moment for me. He stayed with us in California for a long time and helped mom start her life over.

Over the years he visited us and we went and visited him. We kept in touch in many ways. He was steadfast and always there for us. His passing is a monumental event, a major milestone in my life, and I am sure in my sisters lives too.

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**Larry Tucker** - June 07, 2022 at 09:29 AM

BF

“ Barbara June Lepore and family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Robert L. Jones.



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**Barbara June Lepore and family** - June 03, 2022 at 10:59 AM

RK

“ I have so many sweet memories of cousin Bobby. He was a caring, humble, interesting, intelligent, funny and kind human being. Aunt Lorraine will be happy to get his first big heavenly hug.

One memory in particular. I had been sent to Aunt Lorraine's house in Springfield, Illinois, to learn manners. They didn't come easy to me. From how to set the table properly to hosting an event, to creating a pattern for a dress, to polite conversation. She gave up and resorted to a metronome at the piano to teach patience, One day the doorbell rang and BOOM it was the handsome charismatic Bobby Jones. He brought light to my lessons and taught me how to discreetly break the rules. He brought pure joy to that time of my life. I loved him beyond measure.

Rest in peace dear Cousin.

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**Rebecca Burgess Krumenacker** - June 02, 2022 at 01:31 AM

SB

I don't even know where to begin. Bobby was such a kind wonderful person and definitely one of my favorite relatives growing up. He was Aunt Lorraine's ride and guide as they came to visit us in Herrin. He always managed to politely insert aspects of the real story when Aunt Lorraine's tales of days old went a bit wilder than reality. That happened fairly often as we sat in the kitchen talking and pulling memories of the family history. He had a little chuckle that would pop up and we knew there was more to the story than we were thinking. Anyway, I loved him dearly and so regret that I missed seeing him once more before he passed. I'm so grateful that David was and is still there for him! Rest In peace dear Cousin!

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**Steve Burgess** - June 03, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ 19 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Larry Tucker** - June 02, 2022 at 01:04 AM



“ *Crying is a way your eyes speak when your mouth can't explain how broken your heart is.*  
*Uncle Bob, I will miss you forever. Your memory will be eternal...Lynda*

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**Lynda Tepelidis** - June 01, 2022 at 08:45 PM