



## Michael Jones

March 28, 2025

The world lost a remarkable soul with the passing of Michael R. Jones on March 28th. A man of service, passion, and laughter, Michael dedicated his life to helping others and embracing every moment with joy and kindness. Michael's greatest love was his family. He adored his wife, Pam, and their daughters, Brittany, Myranda, and Lincy. But nothing brought him more joy than his beloved grandbabies.

From an early age, Michael found his calling in service, starting as a volunteer firefighter before becoming an EMT. It was during EMT class that he met the love of his life, Pam. Together, they not only started to build a beautiful life but also worked side by side on the ambulance, serving their community as a team.

His love for adrenaline and teamwork extended beyond emergency services, leading him to work on the racing circuit, where he was part of something he truly cherished. But after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Michael made the ultimate sacrifice—enlisting in the Army, turning 40 while at basic training. Despite being the oldest recruit, he faced the challenge head-on, proving his dedication and resilience. He earned the prestigious honor of Distinguished Honor Graduate during graduation at Fort Sill, a testament to his hard work and leadership. Mike went on to serve for 10 years as a Combat Medic, including a deployment to Iraq, before retiring.

Michael was the very definition of quirky. He could find humor in any situation, making those around him feel at ease with his quick wit and infectious laugh.

A devoted Star Trek fan, he didn't just watch the series—he lived it. His Star Trek room was a testament to his passion, and he even took the time to learn Klingon, embodying the spirit of adventure and curiosity.

Michael always said he would be a kid forever—growing old but never growing up. His playful spirit and boundless energy made every moment feel lighter, every challenge feel easier, and every day feel like an adventure. He approached life with wonder, mischief, and an ever-present twinkle in his eye, reminding everyone around him to embrace their inner child and never take life too seriously.

Later in life, Michael found thrill in antiquing and hunting for the best deals. Learning from his late parents, Don and Sue, he had an eye for hidden treasures and loved the adventure of finding something special—whether it was a rare collectible, a quirky piece of history, or just a great bargain. But for Michael, it was never just about the item itself—it was about the chase, the story behind it, and the pure joy of discovery. His excitement was infectious, and he could turn a simple day of browsing into a full-blown treasure hunt, always eager to share his latest find with a grin and a great story to go with it. Above all, Michael was the kindest person you could ever meet, a man who never knew a stranger. His heart was open to everyone, and his generosity, warmth, and humor left a lasting mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Though he may no longer be with us, Michael's legacy of love, laughter, and service will forever live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and everyone fortunate enough to have known him.

In his memory, may we all find something to laugh about, embrace our passions, and live with the same kindness that he so effortlessly shared.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Sue Jones, and his father-in-law Pat Kranenburg. He is survived by his beloved wife, Pam (Kranenburg) Jones; his daughters, Brittany (Jesse McMahan) Jones, Myranda (Jesse) Awald, and Lincy (Carter Bazaire) Jones; the greatest joys of his life—his grandchildren, Jaedon, Hazel, Jace, Wilden, Fredrick, and

Theodore; his brother Billy (Layla) Jones and sister Vicki Glover; and mother-in-law Linda Kranenburg.

A visitation will be held on Friday, April 4th, at Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel from 4 to 6 p.m. EDT, with a short service to follow, where friends and family will gather to remember and pay tribute to the truly unique soul that he was.

- Live Long and Prosper

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel  
7984 N. State Road 23  
Walkerton, IN 46574  
(574) 586-2120  
rannellsfh@mchsi.com  
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 4. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Allen J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Jones.

Allen J. - April 04, 2025 at 04:13 PM

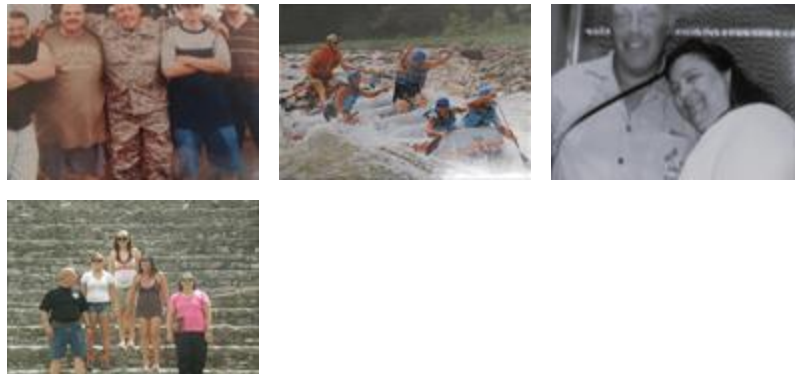
VS

“ Vickie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Jones.

Vickie S. - April 04, 2025 at 03:34 PM

RS

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Rhonda M stacy - April 03, 2025 at 08:47 PM

RD

“ Rhonda, Aaron & Elani, Beth & Derrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Jones.

Rhonda, Aaron & Elani, Beth & Derrick - April 03, 2025 at 08:44 PM

RD

“ Rhonda, Aaron & Elani, Beth & Derrick purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Michael Jones.



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**Rhonda, Aaron & Elani, Beth & Derrick** - April 03, 2025 at 08:44 PM

BW

“ Bruce and Holly Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Jones.

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**Bruce and Holly Ward** - April 03, 2025 at 04:01 PM

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“ Bruce and Holly Ward purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Michael Jones.



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**Bruce and Holly Ward** - April 03, 2025 at 04:01 PM

BP

“ Billy and Cindy Phelps purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Michael Jones.



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**Billy and Cindy Phelps** - April 03, 2025 at 10:29 AM

MF

“ McMahan and Johnson family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Jones.



McMahan and Johnson family - April 02, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ Mike , was A great Person. First met when we were very young. Being in His dads Scout troupe. I really think where we first gained our want for honor and Service. Many Great Memorys at his familys Home. My Greatest and Most Sencere Condolences To The Whole Family & Community For this Great Loss of a Beloved Brother in Service And Memorable Friend In Lifes Journey.



Michael Morgan & Family

Michael Morgan - March 31, 2025 at 11:29 AM



My friend during high school. He was our ride to 40 acres. Good memories 4 wheelin'. He let me drive that big ol' truck once and I ran everyone off the road. I remember meeting Pam in Pizza Hut when they first started dating. When he became EMT he didn't take his pouch off. He always had a kind heart. This truly makes me sad. See you on the flip side old friend. Xoxo Nicky

Nicky Szynalski Mourer - March 31, 2025 at 11:57 AM



I served in Iraq with Mike and many years in the Indiana Guard with him - he was always so kind and passionate about being a great medic, it was in his blood. He loved his family and always talked about them and his jobs working in EMS! He would do anything for anyone, truly a great soul and will be dearly missed!!!

Mallory McKing - March 31, 2025 at 03:43 PM