



Neville Jonathan Jones

May 31, 1968 - October 15, 2021

Neville Jonathan Jones, 53, of Cleburne, Texas passed away Friday, October 15, 2021. Born in Fort Worth, Texas on May 31, 1968, Neville graduated from Mansfield High School and received a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Texas Christian University. An avid sportsman, he played basketball, fished and was also a 6th Dan Master Black Belt in Taekwondo. Vocationally, Neville worked as a personal trainer and owned and operated a landscaping business. Neville's passion, however, was coaching basketball, particularly molding the minds and skills of his young players. Watching his players grow in their knowledge of the sport gave him joy, but nothing made him happier than watching their confidence and maturity develop through the season(s). If he wasn't coaching, he preferred to be on the Texas Coast fishing for redfish. He is preceded in death by his mother, Clara Jones. Coach Jones is survived by his wife, Wendy Taylor to whom he was married on September 26, 2021, in Fort Worth, Texas his father, Nathan Jones; his sister, Carmen Jones; his step-children Mackenzie and Ben Taylor; and the hundreds of players he coached over the years whom he considered his children.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been established at Frost Bank to support Neville's passion for assisting young basketball players and their college aspirations. Please make checks out to First Methodist Mansfield Men's Basketball Ministry or contact Frost Bank Mansfield to make a donation to the fund.

Cemetery

Laurel Land Memorial Park

7100 Crowley Road
Ft. Worth, TX, 76134

Events

OCT 22 **Public Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Blessing Colonial Chapel
401 Elm Street, Mansfield, TX, US, 76063

OCT 23 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

First Methodist Church, Mansfield
US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Blessing Funeral Home - October 25, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ Beautiful video. Coach Jones coached my daughter and he and I were colleagues at NCHS. May he rest in peace. Kathy McCoy

Kathy McCoy - October 27, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ I'm in complete shock. I recommended him as a girls Coach tonight to a Dad. I told him he was the best Coach for his daughter to succeed. I was around him this summer while my Granddaughter played at Mansfield Fieldhouse. He wished her good luck in her upcoming season at Midlothian. We exchanged hugs and said we will see you next year. We've known him since he Coached my daughter 20 years ago. He cannot be replaced because he was one of a kind. An amazing Christian man who cared about everyone. I'm so sad that he won't be on my Grandchildrens life. God has one of the best angels ever with a huge smile... My family will miss him dearly....

Debra Arnold - November 17, 2021 at 04:30 AM



“ Neville always wore a smile and made working out fun with jokes and encouragement. Although he had never met them , he attended my parent's memorial services. I am so grateful to have spent time with him. My prayers are with his family. Jennifer Hughens

jennifer Hughens - November 14, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ Coach Jones was the kindest, sweetest coach, and I loved lively interactions with him during our time there! So very sorry to hear of his passing, and thankful our paths through life crossed ☐

Michelle Meekins - October 27, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ Very sorry about the passing of Neville. He and I met many years ago when we played city league basketball for the Terminators. Not only was he an excellent basketball player, but he was an outstanding young man. He always had a bright future and was always ready with a quick smile and warm demeanor. He always wanted the best for others. That was a tribute to him and also to the way his father raised him. My condolences and prayers to his family.

Anthony Board - October 27, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ My daughter was blessed to have been coached by Coach Jones. She learned so much from him about perseverance and discipline, and his teachings still impact her today. Wishing peace to his family at this time. Honored to have known you, coach!

Elizabeth Heyerdahl - October 27, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this! I took a self-defense course he taught when I was in high school. In my experience he was a great teacher. He was always kind and respectful, and he had a good sense of humor. I'm sad to hear he died so young. His life created a positive impact even so. I will be praying for him and his loved ones.

Natalie - October 27, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ We had the good fortune of meeting Neville through our grandson Mac and the Frederick family. He brightened our visits to Texas with his quick smile and welcoming nature. The kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness to friends and strangers alike will never be forgotten. God bless Neville and his loved ones

Suzie and John Bernardi - October 26, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Jones family, especially Carmen Jones our dear Comerica Bank colleague. We wish the family peace and comfort during this difficult time.

DebbieHerd - October 25, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ Neville was a true living saint. Generous with all he had: love, time and money. He had the best in mind for everyone and anyone he encountered. He lived as a role model for us all. May God welcome him with open arms and allow him to continue to guide us from above. Prayers to his family during this time of grieving.

Melissa Preisler - October 23, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ Quics and Eva Dubois purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Neville Jonathan Jones.



Quics and Eva Dubois - October 21, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ Neville and I go back to 1994. I was the 6th grade boys coach at SMG and he was the 8th grade boys coach. He helped mentor me as I began my coaching career. I was so impressed at how he worked with the students. Strict, but they knew he loved them. They would have run through a wall for him. He always emphasized that they keep up their grades, behave in class and basketball was last. He was always very personable, friendly and helpful. I admired the man very much. A wonderful person who was passionate about basketball and about helping kids. God bless him and his family.

Ray Depta - October 21, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ Joey and Paula Simmons purchased the Divine Light for the family of Neville Jonathan Jones.



