



Wallas Jones

May 1, 1914 - May 1, 2013

Wallas M. Jones, 99, of Upper Pine Creek, passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at his home.

He was born December 13, 1913 in Harris, MI, son of the late Herbert and Minnie (Pirlot) Jones. Wally graduated from Kingsford High School in 1932 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corp at the camp on Isle Royale in the mid 30's. Wally married Myrtle Lidbeck on September 28, 1940 in Iron Mountain. He worked for Elmer's Feed Store in Iron Mountain for over 20 years and also was employed by Lakeshore Inc. for several years before retiring. Wally farmed for many years and was very active in the rural community. He was a life member of the National and Michigan Farmers Unions. He also served as secretary/treasurer for many farming organizations throughout the Upper Peninsula and was nominated Farmer of the Year. Since 1930, Wally has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as a trustee, elder, deacon and taught Sunday School for many years. He was an active member of the Golden K, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and served on the Board of Directors of Michigan Rural Rehab. Wally enjoyed fishing, bird watching and gardening.

Wally is survived by his wife of 72 years, Myrtle; a son, Vance (Ann) Jones of Randville; two daughters, Diane (Robert) Leflar of Sault Ste Marie and Judy (Chuck) Jennings of Iron Mountain; three sisters, Carol Cootware of

Kingsford, Sarah Erickson of Kingsford and Betty (Obi) Doan of Las Vegas; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Emory, Howard, Raymond, Robert and Carl Jones; two sisters, Geraldine Bartoletti and Eunice Baraboo; a grandson, Darwin; and a daughter-in-law, Betty Jones.

Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:00 am on Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 am on Monday at the church. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the Almost Home Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Wallas Jones online at www.eurnashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ Dearest Myrtle, Butch, Diane, and Judy,

He almost made 100. What a great life and a great family. Talk about the memories.

I just had to write a note when I heard, and wish you Gods best as you all adjust to your loss. It is wonderful to say that I knew this fine family and the wonderful man who was its head.

I will for sure look him up in heaven when I get there.

In Christ, Jerry

Jerry Alfredson - Noblesville , IN - friend - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Myrtle, Vance, Judy, Diane and other family members,

Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn Wally's passing. He was a wonderful man and certainly was an institution, together with you, Myrtle, at the First Presbyterian Church.

Greeting parishioners at the door for decades, and when sitting in the back of the church in recent years, he knew everyone from toddlers to his contemporaries...and there weren't too many of them any more. We'll all miss his physical presence there, but we know he will be present in spirit.

I remember when I was first an elder and we were washing the communion glasses (they were glass then, not disposable plastic) following the church service. We filled the sink with soapy water and swirled the glasses around and then took them out, put them on a towel and then dried them. Someone noted that there was a little bit of lipstick on one of the glasses. Wally jokingly said, "If you can't wipe that off with your dishtowel, you shouldn't be here! That's what the dishtowel is for!" Classic Wally.

We know without a doubt that he's with the Lord, and I'm sure he was warmly greeted by all as he arrived in Heaven, just as he faithfully greeted the Lord's flock at the door of our church for so many years.

Love in Christ,

Bill and Jan Cummings

Bill Cummings - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ We both knew Wally since we were children. He always took the time to give a big wave, a hearty hello, a pat on the back, or a warm handshake. He had a laugh that was enjoyable and contagious.

We knew him to be an honorable man with a great deal of integrity. He had a wealth of knowledge in a variety of subjects but never came off as a know it all. He showed great dedication and love for his family -- very inspirational!

We both continued our relationship with Wally through Golden K's as we both had jobs that involved serving students with special needs. Wally was a man who was a "doer" and not a mere talker. He got things done! He was very engaging with all students with special needs and made them feel special. He would offer an encouraging word, a touch, a smile, and would sit at the table with the students, even feeding students who couldn't feed themselves! He'd help however and wherever needed. His example of love and serving others was always a reminder of how we should be in life.

Even though Wally has left this life, his memory, the life lessons he gave by example, the inspirational way he loved his family and others, his hard work, his love for the Lord will go on and live in the hearts of many, including us. We are thankful to have known Wally and that he knew the Lord and that he is in Glory!

We are sorry to say we are unable to make his tribute service today but will keep the family and friends in prayer! We'll send our card. May God keep each of you in His loving care and may good memories and happy times sustain you in the days ahead!

Pat and Mona Servia - May 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ You will be missed Wally and you always had a smile on your face. Thank You for all your dedication to 4-H. I will never forget my dad and you joking about you being older than him by 4 days. My thoughts and prayers goes out to your family.

Debby Degenauer Sullivan - Vulcan, MI - friend - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Vance - Warmest blessings to you and your family on the passing of your Dad. Remember the good times you shared with him over the years.

Grace (Peterson) Sparapani - Saukville, WI - Friend of Vance - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ many fond memories of Wally and the Farm Union of Dickinson County

wayne becker - durham, NC - admirer - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Godspeed "Uncle" Wally - you will be missed by many

Craig Johnson - Milwaukee, WI - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM