



Wayne Lecroy Jones

December 29, 1946 - October 24, 2024

Wayne Lecroy Jones, 77, of Summerville, SC, entered eternal rest Thursday, October 24, 2024.

A Gathering of family and friends will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, from 4pm to 6pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 South Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483. Inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Wayne was born December 29, 1946, in Philadelphia, PA, the son of the late Arnelia Elizabeth Jones. Wayne began practicing Nichiren Buddhism in 1973, where he began his journey of human revolution. As a Buddhist practitioner for over 51 years, Wayne embodied the three pillars of the organization: faith, practice and study. Always aligning his goals for spreading world peace and happiness, alongside his "forever" mentor SGI president Daisaku Ikeda. Wayne truly found absolute joy in helping others succeed, whether it was an old acquaintance, or a new friend! Throughout his practice he earned the Distinguished Pioneer for America Kosen Rufu Award as well as the SGI-USA Justice Award. Wayne married the love of his life, Rita Jane Jones, in 1974 and they were married over 50 years! He enjoyed many things in life including watching the Philadelphia Eagles, playing guitar, and even writing his own music. Wayne was known to be the life of the party, being able to put a smile on anyone's face. Wayne served in the US Marine Corps and was a Vietnam

Veteran. Later, he joined the Active Guard Reserve until his retirement in 1996. Wayne obtained his bachelor's degree in journalism from Temple University following his service in the Marine Corps. He went on to teach ROTC at Baptist Hill High School in Charleston, SC and then Timberland High School in St. Stephen, SC. He also had a strong love for woodworking, which led him to later opening his own business called, Refinishing Touches, LLC.. Perhaps Waynes proudest accomplishment was being a wonderful father and grandfather to Erik and Zakai.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rita Jane Jones; his son, Erik L. Jones; one grandson, Zakai L.V. Jones; his daughter-in-law, Audrey E. Vernon; his brothers: Dwight Jones and Micheal Jones; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends in faith. He was preceded in death by his loving mother; his siblings: James M. Jones, Jr. and Carolyn A. Jones; an uncle, Frank Houston and aunt, Estelle Houston.

Previous Events

Gathering

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ Wayne was there throughout my childhood, growing up with him as “my silly uncle” with an high life condition, always there with smiles, funny jokes and positivity! His many life experiences were insightful and he earned our respect all the time.



I grew up with his son Erik and we practiced Buddhism together, going on long drives all over the east coast to attend meetings. I admired Wayne and Rita's loving relationship and he was such a wonderful dad! I was so fortunate that I had their family in my life. I will always treasure these memories and wish him eternal happiness. I am sending love and prayers to his family and closest friends, for whom his loss will be felt the most. You've always been taller than me but you will always be my little brother...Big hugs lil bro, Erik!

Takako Sato - November 05, 2024 at 09:16 PM

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“ I last saw Wayne at my grandson's wedding in Ft. Myers. After more than twenty years Wayne had his signature sense of humor and a smile. We began practicing Buddhism in Philadelphia and he was a staunch strong practitioner. Wayne loved his family and remains devoted even in transition. Bless you Wayne. Thank you for the honor of knowing you. With respect. Nick Alexander.

Nickolas - November 04, 2024 at 09:11 AM



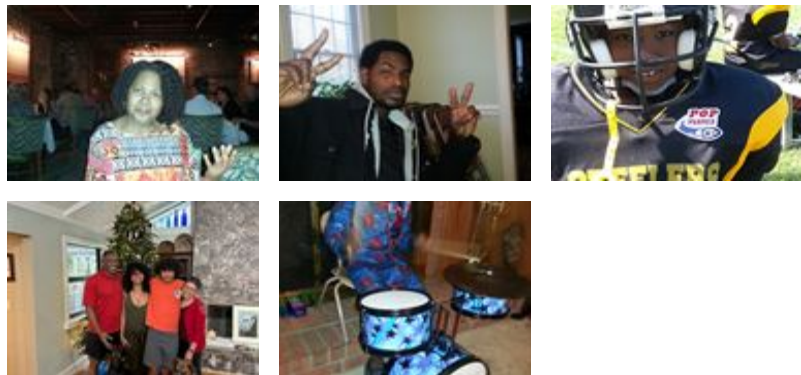
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James A Dyal Funeral Home - November 03, 2024 at 05:07 PM



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James A Dyal Funeral Home - November 03, 2024 at 02:32 PM



We are truly going to miss you brother in may you rest in paradise

Nicole Williams - November 22, 2024 at 03:20 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Lecroy Jones.*



November 02, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Lecroy Jones.

November 02, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ *Al, Sharon, DJ, Larissa purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Wayne Lecroy Jones.*



Al, Sharon, DJ, Larissa - November 01, 2024 at 04:59 PM



“ *Al, Sharon, DJ, Larissa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Lecroy Jones.*

Al, Sharon, DJ, Larissa - November 01, 2024 at 04:59 PM



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James A Dyal Funeral Home - November 01, 2024 at 03:26 PM

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“ Wayne will always be my brother in faith, comrade for peace, and a reliable friend. He is a beautiful human being with a big heart and broad mind.

We practiced the Buddhism of Nichiren Daishonin together with our mentor, Soka Gakkai International President, Daisaku Ikeda.

He often referred to himself as the “Shramana of Summerville.” Safe travels “My Friend” on to your next mission!

richard brown - November 01, 2024 at 10:57 AM