



Russell (Russ) Edward Jones

October 9, 1937 - October 10, 2025

Russell E Jones (Russ), age 88, of East Peoria, stepped into the presence of Jesus on Friday, October 10, 2025 at his home surrounded by his family.

Russ was born October 9, 1937 in Peoria to Lester and Laurena (Hendrickson) Jones. He married Sandy Peppard on June 14, 1959 in Peoria. She survives.

Also surviving is a sister, Shirley Livingston, and two daughters, Terry (Lee) Burham of East Peoria and Lisa (Mike) Downing of Rockford; one son, Russell (Becky) Jones II of Iowa; twelve grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, Amanda.

Russ worked as a Insurance Salesman for many years with Sommer and Associates before retiring in 2024. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria and enjoyed loving the Lord.

Russ was a loving man who cared for all of his family and friends.

Celebration of Life will held at Grace Presbyterian Church on Saturday November 1, 2025 from 12 to 2pm with a service to follow.

Memorials may be made to Grace Presbyterian church or Pathway Ministries\Peoria Rescue Ministries. Words of comfort can be shared with the family at www.SchmidtHaller.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
8607 St. Rt. 91
Peoria, IL

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Tribute Wall

PN

“ Our uncle was the consummate Uncle, highly skilled insurance provider, and graceful communicator. Also, Uncle Russ was Uncle to the highest degree and embodiment of love, caring and supportive. He was the extreme example of a great Uncle who was close with his nieces and nephews. In my practice as a Pastoral Care Chaplain, I visited Uncle Russ in the ICU PROCTOR Hospital, I was surprised and didn't recognize him. Uncle Russ said, "I knew it was you", then introduced me to all present, "that's my boy". We talked about life, family, faith, and prayed together. When I needed auto insurance, my very first ever, Uncle Russ supported. He came to Goodies at Grooveland and met Scott and me for breakfast and, he helped me get affordable, reliable auto insurance that lasted for a very long time. We Love you, Uncle Russ. May your memory live on here and in heaven, forever.

Peter G. & Nancy C. Nevi

Peter Nevi - November 01, 2025 at 06:12 PM

KB

“ Russ is one of the best! With my parents, Carol and Dick Trumpe, I attended the class he taught at Grace Presbyterian for years. Russ was fun and was always fair. He walked the talk. In our hope in Christ, we all be reunited someday! Praise the Lord! Hugs and prayers to comfort all the family who are all so dear.

Kim Brooks-Miller - November 01, 2025 at 12:41 PM

KB

“ We always enjoyed time visiting with Russ at family gatherings and at church. He was so quick to smile and encourage others. What a great sense of humor. His love for Jesus was evident. We will miss Russ! Sending love to the Jones family! We are praying for you!
Mark and Karen Burnham

Karen Burnham - October 31, 2025 at 07:20 PM

LM

“ Love Phil and Mary purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell (Russ) Edward Jones.



Love Phil and Mary - October 30, 2025 at 04:07 PM

CD

“ I had the honor to work with Russ, while he was with Summer & Associates, there in Washington. He treated me with nothing but the utmost professionalism. We had some good laughs and great conversations regarding the industry. But, he spoke highly and often of his grandchildren. When the Tornado came through Washington, East Peoria and Pekin, he was on the phone quite a bit, helping the many policyholders who trusted him and the agency with their business. He will be missed dearly.

Charlie Drier - October 23, 2025 at 12:17 PM

RM

“ Russ had a big smile on his face and glad to see everyone, he was the epitome of a Christian husband father and cousin although he wasn't my own he was my cousins, he had a saying Happy Wife Happy Life and he lived it. God bless the family and thanks for the memories.
Ron Miller

Ronald Miller - October 15, 2025 at 05:44 PM

JP

“ I always enjoy seeing Russ at church. Always had smile and a greeting of a Brother in Christ I will miss him but knowing he is with Christ is the greatest joy of all.

James porter - October 15, 2025 at 05:28 PM

HS

“ My cousin Russ was a special part of my growing up years. He was always a lot of fun. My favorite moment was riding around in his convertible which he was so proud of. One of the best things I ever did was introducing him to my best friend Sandy. They hit it off right away. Laughter and love followed with a beautiful marriage that lasted a lifetime of happiness. So thankful for the two of them and their family. I will miss calling Russ and hearing them laugh together even during the times when they didn't feel the best. RIP Russ. I'll see you in Heaven. May God comfort Sandy and family with peace as they cherish his memory.

Helen Sumrall - October 15, 2025 at 02:27 PM

HS

Love and prayers from Helen and Jim.

Helen Sumrall - October 15, 2025 at 02:29 PM

BN

Russ was a super super cousin. Always had a laugh that was contagious. Him and Sandy were a wonderful couple. Russ loved the Lord and now he has seen Him face to face. RIP and someday I'll see you again! ❤️🙏 to Sandy and all the family!

Barb Neaveill - October 15, 2025 at 06:32 PM

BP

Russ and Sandy were our Sunday School teachers when we were in the Young Marrieds Class many years ago. Sandy, we are praying for the peace and comfort as only the Lord can give at this time. Isaiah 53:4 "Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." and Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." Love in Christ, Tony and Barb Plattner

Barb Plattner - October 24, 2025 at 06:33 AM