



## Dwaine William Jones

September 20, 1925 - April 1, 2023

Dwaine William Jones, age 97, passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of April 1, 2023.

Dwaine was born September 20, 1925 in Rawlins, Wyoming to parents William and Adelaide Jones. He was the oldest of 2 children and was preceded in death by his younger sister Wilma. As a young man, Dwaine would love to go hunting and fishing with his father in the mountains of Wyoming. He had a very special relationship with his mother who he adored and helped around the house as she had rheumatoid arthritis which limited her ability to do certain tasks.

Dwaine and his brother-in-law and best friend Clayton Cheney, enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 at the age of 17. After boot camp, Dwaine was put on a Landing Craft, Tank (LCT) and left for the South Pacific. From "stealing beers from the carriers" and hiding them behind an access panel to surviving a massive Typhoon, his time in the South Pacific was eventful. Dwaine was also present in Okinawa Bay on September 2, 1945 when the treaty to end WWII was signed. Dwaine's war years left him with countless stories that he would tell over and over again until the end.

After his time in the service, Dwaine returned to Oregon where he worked as a mechanic in Roseburg and later moved to Downey, California where he worked as head mechanic for the city and ran the day-to-day operations of the maintenance yard for all city vehicles until he retired. During his years of working for the city, he and his department were also involved in the annual building of the Downey Rose Parade float and Dwaine drove the float in the parade for several years. While in Downey, Dwaine was an active member of Greenleaf Gardens lodge, Downey Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite and was a Al Malaikah Shriner. He was a Masonic Past Master and a Hiram Award recipient. In 1994, after he retired, Dwaine moved to Bend, Oregon where he lived with his wife Beverly until his passing. Even after retirement, Dwaine could usually be found in his shop working on cars, motorcycles, or anything with a motor.

Dwaine is survived by his wife Beverly of 61 years, 7 daughters Judy, Diana, Christine, Katherine, Johnna Rae, Wendy, and Paula, 11 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren.

A viewing will be held at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home in Bend, OR on Friday April 14, 2023 from 3pm to 6pm. Funeral services will be held at Deschutes Memorial Gardens on Saturday April 15, 2023 at 10am followed by a gravesite service at 11am.

# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 18, 2023 at 03:18 PM

SL

“ *Uncle Dwaine, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. All Ou*

**Sharon and Chuck, Pamela and Lansing and Randy and Lisa** - April 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *You were one of a kind! My heart hurts but I take comfort knowing you are in the arms of the Lord and your heart is rejoicing. We love you forever*

**Sal, Sheri, Nathan and Megan Barraza** - April 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *Family Vacation to visit Oregon with Ashlie, Alyssa, and Chris in the summer of 2016.*

**Ashlie Tsair** - April 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Hi great grandpa! Hope you are enjoying seeing your family again in heaven. I'm grateful for the time we did have together, and I wish I would have had more conversations with you. I love the memories and the photos of going up with your other great granddaughters: Ashlie, Haylie, and Alyssa. We will honor your memory by being honorable people in our presents and futures. Love: Christina, John, Jim, Ashlie, Haylie, Alyssa.

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**Ashlie Tsair** - April 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Our sincerest condolences. Thinking of your family and sending prayers of comfort and strength.

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**Liz & Roy** - April 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Love you Uncle Dwaine, say hi to my Mom and Dad for me. Love, Fredda

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**Anonymous** - April 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Laura and Spencer Yolton** - April 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We will remember the good times we shared together. Our precious memories are a source of healing and comfort. We will truly miss you Dad.

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**Love always, Kathy and Roberto** - April 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. All of our love to your family.*

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**The Williamsons** - April 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Dwaine William Jones** - April 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM