

John Jones, Sr. was born November 12, 1916 in Mitchell, SD to Daniel Harvey and Minnie (Harmon) Jones. He attended school in the Letcher area through the 8th grade and also one year of welding school in Mitchell.

At the age of 16 John left home and moved to Minnesota where he worked as a hired man for a farmer. He then traveled to California with a brother, camping along the way, where they briefly owned a gas station. John then moved to Ohio to live with his Aunt Mary in Canton where he worked in a cement plant.

He moved to Pennsylvania about 1943 and worked for the Budd Company, working on railroad cars, an appliance repair company and at the Heintz Corporation for 17 years.

On June 8, 1946 John was united in marriage to Marie Louise Beck at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manayunk, Philadelphia, PA and they made their home in Philadelphia. In 1967 the family moved to Archer, FL where they resided for the next 39 years. John worked as a maintenance supervisor for the University of Florida, retiring in 1982. John and Marie moved to Faulkton in June 2004 to be closer to their son, John Jr.

John had a passion for gardening, both vegetables and flowers. He loved getting his hands into the soil and sharing his crops with family and friends. John will be remembered as a man with a heart of gold!

His life will be cherished by his wife, Marie, Faulkton; his children: John (Earlene) Jones Jr., Faulkton and Virginia (Marty) Boyer, Orange Park, FL; his grandchildren: Lorey Jones, Faulkton, John (Jennie) Jones III, Brandon, FL, Karen (Brad) DeBlauw, Huntsville, AL and Scott (Kara) Atwater, German Valley, IL; four great grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; one brother, Ralph (Mildred) Jones, Newberry, FL and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Sylvester "Pete", Donald and Roger; one sister, Dorothy (Otter) Parker and a half brother, Herman.



*God's finger touched him,
and he slipped away
From earth's dark shadows
to a brighter day;*

*God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb;
He gently closed his weary eyes, and
Whispered, "Peace Be Thine."
To a beautiful garden this friend has gone.
To a land of perfect rest;
Though he is gone, he still lives on
In the garden of memory.*



Faulkton, South Dakota
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In Loving Memory of

John M. Jones, Sr.

November 12, 1916
Mitchell, South Dakota

January 14, 2014
Faulkton, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2014
United Church of Faulkton ~ Faulkton, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor Bill Hoffman

CASKETBEARERS:

Jim Otter	John Jones, Jr.
Robert Parker	Joe Otter
John Jones III	Marty Boyer

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:
All of John's Family & Friends

USHERS: Bob Hadrick & Jerry Fischer

ORGANIST: Marlene Hammond

HYMNS:

"Amazing Grace" "I'll Fly Away" "In the Garden"

INTERMENT:

West Lawn Cemetery ~ Letcher, South Dakota