



Robert "Rob" E. Jones Jr.

February 4, 1978 - April 10, 2025

The angels escorted Robert "Rob" E. Jones Jr., home on April 10, 2025 at the David Simpson Hospice house in Cleveland where he was surrounded by his loving family after his courageous fight against glioblastoma for 14 months.

Rob was born after the great blizzard of 78' on February 4, 1978 in Painesville, Ohio. He attended St. Justin Martyr School and then went on to graduate from Willoughby South High School in 1996.

After high school Rob joined the U.S. Navy doing what he loved, working on F-18's. He served on the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70), stationed at Naval Air Station Lemoore in Fresno, CA. In the fall of 1998 Rob served in Operation Desert Fox, where he was exposed to a chemical which would later cause his brain tumor. Rob was humbled by his military experience, always telling people he did nothing special. But to his family he is a hero for sacrificing his life for our freedom.

After the military he met the love of his life, Pam, and they were married on May 26, 2007. They have three beautiful children, Ashlee (Marcus Jewell), Aiden and Matilyn Jones; and one grandson, Isaiah Jewell. Rob also leaves behind to cherish his memory, his mother, Marlene Jones; his father, Rob Sr. (Cindy) Jones; his sister, Tracy (Keith) Gamble; his brother-in-law, Lee (Angela) Schafer; sister-in-law, Jeannie (Dave) Widdowson; father-in-law, Tom

Schafer; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother-in-law Margueritte Schafer; grandparents, Robert and Agnes Jones and Arthur and Evelyn Zellner.

Rob was a master of the “dad” joke. He could always make you laugh and was good for a quick comeback or snarky comment. His quick wit was also reflected in his love of movie quotes.

Despite never meeting a piece of bacon he didn't like, Rob was an avid runner and completed his first 50 mile run in July of 2023. This was after running numerous events, including a race at Disney World on a cherished family vacation.

The family also had cherished memories of car shows and drives in Rob's beloved '55 Chevy, Sweet Pea. He and Pam loved to go on summer drives cruising around and being with each other.

Rob could always be counted on to do a job right and to perfection. The biggest job that he perfected though was the role of a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son and brother. Rob's courageous fight to the end was a labor of love and lasting tribute to those in his life.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Rob's life from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral mass in his honor will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at St. Helen's Church, 12060 Kinsman Rd., Newbury, OH 44065 (please meet at the church).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in care of the family so they can

donate to a glioblastoma charity in Rob's memory.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

APR **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Helen Catholic Church
12060 Kinsman Rd
Newbury, OH 44065

Tribute Wall



“ *Knowing Rob was an advocate for running with joy makes his legacy palpable. He is a wonderful person, and I will always remember his enthusiasm for running in all conditions. Thinking of his memory, and will run the CDA Marathon this weekend with him in my heart.*

Thessaly Nicolaysen - May 21, 2025 at 12:23 PM

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“ *I offer my sincerest condolences to you, Pam and your family and friends. I have a lot of respect for Robert and what he accomplished in his lifetime. My son attends school with Matilyn. I am thinking about you during this difficult time.*

Kristy Stahle - April 16, 2025 at 07:18 AM

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“ *my sincerest condolences to you and your family. i know words cant describe the loss or your feelings. my heart goes out to you Pam. stay strong. love Keith Price*

keith price - April 15, 2025 at 10:58 PM

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“ *Auntie Peggy and Krista and Mary fran purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Robert "Rob" E. Jones Jr..*



Auntie Peggy and Krista and Mary fran - April 15, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" E. Jones Jr..*



April 15, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ *Jan & Dave Widdowson, Val G and Tony S purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert "Rob" E. Jones Jr..*



Jan & Dave Widdowson, Val G and Tony S - April 14, 2025 at 10:12 PM