Joey and Paula Simmons - October 20, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Premier Basketball, Team Lex, Texas Elite purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Neville Jonathan Jones.



Premier Basketball, Team Lex, Texas Elite - October 20, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ Master Coach Jones taught my youngest daughter Pearl how to play basketball and helped us to get her through private school and he was her select basketball coach as well. All things work together for those who love the Lord. Thank you Neville for your dedication.

Mrs. Brown - October 20, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ My fondest memory of Master Neville Jones was during our Halloween Lock Ins at Texas Taekwondo Academy. I was asked by him every year to participate as a Halloween Character to scare the students that stayed over. I was most of the time Scream, but he had so many others helping too. The last lock in was held outdoors at a camp with two cabins. That was the first time we experienced the headless horseman. I will always remember what Neville and Eva taught me in Taekwondo. I learn to protect myself. To this day I still remember what to do in case I need to protect myself.



Terrie Brown - October 20, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Neville Jonathan Jones.



October 20, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ Love Brice and Renee Yingling purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Neville Jonathan Jones.



Love Brice and Renee Yingling - October 20, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ Neville was an amazing man, coach, and leader! He had the most contagious smile and passion for basketball. Sending love and prayers to his family, friends, and all my fellow players who were lucky to be coached by him. - Abbie Phillips

Abbie Phillips - October 20, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ That smile! Such a great man taken way to soon, cancer sucks! We will miss him, we will always remember him and he will forever be in our hearts! Smiles, tater salad and red corvettes will always make us smile and remind us of him! Wendy we are here for you always! Heaven gained an amazing Angel! Continued thoughts and prayers for you all.
Love and hugs! Brice and Renee Yingling

RENEE - October 20, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ When I was a Freshman anf on the student council, one night we had to sell programs at the football game. I was walking around trying to get rid of mine and I didn't even know who Neville was at the time, but he came over and started talking to me. He bought all the programs I had left so I could spend the rest of the evening with my friends. From that moment on we were friends. His smile would light up every room he entered. Neville had a positive impact on every person he encountered and you just couldn't help but call him a friend. It is truly heartbreaking to hear of his sudden passing. I know the evils of cancer all too well. My prayers are with his family and with all who called him friend. RIP Neville, tell Mary I said hello. She can show you around.

Rhonda Jones Allen - October 19, 2021 at 12:33 AM



“ So heartbroken to hear of Neville's passing. He was so kind & always had a smile during the crazy teenage years! He was an amazing person. Prayers for his family.
Angela Grant Horton

Angela Grant Horton - October 18, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ Neville was our family’s personal trainer and dear friend. I looked forward to his wit, kindness and big heart every Tuesday and Thursday. I can’t believe he’s gone. We miss you Neville. You were a rock.

Surya Barrow - October 18, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Neville Jonathan Jones.



October 18, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Neville Jonathan Jones.



October 18, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ Coach Jones was my daughter Josie's first AAU coach. She definitely learned the meaning of hard work from her time with him. He was always nice to the parents and we are so saddened to hear of his passing. Condolences to your family, Coach!

Sharla Ishmael - October 18, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ Coach Jones made a bigger impact on my daughter than any other coach that she has ever had. He was the epitome of respect, hard work, and self discipline. He lived it, taught it and expected it. He spoke into my daughter and helped her see who she was in God's eyes and who she could become. His legacy is making an impact already and we're sad that we didn't have more time with him.

Mark Kirk - October 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ Our hearts are broken to hear the loss of such a great man. He was a great mentor to our daughter and will never be forgotten. Heaven gained the best coach.

Yvette - October 18, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ May you find comfort in our Lord's word and strength in knowing you will see him again. My deepest sympathy.

L. Frances Hammill

Frances Hammill - October 17, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ I'm praying for Neville's family during this time of terrible pain and loss. Neville was always ready with a huge smile and an even bigger heart. He made my high school days so much more fun. I'll never forget you! Fly with the Angels, you're home with Jesus now.

Hannah Brewton Brown - October 17, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ Coach Jones, It goes without saying that you were truly God's gift to our youth thru your example and experiences. You were leader. A leader who always put God First. I will always remember our conversations when I officiated your games. But more then that I will always remember how you lived your life. May your memory be Eternal

Pete Talleos - October 17, 2021 at 01:18 AM



“ Condolences to the family of Neville Jones. He was an outstanding Martial Artist. I will miss his smile.

Vivian Lynn - October 16, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ My condolences to the Jones family. Neville was always very respectful and seem to always be happy no matter what the situation was. My prayers go you to you guys.

Milton Sheppard - October 16, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ Condolences to the family for the loss of our fellow Tiger class of 1986- He definitely was the true meaning of a friend My heart & prayers are with the loved ones left behind



Karen Rudzavice Rountree - October 16, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ I was a Freshman at Mansfield HS when he was a Junior. He was always so nice to me. I remember he would talk to me while I waited for my Grandmother to pick me up after school. I felt honored since he was our basketball “star”. Thank you Neville for being kind to everyone.

Darla (Swan) Vaughan - October 16, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ Roy lit a candle in memory of Neville Jonathan Jones



Roy - October 16, 2021 at 07:49 PM