



## LeRoy A. Jones

September 19, 1937 - October 17, 2021

LeRoy Arthur Jones, husband, father, teacher, coach, fisherman, bowler, soft ball player, golfer and traveler, died Sunday, October 17, 2021, at Fieldstone Memory Care with his oldest daughter, Karen at his side. He was born September 19, 1937 in Elma Washington to Crawford and Frances Jones. He grew up in Pacific Beach, Washington and graduated from Molclips High School as class valedictorian. LeRoy attended Washington State University where he earned a degree in Geology and later teaching credentials. There he met Margie Martini and they were married on February 6, 1960. They moved to Wenatchee where both taught in the Wenatchee School District. LeRoy spent his entire career in Wenatchee teaching math and science at Orchard Junior High and Middle School. He coached-mostly basketball-during his career at both Orchard Junior High and Wenatchee High School. He served a term as President of the Wenatchee Education Association. After retirement, he worked at Columbia Lanes until the fire, and that ended that. LeRoy and Margie enjoyed traveling. They traveled around the United States, camping when their children were young and later on their own. They traveled with their children and grandchildren to Europe several times. He especially liked visiting Revo, Italy, where Margie had family. One of his last trips and his favorite spot was a few days in Iceland. He was a bowler who bowled a 300 game and is in two local bowling halls of fame. He played senior softball and was inducted into the Wenatchee Senior Softball Hall of Fame. LeRoy and Margie had four children, Karen, Steve, Christopher and Barbara.

of whom he was so proud. He had three grandsons and two great grandchildren. At the untimely death of his son Steve, he joined Margie in the Catholic Church and was active, especially with the St Vincent de Paul food bank.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Steve and son-in-law Basil Smith. He leaves behind his wife of 61 years Margie, his daughters Karen Smith, of King City California; Barbara (Pete) Smith of Helena, Montana; and son Christopher of Seattle. He is also survived by three grandsons, Gregory Klahn of Spokane, Chase Smith and Daniel Smith in Montana and two great grandchildren, Kayden Klahn and Shyrah McDonald of King City, California. He also leaves his brother John of Arizona, 4 sisters-in-law, a multitude of nieces and nephews, friends, and most especially the hundreds of students he taught and coached.

Funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 27 at 11:00 am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee. Interment will be at Wenatchee City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Confluence Health Hospice of Wenatchee or the St Vincent de Paul Society at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee.

# Previous Events

## Mass

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

625 S Elliott

Wenatchee, WA 98801

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<http://www.stjosephwen.org/>

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ Coach Jones was great example of a man of integrity and hard work. In those difficult years of Junior High, I was lucky to have examples of men and woman who really took an interest in how young people develop. As I look at the pictures of him through the years, I see that smile and sparkle in his eyes, and remember him telling me to just work a little harder. Thanks Coach, I will.

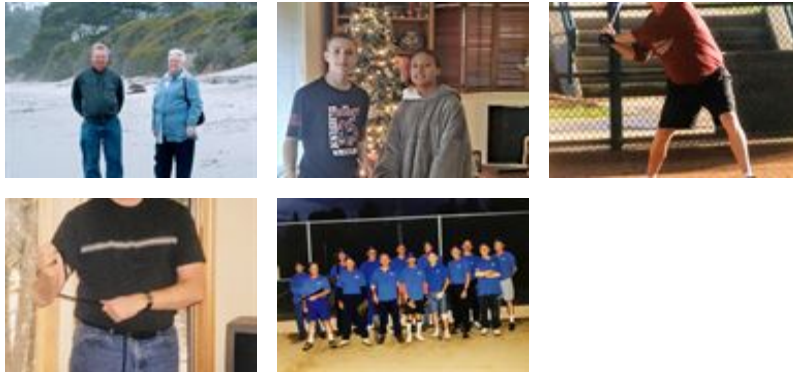
*Lee Bridges*

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**Lee Bridges** - October 27, 2021 at 07:11 PM



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**Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home** - October 26, 2021 at 01:43 PM

JC

“ Got to know LeRoy after he retired from teaching and shared a special enjoyment of spending time on the water and fishing Lake Rufus Woods with his friend Dan Hunsaker. The three of us would launch at Bridgeport and make a trip up-lake to a spot we christened "Leroy's Rock". He insisted on having his rod set up over the motor in the back and asked that we make a couple of passes past his namesake rock to see if any fish were around. Most often he would hook up and catch what turned out to be the biggest fish of the day. I'll never forget that smile as he held up those fish and made a comment about doing all the catching, while we were just along for the boat ride.

LeRoy, ...I'm tempted to take along a paint brush next time I fish "Rufus" and paint your name on that rock. I know you'd enjoy that, because it was your special place. In the meantime,... tight lines my friend ! John Charap, a "fishin' buddy

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**John Charap** - October 23, 2021 at 07:40 PM

JE

“ Great memories of LeRoy from my days at Orchard Jr High. Always quick with a joke as well as push to keep me moving in the right direction. Enjoyed my time with him as a teacher and coach. My thoughts are with his family, Rest LeRoy.

Jeff Eller

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**Jeff Eller** - October 22, 2021 at 03:10 PM

CZ

My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family. I grew up right down the street and have been Freinds with Karen all thru school. Later in life He and Margie were my very good neighbors. RIP LeRoy. 🙏🙏

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**Cindy Zellner** - October 26, 2021 at 09:53 PM

MC

“ *Dear Uncle Leroy, I'm so sad you had to go. Jesus has you now and you can be with Steve. I love you very much and will never forget how you would leave tomatoes and other goodies on our doorstep when we lived on Fuller. And you gave me my first rosemary plant which grew so huge...you would laugh when you saw it. I will see you again someday. Much love, From Me, Your Niece, Marcy* ❤️

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**Marcy Calkins** - October 20, 2021 at 09:56 PM